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Above - Allen Sisson speaking at the Holiday Party about his years of experience collecting cars.

His conclusion ??? collecting cats is easier!!!!

Officer Election Results

The 2024/25 officer election is complete.

As expected the old officers have been reelected for another two year term. They are:

President- Allen Sisson, Vice President—Ed Tobolski,
Secretary- Theo Kindermans and Treasurer—Georg Becker-Birck

Thanks to Lan Cannizzaro for organizing the election.

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For more Club information visit the Club's website - www.TYP356ne.org

TYP356NE OFFICERS



President— Allen Sisson



Vice President/
Newsletter editor
Ed Tobolski



Secretary—
Theo Kindermans



Treasurer—
Georg Becker-Birck

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KEY MEMBERS-

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Peter Venuti



Director/Membership
Chairman
Carl Luck



Director
Tom Tate



Director
George Kehler



Director
Greg Lane



Director
Diane Mierz



Director
Peter Thompson



Director
John Consigli



Editorial

The Holiday party was a big success. If you were not there you missed Allens interesting talk on collecting cars and cats!!

My thanks to our treasurer, Georg Becker-Birck for contributing several articles to this issue. His, Where Do We Live, maps on page 13 shows how spread out our membership is and why we try to have events scattered around the territory. It is interesting to see the number of members near you.

Pages, 14 to 17 are summary of the results from the member survey that Georg did. I found the results to be very interesting and they will be helpful as we try to plan events and activities that the membership wants.

Then on Monday Feb 12th. Georg is doing a webinar on how to restore seats, see page 13. Thank you Georg.

John Consigli is becoming our Tech guru!!! His latest article is about brake systems. I love tech articles and look forward to more from John and others. Let me know if there are any areas that you would like to learn more about.

Prompted by the survey, I've added a 356 Market page with some recent 356 sales from Bring A Trailer. I hope you find it interesting. See page 9.

Ed



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE— FEBRUARY 2024

This month three different Club members have added new events to this year's Club schedule. So, you should look at the yearly Club schedule again on the Club website. Coming up soon on Monday, February 12th at 8 PM Georg Becker-Birck will host an hour-long webinar on how he restored the seats on his 912. See page 12 for the link on how to join this webinar.

On Saturday April 13th from 10 am to 12 pm John Nai has arranged for us to have a shop tour of European Performance Engineering (EPE) <http://www.epe.com/> in Natick, MA. This is a well know Porsche specialty repair facility that works on all year and models of Porsches. It should be very informative.

On Monday, June 10th from 12:30 pm to as late as 9 pm, if you want, Bill Silvestri is hosting first a lunch at Bear's Smokehouse Express <https://bearsbbq.com/south-windsor> in South Windsor, CT. After that there will be a drive to a shop tour of Musante Motorsports <https://musantemotorsports.com/> also in South Windsor, CT. Another specialty Porsche shop. Finally, there will be a drive to Connecticut Valley Brewing Company [Home - Connecticut Valley Brewing Company \(ctvalleybrewing.com\)](http://ctvalleybrewing.com) in South Windsor, CT where they will be hosting a Porsche cruise in night from 4 to 9 pm. Obviously, you can leave at any time.

Be sure to check out these new additions to the Club website calendar here: [Blank page | TYP 356 NE](#) You should be able to attend at least one of these newly scheduled events.

As of today 113, of our members have paid their Club dues for this year on time. However, as of February 1st unpaid dues were overdue. That means 57 of last year's members have not paid their dues yet and are overdue. So, If you have not already done so, please go to our Club Website [Make Payments Via PayPal | TYP 356 NE](#) and pay your yearly dues using PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account to do this, just a credit card.

I hope to see lots of you at our many Club events in the new year.

Allen Sisson

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New Members *Welcome to the Club*

- Audi Pauliukonis, lives in New Hampton, NH and has a 1988 911 coupe
- Tod Beaty and Heather Amsden, they live in Newton, MA and have a 1964 356C Cab
- Stephen Pelletier, lives in Amesbury, MA. and has a 2002 986S
- Dan and Jen Mayer, they live in Essex, MA. and have -57 Speedster, 73 911 Targa, 93 RS America, 2014 Turbo S, and a 2019 Speedster.

2024 Club Dues

It is that time of year to again renew your TYP356ne Club dues. 2024 Club dues were due on 1/1/24 and were overdue on 2/1/24. Unless you are one of the few members that have paid several years in advance, or if you joined the Club for the first time after September 31st of 2023, your dues for 2024 are now overdue.

