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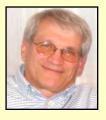
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Allen Sisson takes over as president from Peter Venuti

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<u>Director at large</u> Jeff Leeds



<u>Director at large</u> Greg Lane



<u>Director at large</u> Frank Anigbo



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October 17th to 21st. Registration opens on March 1st. You can book the hotel now. See the details on the website-

http://eastcoastholiday2018ocnj.org

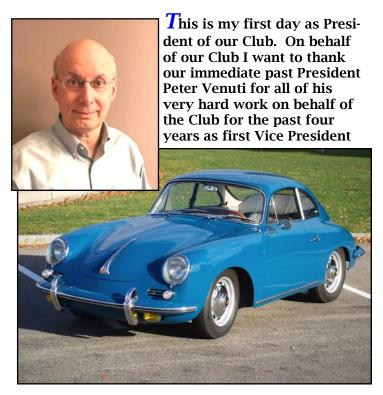
Editorial

A large part of this issue of TubTimes is dedicated to the event schedule for 2018, see pages 3 to 6. More information will become available as the year goes on and some events, later in the year, are still in the development stages. We have a wide variety of events that should interest everyone. In addition our events are spread around New England so that most members will have the opportunity to attend an event near them. Come out and enjoy the fun with your 356 friends.

I've finally figured out how to insert a hyperlink into TubTimes. If you double click on the link you should go directly to the website. Try it out on the link below to the club's website. Ed

www.TYP356ne.org

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



and then President. During my 12 years as a club member, we have had many outstanding Presidents of this Club, but Peter has certainly been one of the best. I do not think anyone works harder to help out individual members in their time of need than Peter does. Peter often goes to members' homes and helps them with major repairs on their classic and not so classic cars. He does this in all types of weather as well. Peter even did a major repair lying on the ground underneath a member's car for quite some time in a parking lot during a club event. Peter has certainly gone above and beyond the call of duty as a Club officer. Since I do not have Peter's technical skills, I will not be able to replicate his magical repair feats during my tenure as President. You will all just have to live with your fond memories of how it used to be in the good old days. I also want to thank Bob Siegel's longtime associate member Lisa Siegel for stepping up and becoming a regular member. Lisa did this because of her strong desire to serve this Club as an elected officer. Lisa is now our new Secretary. In addition to taking club minutes, she made all of the nice name tags members used at the Holiday Party, and she baked the most fantastic food for all of the Club members that made it to our annual club planning meeting last December. Please welcome Lisa in her new role serving Club members.

I also want to thank outgoing board members Norm Brust, Ken Nykiel and Peter French for their many years of service to this Club. The Club would not be where it is today without the hard work of all three of them. Please join me in thanking them the next time you see them at club events.

Well, we are deep into winter now with all of our 356s safely tucked away. However, our Club still has plenty of activities going on. Just four days ago Ken and Gloria Nykiel arranged another one of our fantastic Holiday Parties. They were assisted by membership chair Tom Tate and our new Club Secretary Lisa Siegel. Three lucky members went home with gift certificates to be used at Stoddard, and almost everyone that attended went home with a nice item from the Yankee Swap. The food and company were, of course, great as always.

Our next Club event will be on Saturday, March 24th, a guided tour by Club member, Alex Finigan, of one of the world's outstanding classic car restoration shops, Paul Russell and Company. If you have never been to Paul Russell's shop before, you are certainly in for a treat. Old world, exacting craftsmanship just like it was done many decades ago is alive and well at Paul Russell. Check out the activity schedule here in the Tub Times and on line at www.TYP356ne.org for all the details about the Paul Russell tour and the rest of the Club events for this coming year. I hope to see all of you at many of these events this year.

Finally, and sadly, I want to mention our unfortunate loss of long time club member, Mary De Leo. Mary died of cancer on January 14, 2018. Mary was a part of this Club from its very beginning. She enjoyed many, many club events with her husband of twenty-nine years, founding Club member Fran De Leo. Everyone who got to know Mary knows what a lovey person she was. She will be remembered fondly forever by all of us who knew her.

I hope to see you all soon driving your cars, Allen Sisson



2018 Calendar of Events

All TYP356ne club organized events are shown in blue. The events in black are not club events but are included since they may be of interest to the membership.

For more details and the most up to date information go to the club website - www.typ356ne.org

February

Monday, February 5th, 6:00 - 7:00pm TYP356ne Monthly Board Meeting

Newbridge on the Charles, Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 7000 Great Meadows Road, Dedham, MA 02026 See the club website for detail directions.

March

• Saturday, March 3rd, LA Lit Meet

At the Los Angeles Airport Hilton, 5711 W Century Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045

Annual Porsche and VW LA Lit Meet at the LAX Hilton. See the 356 Registry website for a detailed description of this and related events the day before and the day after the Lit Meet.

https://www.porsche356registry.org/

• Monday, March 12th, 6:00 - 7:00pm TYP356ne Monthly Board Meeting

Newbridge on the Charles, Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 7000 Great Meadows Road, Dedham, MA 02026 See the club website for detail directions.

Saturday, March 24th, 2018 10:00am—12:00pm- Paul Russell Shop Tour

Paul Russell and Company, 106 Western Avenue, Essex, MA 01929 Club member, Alex Finnigan, will give us a behind the scenes tour of this world class restoration, preservation, maintenance, sales, and brokerage facility for pre-war through 1960 European Automobiles. Attendance is limited to 50 members, registration will open on March 1st. Full details to follow.

April

• Monday, April 2nd, 6:00-7:00pm - TYP356ne Monthly Board Meeting

Newbridge on the Charles, Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 7000 Great Meadows Road, Dedham, MA 02026

- Thursday, April 19th, 10:00am –12:30pm <u>TYP356ne First Loafer's Lunch of the Season</u> Starting from Allen Sisson's home, 11 Spruce Way, Medfield, MA. and ending at Noon Hill Grill Restaurant, 530 Main Street, Medfield, MA 02052. Full details in a future issue.
- Saturday, April 28th, 10:00am—12:00pm- <u>TYP356ne Spring Swap Meet</u>

Will be held in Peter Thompson's large garage at his home on 24 Turkey Hill Road, West Newbury, MA 01985. Bring anything Porsche related you would like to sell or trade. Full details in a future issue.

May

• Monday, May 7th, 6:00 -7:00pm - TYP356ne Monthly Board Meeting

Newbridge on the Charles, Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 7000 Great Meadows Road, Dedham, MA 02026

• Saturday, May 19th, 10:00am -2:00pm - TYP356ne Cape Cod Spring Drive and Lunch

The tentative plan is for drive participants to meet member, Frank Anigbo, at the parking lot of Chatham lighthouse around 10am. We will depart at 10:30am, after a short driver's meeting, and drive along Chatham's shore road lined with quintessentially New England seaside homes on one side and the ocean on the other. Full details in a future issue.

Thursday and Friday, May 24th and 25th, 2:00pm Thursday - <u>TYP356ne Mystic Mini-tour</u>

This year's mini-tour organized by member Greg Lane will focus on the great roads and destinations in beautiful and historic Mystic and Stonington, CT. Accommodations are currently being considered for the Taber Inn and Suites, which are conveniently located near downtown Mystic and have safe parking. Full details in a future issue and on the website.

June

- Saturday, June 2nd, approx. 12:00pm <u>Cape Cod Porsche Gruppe Hyannis Yacht Club Luncheon</u> Members of TYP356ne will be the guests of The Cape Cod Porsche Gruppe for a lunch at the Hyannis Yacht Club organized by TYP356ne club members Paul Tetreault and Michael Sarli. More information about the exact time will be sent by email and in TubTimes closer to the event.
- Monday, June 4th, 6:00- 7:00pm <u>TYP356ne Monthly Board Meeting</u>
 Newbridge on the Charles, Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 7000 Great Meadows Road, Dedham, MA 02026
- Saturday, June 9th, 10:00am—12:00pm <u>TYP356ne ACS Racing Shop Tour</u> ACS Racing, 74 Industrial Way, Hanover, MA 02339

A tour and description of this Dynojet Tuning Facility has been arranged by club member Jim O'Hare. During this tour owner, Scott Stevens, will explain and demonstrate the many services they offer. ACS racing will also provide lunch for members attending. Full details in a future issue.

- Sunday, June 17th, 10:00am -2:00pm German Car Day Larz Anderson Auto Museum

 At the Larz Anderson Auto Museum, 15 Newton St, Brookline, MA 02445

 Cars of all German marques will fill the huge lawn in front of the Carriage House of the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. Many Porsches, classic and modern, will be in the field. This is an extremely well attended event each year with a large public crowd that comes to view the cars.
- Tuesday and Wednesday, June 26th & 27th— 2018 Great Race Stop at Owls Head, Maine
 The Great Race is coming to New England, and we can be there! One of the stops in this cross-country
 rally is the Owls Head Museum of Transportation, June 27. Check it out- www.greatrace.com.
 This is a great time of year for a road trip up the coast of Maine, so plan to join Alex and Danna Dearborn for an overnight, or two, and see the action in person instead of on TV. Full details to follow.