The Club dues are \$30.00 per year, the same as in past years.

There are two ways to pay your dues- PayPal or personal check.

You can pay your dues easily by using PayPal even if you do not have a PayPal account. Just go to the Club website: <http://typ356ne.org> and go to the top drop down menu all the way to the right that is headed **More**. Hover over that and the bottom menu that appears will say:

Make Payments Via PayPal. Click on that and then to pay your dues click on the yellow button that says: **Make Dues Payment**. Then just follow the procedure to make your \$30.00 annual dues payment.

If you do not want to use PayPal, you can mail a check made out to: **TYP356ne** to:

Carl Luck, Membership
50 Sunset Lane
Lunenburg, MA 01462-2178

If you have any questions contact Carl Luck at: cluck@typ356ne.org

TYP356ne Event Calendar for 2024

Events in blue are Club organized and sponsored. All other events are not Club sponsored and are included for your interest. See the Club website for the latest complete information. www.TYP356ne.org

February

- Monday, February 12th.—8:00pm—9:00pm [Seat Restoration Webinar](#) see page 12 for details.
- From Thursday, February 22 to Sunday, February 25th there will be a series of events and tours centered around the **LA Lit & Toy Show at the LAX Hilton Hotel**, Los Angeles, California

Thursday, February 22, **Stoddard Bus Shop Tours for LA Lit Meet Start**

Friday, February 23, **Stoddard Bus Tours before LA Lit Meet**

Saturday, February 24, 7am **LA Lit Meet**

Saturday, February 24, 1pm **Stoddard Bus Shop Tours**

Sunday, February 25, **All Porsche Car Show Post LA Lit Meet**

For full details go to our website www.TYP356ne.org and <https://lalitandtoyshow.com/shop-tours.html>

- February 29 - March 3, **The Amelia Concours d'Elegance & related events**

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, 4750 Amelia Island Pkwy, Amelia Island, FL 32034,

Find details here: <https://www.ameliaconcours.com/>

March

- Friday, March 1st- **Werks Reunion at Amelia Island.**

Porsche Club of America (PCA) welcomes all Porsche clubs, owners, and enthusiasts to the eighth annual *Werks Reunion Amelia Island* at The Amelia River Club 4477 Buccaneer Trail Amelia Island, FL

Find the details here : [Werks Reunion](#)

Tuesday, March 5, 6:00pm - 7:00pm [TYP356ne Board Meeting](#)

Board meetings are held by video conferencing on the first Tuesday of each month. All Club members are welcome to join. To join the call, email Peter Venuti pvenuti@typ356ne.org to get the link.

- March 21 - 24, **Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) by Florida Owner's Group (FOG)**

Daytona, Florida, Find details here: [Upcoming Events - Porsche 356 Florida Owners Group \(356fog.com\)](#)

April

- Tuesday, April 2, 6:00pm- 7:00pm [TYP356ne Board Meeting](#)

- Monday, April 8, 2:15pm - 4:45pm **Vermont Solar Eclipse**

On April 8, 2024, at 2:14 p.m., a partial solar eclipse will begin, and at 3:26 p.m., a total eclipse will darken Vermont's daytime sky, lasting about 3 minutes. The phenomenon will continue as a partial eclipse until 4:37 p.m. Details here: [View the Next Total Solar Eclipse in Vermont | April 8, 2024 - The Official Vermont Tourism Website - VermontVacation.com](#)

- Saturday, April 13, 10:00am - 12:00pm [TYP356ne European Performance Engineering \(EPE\) Tech Session](#)

Location: European Performance Engineering, Inc., 165 W Central St, Natick, MA 01760, USA

EPE provides complete maintenance, service and repair of all Porsche automobiles. Their staff has over 45 years combined experience working almost exclusively on Porsche automobiles.

- Saturday, April 27, 8:30am - 3:00pm **Central PA Porsche Only Swap Meet**

Carlisle Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013

Find details here: [Central PA PCA Porsche-Only Swap Meet - Carlisle Fairgrounds - Located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania \(carlislepafairgrounds.com\)](#)

May

- Saturday, May 4, 10:00am - 1:00pm [TYP356ne Annual Swap Meet and Sub. Lunch](#)

24 Turkey Hill RD, West Newbury, MA 01985

Bring any car related item you would like to sell to Peter and Joyce Thompsons' garage and yard. Tables will be available for your use. There will NOT be coffee or donuts this year since from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm there will be Submarine sandwiches and soft drinks available for everyone in attendance. You are welcome to just come and browse and buy. Please use the Porta Potty that will be on site this year.

- Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 – 7:00pm [TYP356ne Board Meeting](#)

- Wednesday, May 22, 9:30am – 1:00pm [TYP356ne Rhode Island Drive and Lunch](#)

Tom Gilchrist and Steve Turino will lead a back roads drive through Rhode Island to a restaurant for lunch. Location to be announced.

- Thursday, May 30, 10:00am – 1:00pm [TYP356ne Loafer's Lunch and Drive](#)

Bolton Bean, 626 Main St, Bolton, MA 01740

Theo Kindermans will lead a back roads drive from Bolton Bean [Home | Bolton Bean](#) in Bolton, MA (just off Route 495) via Wachusett Mountain State Reservation [Wachusett Mountain State Reservation | Mass.gov](#) (for a rest stop) to the Harvard General Store [Harvard General Store](#) 1 Still River Road, Harvard, MA for lunch. The drive will be approximately 42 miles.

June

- June 2 – 5, [TYP356ne Vermont Spring Tour](#)

Basin Harbor Resort, 4800 Basin Harbor Rd, Vergennes, VT 05491, USA

The Spring Tour this year is scheduled at the Basin Harbor Resort on Lake Champlain in Vergennes VT pending the agreement of ongoing contract terms with the resort. Check-in is 4 pm on Sunday, June 4th. At 4:30 pm that day there will be a one hour history talk on the lounge deck about the region given by Bob Beach a long time owner of the resort. At 5:30 pm we will have a group dinner. Breakfast is included in the room rates. On Monday, June 3rd from 12:30 to 1:30 pm we will take a private, narrated group cruise on Lake Champlain on the resort's ship the EEscape. We will again eat dinner together at 6 pm on both Monday and Tuesday evening. Check out for some will be Tuesday, June 4th at 11 am and for the rest of us on Wednesday, June 5th at 11 am. See Allen's emails for full details.

- Tuesday, June 6, 6:00pm – 7:00pm [TYP356ne Board Meeting.](#)

- June 9 – 15, [PCA Porsche Parade 2024](#), Birmingham, AL, USA

Details can be found here: [Welcome | Porsche Parade 2024](#)

- Monday, June 10, 12:30 – 9:00pm, [TYP356ne Lunch, Shop Tour and Drive](#)

Starting at Bear's Smokehouse Express

454 Ellington Rd, South Windsor, CT 06074, USA

Come join us for a wonderful afternoon starting with a fabulous barbecue, a Porsche shop tour and finally driving to a local Porsche themed cruise night! See the website for more details.

- Sunday, June 23, 1:00pm – 4:00pm [TYP356ne Sisson/Grace BBQ](#)

28 Forest St, Sherborn, MA 01770, USA

The annual barbeque at Allen Sisson's and Mary Grace's home is on Sunday, June 23rd between 1 to 4 PM. All Club members and their guests are welcome. Allen needs to hear from you by email with the number in your group attending no later than Tuesday, June 18th. The event will be as in past years with a tent outside. Allen and Mary are looking forward to seeing many of you there. The BBQ will be held at our home: 28 Forest ST., Sherborn, MA 01770-1620. 356s, 912s and early 911s should park on the semi-circular front driveway and front lawn. Other cars should park behind the garage or on the grass to the right of the semicircular driveway as you face the house. A \$20.00 per person donation to help defray the costs would be appreciated.

- Sunday, June 30, 7:30 – 8:30pm [Great Race Ending in Gardner, Maine](#)

See details here: [Great Race to return to central Maine, choosing Gardiner as its finish line](#)

July

- Tuesday, July 2nd, 6:00pm–7:00pm, - [TYP356ne Board Meeting](#)

- Tuesday, July 9th, 10:00am–1:00pm - [TYP356ne South Coast Drive and Lunch](#)
Start location to be announced by Tom Coughlin.
We will tour the backroads of Westport, MA and Little Compton, RI followed by lunch. Rain date for this event is Wednesday July 10, 2024, at the same times.
- Saturday, July 13, 10:00am - 1:00pm [TYP356ne North Coast Drive and Lunch](#)
John Nai will announce the starting location. John will lead a back roads drive around the north shore of MA followed by a group lunch.
- July 19 – 21, [Misselwood Concours d'Elegance](#)
407 Hale St, Beverly, MA 01915. See details here: [Misselwood Concours d'Elegance | Misselwood Events](#)
- Saturday, July 27, 10:00am - 3:00pm [TYP356ne Vermont Drive](#)
Georg Becker-Birck will provide details later.