July

- Monday, July 2nd, 6:00 –7:00pm <u>TYP356ne Monthly Board Meeting</u> Newbridge on the Charles, Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 7000 Great Meadows Road, Dedham, MA 02026
- Sunday, July 8th, 8:00am <u>Bay State Antique Auto Club Endicott Estate Antique Car Show</u>
 At the Endicott Estate, 656 East Street, Dedham, MA 02026
 This annual event is the largest antique car show in the Boston area. All types of antique cars, domestic and foreign, are displayed with many vendors selling automobile related items; and there is a large corral of cars for sale.
- Saturday, July 14th, <u>TYP356ne Drive followed by BBQ at Craig and Amy Bush's Home</u>
 BBQ will be held at the Bush's Yard, 54 Pearl St, Mystic, Connecticut 06355
 The drive, lead by member Craig Bush, will be along back roads ending at the Bush's beautiful home overlooking the Mystic seaport where the BBQ will begin. Full details to follow in a future issue.
- Saturday, July 21st, 11:00am –2:00pm- <u>PCA Northeast Region All Porsche Car Show</u>
 At the Bug Light State Park, 55 Bug Light Park, South Portland, Maine.
 The PCA Down East Region is holding a car show fundraiser (not a concours) to benefit <u>The Dempsey Center</u> (they provide free support services to anyone impacted by cancer and yes, it was founded by actor and, more importantly, Porsche-phile race driver, Patrick Dempsey).
- Thursday, July 26th, 10:00am -2:00pm- <u>TYP356ne July Loafer's Lunch in Westport, MA</u>
 Will start at Partners Country Store, 865 Main Road, Westport, MA. Full details in a future issue.
- Sunday, July 29th, 1:00—4:00pm— TYP356ne Annual Sisson/Grace BBQ
 Held at Allen Sisson and Mary Grace's back yard, 11 Spruce Way, Medfield, MA 02052.
 A variety of beverages along with Memphis-Style ribs, Jerk Chicken, Pulled Pork, and all the fixin's catered by Blue-Ribbon Bar BQ. This Barbeque event is rain or shine. There will be a tent. All ages welcome. Full details in a future issue.

August

- Monday, August 6th, 6:00- 7:00pm <u>TYP356ne Monthly Board Meeting</u>
 Newbridge on the Charles, Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 7000 Great Meadows Road, Dedham, MA 02026
- Wednesday, August 15th, 12:00pm— <u>TYP356ne August Lobster Lovers Loafer's Lunch</u>
 Tentatively we will gather at either member Alex Dearborn's or member Phillip Crawford's waterfront home in Kittery Point, Maine. The meet-up Location will be announced in a future issue. This is always a very popular, but limited attendance event so there will be an advance sign-up as we get closer.
- Thursday, August 23rd, 10:30am -2:30pm- TYP356ne Hyannis Vintage Auto Shop Tour
 Hyannis Vintage Auto 100 Thornton Dr, Hyannis, MA 02601
 Attendees will meet at the premises of Hyannis Vintage Auto (HVA) around 10:30am. The shop talk and tour will commence at 11:00am and conclude around 12:30pm. Coffee and pastries will be served. We will depart HVA around 12:45pm for a 30 to 40-minute drive along Rt. 6A from Barnstable Village to Sandwich where we will stop at around 1:15 1:30pm for a late lunch at Café Chew. The event will conclude after lunch.
- Sunday, August 26th, 12:00 -2:00pm <u>TYP356ne Founders' Day Lunch and Drive</u>
 The lunch will be at Ken and Gloria Nykiel's home at 294 Palisades Circle, Stoughton, MA 02072

 The tradition continues, members Ken and Gloria Nykiel will host Founders Day 2018. Starting with a spirited drive on scenic roadways and ending with a themed luncheon overlooking Ames Pond at 294 Palisades Circle in Stoughton. Full details in a future issue.

September

- Monday, September 10th, 6:00–7:00pm <u>TYP356ne Monthly Board Meeting</u> Newbridge on the Charles, Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 7000 Great Meadows Road, Dedham, MA 02026
- Sunday, September 16th, 10:00am—2:00pm, <u>Fourth Annual TYP356ne Club Day</u>
 At Lake Pearl in Wrentham, MA, 02093

Our major event of the year. Plan to drive your 356 to Wrentham and enjoy a fun day with a large group of your follow members. Like past years, a full BBQ lunch will be provided along with other fun activities during the day. Full details to follow in future issues. This event will also give you the opportunity to fulfill your "Drive your Porsche Day" obligation!!

October

- Monday, October 1st, 6:00–7:00pm <u>TYP356ne Monthly Board Meeting</u> Newbridge on the Charles, Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 7000 Great Meadows Road, Dedham, MA 02026
- Saturday, October 6, 10:00am –2:00pm— Fall Drive and Lunch
 Meet at the McDonalds on Rt. 9, 299 Turnpike Rd, Westboro MA at 10 AM to start the drive. Destination:
 Wright's Farm Restaurant, 84 Inman Rd, Burrillville, RI 02830. Full details in a future issue.
- October 17th– 21st.—<u>356 Registry East Coast Holiday- Ocean City, New Jersey</u>. Have the opportunity to drive your 356 on one of New Jersey's finest board walks. Full details on the ECH website– http://eastcoastholiday2018ocnj.org Registration will open on March 1st.
- Saturday, Oct. 27 or Sunday Oct. 28, 2018— <u>TYP356ne F40 Motorsports Tour with Wayne Carini</u> Not confirmed, but Saturday, October 27 or Sunday, October 28, 2018 are the target dates F40 Motorsports, 464 Portland-Cobalt Road (Route 66), Portland, CT 06480 Details to confirm the date and time will follow.



Mary Louise (Campbell) De Leo, 58, died Sunday, January 14, 2018 following a courageous battle with cancer. She was the beloved wife of Fran De Leo (our second Club President) for twenty-seven years. Mary, with Fran, had been an active member of this Club since its inception. She was involved in many of the Club events, most recently participating in Club Day in 2016. It is safe to say that without all the hard work Fran and Mary did in the Club's early years, TYP356ne would not exist today. She was a lovely person, and will be missed by many. Her memory will live with all of those who had the privilege to know her. We all offer our deep condolences to Fran and their son, Evan, for the loss of Mary. Contributions may be made in Mary's memory to Mass. General Hospital, c/o Severe Immunotherapy Complications Initiative, Att: Megan Daniels, 125 Nashua St., Suite, 540, Boston, MA 02114 (www.giving.massgeneral.org)

2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL- LAST CALL

From the Membership Chair:

Don't forget that your 2018 Club dues should be in the mail. Unpaid members will find themselves off the email list as of Feb 1st. Don't miss any of those important messages, "get it done" and KTF.

<u>Payment details are as follows:</u>

Club dues for one year: \$30.00

Checks are to be made out to TYP356ne and mailed to:

Tom Tate, Membership Chairman 3 Wight St. Medfield MA. 02052

TYP356ne HOLIDAY/NEW YEAR PARTY 2018

This year's TYP356ne Holiday Party was the largest club holiday party ever with 71 new and old members and guests coming this year. The Blue Hills Country Club, in Canton, MA, was a perfect yenue and backdrop for our Holiday Gathering. A special note of thanks goes to Ken & Gloria Nykiel for organizing the event for the second year in a row. The venue, buffet menu, tables and color scheme were all just

right and the club members really enjoyed themselves.



Outgoing president, Peter Venuti, announced the results of the recent officer election. The club officers for the 2018/19 term are: Allen Sisson is the President, Ed Tobolski will take over as vice president, Dennis McGurk will remain the treasurer and Lisa Siegel will be the secretary. Len Cannizzaro was thanked for handling the election. Peter then presented special awards and gift certificates to retiring board members, Norm Brust and Ken Nykiel for their long term involvement in the club. Their love of Porsche cars & contribution to the club over

the years will be missed. Peter then presented three lucky members with \$100 Stoddard gift certificates door prizes.

Our new president, Allen Sisson, presented outgoing president, Peter Venuti, with a Stoddard gift certificate and a plaque thanking him for his hard work and commitment to the club. He also commented on Peter's extra involvement behind the scenes and all that he has done to assist the members with their cars over the



years. Allen then mentioned each of the board member's contributions for the year and thanked the recent past presidents for their service, highlighting their past accomplishments.