August

- Friday, August 2, 11:00am - 2:00pm [TYP356ne Northeast CT Drive and Lunch](#)
Greg Lane and Diane Mierz will lead a backroads drive though Northeast CT ending at the Vanilla Bean Cafe in Pomfret, CT for lunch. Details of the starting meeting point to be announced.
- Tuesday, August 6, 6:00pm - 7:00pm [TYP356ne Board Meeting](#)
- August 9 - 18, [Monterey Car Week](#)
Monterey, CA, See this link for details: [Monterey Car Week 2024 | Schedule of Events and Things to Know \(whatsupmonterey.com\)](#)
- Friday, August 16, 2024-7:00am - 3:00pm [Werks Reunion Monterey](#)
Monterey Pines Golf Club, 1250 Garden Rd, Monterey, CA 93940
See details here: [Werks Reunion | Aug 16, 2024 | Monterey Events Calendar \(whatsupmonterey.com\)](#)
- August 30 - September 2, [Lime Rock Historic Festival 42](#)
Lime Rock Park, 60 White Hollow Rd, Lakeville, CT 06039. See details here: [Event Tickets — TorkHub](#)

September

- Tuesday, September 3, 2024-6:00 - 7:00pm [TYP356ne Board Meeting](#)
- September 12 - 15, 356 [Catskills Tour](#)
Riedlbauer's Resort, 57 Ravine Dr, Round Top, NY 12473. See our website for full details. www.TYP356ne.org
- Saturday, September 14, 10:00am - 1:00pm [TYP356ne Cars and Coffee](#)
114 Larch Road, Wenham, MA. John Nai will host a 356 cars and coffee at his home and garage of Porsches with a brief talk.
- Thursday, September 19, Helen, GA - [Highway 356 Reunion](#)
Tanglewood Cabins Rentals & Deer Crossing Lodge, 3387 GA-356, Sautee Nacoochee, GA 30571.
See details here: [Helen, GA - Highway 356 Reunion - Events - Porsche 356 Registry, Inc.](#)
- Sunday, September 22, 10:00am - 1:00pm [TYP356ne Drive Your Porsche Day](#)
New London, CT. Georg Becker-Birck and Greg Lane will arrange a 356/912 drive to celebrate Drive Your Porsche Day. Details to be announced.
- Sunday, September 22nd [Drive Your Porsche Day](#).
The 356 Registry holds an annual "Drive Your 356 Day" in September.
[Drive Your 356 Day - Porsche 356 Registry, Inc.](#)

- Sunday, September 29, 10:00am – 2:00pm [TYP356ne Club Day](#)
Lake Pearl, 299 Creek St, Wrentham, MA 02093
We will meet at 10 AM on the lawn at Lake Pearl for a couple of hours to talk and view cars. From 12 to 1 PM we will have lunch and at 1 PM there may be a speaker. Look for full details in TubTimes.

- September 29 – October 3, [PCA Treffen Mt. Washington](#)
Omni Mount Washington Resort, 310 Mount Washington Hotel Rd, Bretton Woods, NH 03575
Find details here: [Treffen Mount Washington - Fall 2024 \(pca.org\)](#)

October

- Tuesday, October 1, 6:00pm – 7:00pm [TYP356ne Board Meeting](#)
- October 3 – 6, [Audrain Motor Week](#)
Newport, RI. Find details here: [Audrain Newport Concours and Motor Week \(audrainconcours.com\)](#)
- October 8 – 11, [Hershey AACA Eastern Fall Car Meet and Sale](#)
Find details here: [2024 Eastern Fall \(Hershey\) – AACA – Antique Automobile Club of America](#)

- Thursday, October 10, 10:00am – 1:00pm [TYP356ne Drive and Lunch](#)
Bolton Bean, 626 Main St, Bolton, MA 01740, USA
Theo Kindermans will lead a back roads drive from Bolton Bean [Home | Bolton Bean](#) in Bolton, MA (just off Route 495) via Wachusett Mountain State Reservation [Wachusett Mountain State Reservation | Mass.gov](#) (for a rest stop) to the Harvard General Store [Harvard General Store](#) 1 Still River Road, Harvard, MA for lunch. The drive will be approximately 42 miles.