Tom Tate introduced a guest speaker, Sheldon Steele, the Director from the



Larz Anderson Museum of Transportation in Brookline MA. Sheldon shared with the members the history and ethos of how the museum came to be and the love of

cars by both Lars & Isabel Anderson. The mansion, carriage house, & park were all part of their historic preservation & philanthropy that went way past cars. The love of cars can take you in many directions, and the museum continues to progress & support the extension of youth programs, diversity, car collections, car days, cars & coffee and so much more. The museum supports the car enthusiasm community

and in turn they support the muse-

The Yankee swap was another old tradition with lots of fun as 32 new items, old items, car parts, car books, car posters and other car related gifts were exchanged. Allen & Mary Grace were busy getting all of the items to the new owners.



It was a fun, festive event & a great time for everyone to get together. Hopefully, the extension of this great day will lead TYP356ne members to want to come out during the year to some of the many events on our 2018 calendar. A thank you to the following members for mak-

ing the day great; Allen Sisson, Mary Grace, Ken & Gloria Nykiel, Tom Tate & a special thank you to Nancy Broadhead, from NH, who helped me welcome & check everyone in. Lisa Siegel



FEATURED MEMBER- FRANK ANIGBO



My name is Frank Anigbo. I am originally from Nigeria but have been living in the US for the past 30-plus years, and in Cape Cod since 1997. I am a painter (artist) and stay-at-home dad to my one-year-old twin daughters, Inez and Zoe; my wife Karen and I also have a son, Axel, who will turn five in just over a month.

Although I have owned three Porsches in the past – a Cayman S, a Boxster, and a near-flawless 1984 944, I do not currently own one and am on the lookout for an affordable 356 coupe. In fact I joined TYP356ne to learn as much as I can about these beautiful cars before one inevitably falls into my lap as almost every classic car I have owned did. Also, my wife is part German (and part Italian) and has an unnatural attraction to Porsches, especially the 356.

While I wait to find Karen's 356, we are making do with a few non-Porsches. I have to admit that



Italian cars have a strong hold on me and I have owned many over the years. My current cars include a 1969 Alfa Romeo 1750 GTV that I got 24 years ago in exchange for a small painting. The Alfa shares garage space with a 1977

Ferrari 308 GTB and a 1967 Maserati Mexico. A 1978 right-hand-drive Austin Mini rounds out the stable.

As far as my extensive research shows, my Alfa GTV is the first car produced in 1969 for the US market. And 1969 is a vintage that is unique and revered amongst the Bertone-bodied Alfa Romeo GTVs. The Ferrari 308 GT Berlinetta, a very early car, is one that I wanted so badly when I was a young man in college with hardly two dimes to rub together. So when years later

the opportunity and means came to have one, I just could not resist. It is a beau-



tiful car to look at and sure-footed to drive. But I think the sound of its 4-weber-carbed V8 is what is most intoxicating about it.

Mine is a household of classic car lovers and that is the reason I purchased the Maserati Mexico four years ago, a car large enough to enjoy classic car motoring in comfort over long distances with the whole family. That was before we ended up a family of 5 instead of 4 as planned. In any case, the Maserati is dear to me as it embodies my idea of the quintessential gentleman's GT. Although Mase-



rati produced a total of 480 Mexicos over a sixyear production run, mine is one of just 175 cars fitted with their larger 4.7 liter V8 engines. The right-hand-drive mini is the car my wife drives from what would normally be the passenger side

while I sit on the left side holding up a map or newspaper to my face – to wake up drivers of oncoming cars.

Karen and I are outnumbered so we have decided to wait until our twin daughters are about two and hopefully willing to respond positively to verbal commands before we begin taking them to selected car events, unlike our son who attended his first club



gathering at two weeks old. Presently, Karen, Axel and I attend as many shows and drives as we can each year. My club affiliations include the Alfa Romeo Owners Club of America, the Maserati Club International, the Cape Cod English Car Club, and until recently, the Ferrari Club of America. And TYP356ne, of course. Frank

FEATURED 356- ED TOBOLSKI'S A COUPE

December 1967 was a big time for us. Our son was born, I changed jobs, and we purchased a blue 1958 356A coupe to drive to my new job. I purchased the car from a VW dealer in Groton CT for \$675. The A coupe was well used but it ran and got me to the new job for a while. After about 6 months, the engine died. That resulted in the car being in storage for the next 6 years. During that time, I joined PCA and learned a lot about the 356. Despite look-



ing at a major rebuild, we decided to go to the 1974 Parade in Mount Pocono PA. The rebuild got to be a

neighborhood project with friends, and a couple guys down the street, helping out almost every night for the price of a six-pack of beer. It was blue when I got it but after stripping it down to bare metal and replacing a lot of rust, I had it painted it Alpine Misty Gray.



Come parade time, we packed the kids in the car, drove them to NJ to spend the week with their grand parents, and off we went to PA. The hills in that part of PA were too much for the clutch and it started to slip. Fellow CVR members, John Henry and Jeff Hostetler, who had a Saab filled with tools

said, "lets pull the engine and fix it!" I thought they were crazy, but Sunday morning, we went to the Sunoco station outside of the hotel and pulled the engine. It turned out to be just an adjustment so we were back in business. The rest of the week went OK.

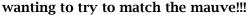


For the next several years, we used the car as a daily driver. Both Darlene and I drove it to work at one time. Eventually, as I got more involved in the Conn Valley Region of PCA, (and got a VW GTI daily driver) it became an autocross and driver's ed. track car. It spent a lot of time at pylon covered parking lots and Lime Rock. I went through a couple engines during that time, having blown one at an autocross with one too many 6K rpm bursts. The engine in it now came from a B.

We decided to go to the 1986 parade in Portland ME. The paint was getting tired, with lots of pylon



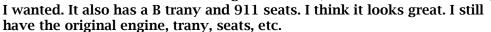
marks, so I had it painted again. It was supposed to be another light gray, but the body shop mixed it wrong and it had a slight purple tint to it. Most women loved it!! After we won the autocross at the parade, we called it the Mauve Marauder!!! Later that year at a drivers ed. at Lime Rock, on my birthday, I lost it in the downhill and stuffed it into an embankment on the inside of the track. With only sheet metal damage to the left rear quarter panel, I drove it home. Not long after that, we moved to upstate NY (Binghamton) for 5 years. The good thing about Binghamton is that it is only an hour from the Glen, so I got to do a couple PCA events there. I had the body repaired but left it in primer not





In 1993, we moved to MA. I drove it for a couple years but the engine was very tired, from all the track and AX driving, so I took it apart along with the rest of the car. Reassembly was very slow until I retired in 2007. But it wasn't until we decided to go to the ECH in Danvers in 2012 that I got serious. I saw an SC coupe in Bali blue and loved the color on a 356. Even though Bali blue was not

available on As, I did not care. My car has a lot of original parts but it's not a matching number car, so I made it look the way



Since 2012, I have driven the car to several club events and have enjoyed it immensely. We're looking forward to driving it to the 2018 ECH in NJ in October. - Ed T.

Every 356 has a story, send me yours for a future issue of TubTimes.





WE CAN SAVE THEM ALL UPDATE

58013, a Tub saved and a talented restorer lost. PJ Bernard

While it's been a long time coming, I don't really think we ever had a grasp of what it would be like to have come this far. Two years and seven months after first pulling the drivetrain from 013 at Ricks Custom Fabrications, she's finally returned to her original overall length (give or take a few millimeters). When we first begun this odyssey, the car was in all reality a collection of rolling parts.

But, for a rocker panel mouse condo issue, the rust that developed while in storage for the last fifty five years was minimal. However, accident damage was evident even aft of the windshield. The original purchase was \$175 and the only cost incurred since was the time to load it on a trailer and haul it from Wisconsin to Ohio and back; then to the rust coast for a new salt air life. How much could a restoration cost?



OK, silly question. But we are realistic and did plan, we looked at parts costs, can do some work ourselves, considered how deep we would have to dig then compared that estimate to current values for properly rebuilt early A's. While the car isn't to be sold, and we don't need to consider profit, the end cost should work out to be about 75% of today's average values. What's not to like about that? Of course, we had made up our mind long ago, good or bad.

Recently, while Rick and Dan were cutting/bending and welding up the new inner nose, I rooted out the owner prior to 1963 who is now living in Texas. He's getting up in age as one would expect so pulling detailed memories of the 60's from the cobweb section isn't that easy (full disclosure-I'm following close enough to see him, cue the glasses). He has provided some tidbits and I'm happy for anything I can get. We're presently trying to jog a memory that would provide the name of the person he bought it from since I've only 4.5 years to fill in. It hasn't come but I'm still hopeful. He was kind

enough to send a photo of the car pre-tree. The owner prior to him and associated info may escape him but the tree is quite vivid in his memory. He mentioned that the change to teardrop lights was performed prior to his ownership but also offered that he and a friend, who raced at Road America at the time, performed a slight "warming up" of the engine.

Minutes before writing this, having received the replacement rockers and just ordered the inner closing panels, I'm looking at the end of panel purchases. Rick still has a lot to do yet, the fenders and nose have to be caressed into place, the nose-fender-cowl lines made right, and doors patched amongst other smaller projects. Considering the corrugated shape the cowl exhibited when we left the car at Ricks, I'd say they did wonders. The concept of actually planning paint is hard to grasp even if it is just around the corner. At this point, I'm not sure what I'm more excited about, seeing the nose jigged up for fitment or thinking that it's possible I may fill in the missing owner/importer information gap.

One thing now on my mind before, it's finished and off to paint, is how to enshrine a memory of Del to travel with the car. I hope most of you had the chance to meet Del at one of the shop sessions. He strug-



gled for years with health issues, was a donated organ recipient, and working on old cars in a metal shop was probably the last place his doctor wanted him. In retrospect, I doubt it could have been any different. He and Rick have been friends for years. Rick, while having a talent with raw stock and fabrication, drew on Del for bending damaged cars back into their basic shape. Our car in particular made good use of his skill and she'll be a better restoration because of him. Some may hope Del rests in peace but in his case I'll make an exception and go with a heaven providing the smell of avgas, shredded tires and the sound of a straining Hemi fed thru glowing headers. Thanks Del, you'll ride with us. PJ

AUCTION ACTIONS 2018

The following article was taken from Tom Tate's *Four Speeds and Drum Brakes* column that he writes for NER PCA.

For car people that live in New England, the state of Arizona has a special kind of draw this time of year. Not only is there an absence of cold weather and snow but the biggest names in the car auction business gather in Scottsdale in January and pass cars back and forth between dealers, collectors, investors, and speculators.

These sales are always of great interest to my loyal readers because Porsches have lead the rising tide of values for years. As I have said many times, thank goodness I didn't get attached to MG's or Triumphs in high school. While they are great cars for a weekend ride in the country, they just haven't gotten the traction with collectors like the 356's and early 911's. Many say that it is because they are now orphans, with dealers having closed the doors years ago. Like our Tubs, British car vendors can now almost build a car from a catalog, but there aren't any new British car dealers. At least not any dealers that continue the sports car line the way that Porsche has done.

Since the auction houses are paid a portion of the selling price it only makes sense that they seek out cars that are in the six figure area and not cars that struggle to break into five figure territory. There were a few token MG's and Triumph's at each of the larger venues but the German marque lead the charge into the high dollar column at each venue. Higher average sales in each category lead to the following breakdown in the auctions that specialize in sports cars:

Gooding & Co 13% offerings were Porsches
Bonhams 17% offerings were Porsches
Sotheby's 12% offerings were Porsches
The sheer number of offerings will cause me to narrow down my analysis to just 356 Speedsters this time around. I think that it is a good example of what's going on at auctions today.

Gooding & Co had many Porsches but my interest



was in the three Speedsters that were offered. One was a barn find, a mostly white '55 that needed everything. It hadn't run in years and pretty much needed a total restoration. The interior was trash, the paint was peeling, the jack points had disappeared years ago and the engine was a huge unknown as it wasn't the one that was delivered with the car when new (matching) and hadn't run in years. Some "period upgrades" didn't help the value as someone had added teardrop taillights and a big hole was punched in the dash for a radio, plus holes for extra gauges. These things would need to be corrected when the new owner embarked on that slippery restoration slope.



The second one was a lovely 1958 in Fjord Green with brown (correct to the COA) until you got up close. Some of the trim under the door had been installed

without the gaskets underneath, there was a "high bow" front bumper on a car that should've had a low bow example which with the different location of the support brackets would lead one to believe that the nose had been replaced at some point. That was in addition to the patches on the floors. The rear bumper was done well and the CA plate added a nice touch but it had the wrong engine and a later set of disc brakes had replaced the correct drums.

The third Speedster offered was the best of the best. A rare black car when new, it had been re-

stored to museum quality by Tom
Scott, a well know expert, and won it's class at the 2017
PCA Parade. Not a nut or bolt was left untouched (or unplated for that matter) and it was an example that others could be measured against.



So how do these cars measure the market? Clearly the restored class winner had the greatest value; the green car could be classed as a driver and the barn find maybe a diamond in the rough. The final sales numbers were:

Black 1957 \$533,000 Fjord Green 1958 \$236,500 Barn Find 1955 \$209,000

Other auction houses showed the same kind of spread between show cars and the "ran when parked "examples. So when people ask, "what's the market doing?" I think the answer depends upon the condition of the car. Most buyers want to pay more and get more and not spend the next few years chasing parts and body shop owners. Cars that are all done to a high standard are still rising in value as fewer of them are available. Cars with significant needs are declining in value as more and more of them are being dragged out into the sunlight. More projects to pick from mean

more supply, lower demand, and therefore lower prices.

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Having covered the state of the 356 market I can add that there were some terrific cars to be seen and admired in Scottsdale this year as there are every

year. Like the Viper Green 1973 911T with 3400 miles on it, I think it still had the original air in

the tires. Original, low mileage cars bring all the money and then some. This one went out the door at \$330k. There was a new 911R at Bonhams with 38 miles on it that rang the bell at \$478,500.



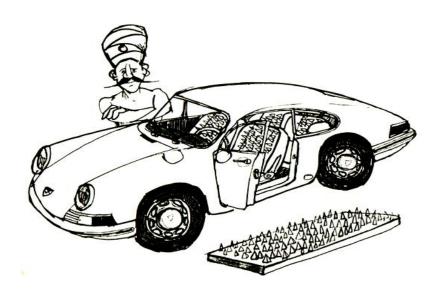


One of the big winners for the week was the seller of the 1955 550A Spyder that every plastic replica is copied after. This Factory race car had a lengthy race history and was the second to last 550A produced out of a total of 40. Just seeing the car in person was a treat. It took \$5,170,000 to claim ownership.

That is what makes the Scottsdale auctions such a bucket list item that you can visit every year, the inventory keeps changing. I don't have room here to review the Big Show at Barrett Jackson as it is rather beyond the scope of this column, but let's just say that it was as entertaining as ever.

The week wasn't all car auctions as we were able to meet up with Colin and Loosey Blake, Northeast Region PCA members from a few years ago and who still help with the website for the TYP356NE group. They took us to one of their favorite watering holes that only a local would know and were able to come over on Sunday to Rob's house to watch the Patriots do their thing.

Another terrific week in sunny Arizona and not a bit of snow to shovel. Definitely an annual event from here on. KTF



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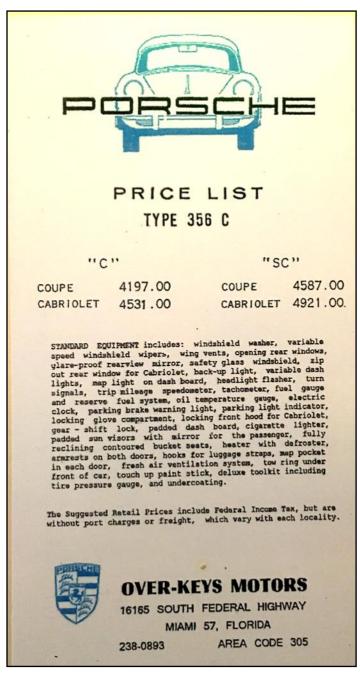






Bob Gilbert got this cool 356, bass wood, key box from a friend.

Bob Siegel found this 1964 price list in the glove compartment of a car he purchased.



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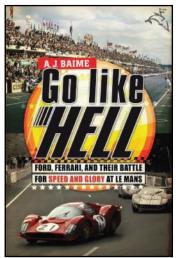


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Book Review

I've been a fan of racing as long as I can remember. Stock cars, Indy, Formula 1, Le Mans, etc., I've followed them all for many years in Road and Track and other mags. When I first saw "Go Like Hell" by A. J. Baines, I was not very interested. The title did not grab me, I did not know the author, and I thought that it would not be all that interesting. Finally for \$9.99 on my Kindle I decided to read it.

I was more than pleasantly surprised. While it was centered around the Ford and Ferrari battle at Le Mans, it went much deeper into the two men and racing back in the 50's, and 60's, just my time frame. The Ferrari-Ford battle was very interesting with a lot of insight into both Enzo Ferrari and Henry Ford 2nd (the Duce). Beyond them it delved into many of the drivers back in that day. Framed by the dangers of racing back then, it got into the personalities of racers like Phil Hill, John Surtees, Masten Gregory, Ken Miles, Carrol Shelby, and others that I remember reading about in those R&T mags. Racing is still dangerous, but back then 25% of the F1 drivers died racing every year. The impact that had on their lives is well covered. There were only a couple references to Porsche, but all together it's a great read about racing back in the day. Ed T.



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