November

- Tuesday, November 5, 6:00pm – 7:00pm [TYP356ne Board Meeting](#)

December

- Saturday, December 7, 10:00am – 12:00pm [TYP356ne Annual 2025 Event Planning Meeting](#)
Sherborn Community Center, 3 Sanger St, Sherborn, MA 01770.

January

- Tuesday, January 7, 2025-6:00pm – 7:00pm [TYP356ne Board Meeting](#)

February

- Sunday, February 2, 2025-11:00am – 3:00pm [TYP356ne Annual Holiday Party](#)
Tuscan Kitchen, 2400 District Ave, Burlington, MA 01803.

Porsche Miles Driven in 2024

Phil Brzezinski 2006 Carrera 41 miles



Four Speeds and Drum Brakes by Tom Tate

Rat Race

For generations teenage boys always got their drivers licenses on their birthday. While different states had different age criteria we all looked forward to the freedom that a license allowed and couldn't wait for that special day. We could run errands for the family, drive ourselves to school and Rat Race with our friends.

I had the advantage of riding with an older brother for a year and a half while he threw our fathers Studebaker President around the dirt roads of Kissimmee, FL . It was a low slung two door V8 that was pretty radical compared to classmates Fords and Chevys. The car came with us from CA when we moved and had dual exhaust and dual antennas on the rear fenders. Bill got really good at "dirt tracking " that car and I got good at learning how to steer in the direction of the skid.



In those days some of the roads were paved but there were no curbs so chasing friends through neighborhoods meant cutting corners and driving across front yards. One course

that we used often had an owner that would come flying out the front door yelling at us as we trimmed the edges of his Zoysia grass. One of our friends got such a charge out of the guy that he went back later in his '49 Ford, rolled up by the front door and revved the straight pipe engine until the front door swung open. He dropped the clutch and laughed as the spinning tires left a pathway to the street. Halfway to the pavement he slammed the column shifter into second gear, popped the clutch and broke the driveshaft. When the police arrived he was still sitting in the car. It took him a month of weekends to repair the grass in the yard.

Most of these runs were at night and we quickly learned some tricks to outrunning other cars. Cars were pretty simple back then and all the fuses for my VW were bolted to the panel holding the steering column in place. It was easy to just drill a couple of holes for toggle switches and wire them in line to interrupt power to brake and taillights. The license plate light was connected to one of the taillights so everything out back went dark when that toggle was thrown. The first advantage was to be able to turn off the brake lights. That way when brakes were applied the car chasing close behind didn't get any advance notice that you were about to turn. My beetle got outrun by lots of faster cars but because they spent time backing up to get turns they missed I could usually get away. Another advantage was to eliminate tail and license plate lights. That made it easy to hide in driveways and alleys but still be able to see ahead. The real advantage was to have a set course with short blocks and many turns to interrupt the line of sight. I was always taking a different way home from school to find roads that were to my advantage. Roads that looked like they didn't go through or even construction areas that didn't seem to have more than one entry/exit were perfect for my Bug.

My best run was with a neighbor that drove a '57 Chevy with a Corvette engine, hardly a match for my 36hp VW. Lots of smoke and noise but every time he got up too close I would turn off the brake lights using the switch under the dash, hit the brakes hard and turn right. He would go sailing through the intersection with all four wheels locked and I was gone. The Beetle outran the big bad Chevy for the better part of an hour. I stopped before he ran out of gas and we had a great laugh. Great fun and we probably never got over 50 mph. At least I didn't.

While cars weren't as large as today's version, most eve-

rything was larger than my VW. I found a couple of dirt roads that turned into paths that were wide enough for me but not for a real car. So if all else failed I could always bail on a larger car by just heading for the "Squirrel path". In the process of exploring a dirt road one night I came upon two posts that were pretty close together on the top of a Dike that I figured I could slip past. As I stared at the fender clearance and slowly let out the clutch I was surprised to see the chrome strip on the front hood hit the windshield. Turned out that there was a black crossbar that was attached to the two posts that I didn't see. It was at just the right height to contract the chrome strip without damage to the hood itself and push it up into the glass. I stopped, backed out, pushed the strip back in place and counted myself lucky as there was no damage.

A few years ago I read a report written by the guy who bought the Volvo wagon that belonged to Paul Newman. The original engine had been swapped for a Ford V8 to turn the grocery grabber into a real sleeper. The part I liked the best was the disclosure that there was a brake light cut off switch up under the dash that Paul had installed. While the current owner was not sure how it was used, I knew exactly why it was there. Nice to be a member of the same club as Paul Newman.

Too much traffic and too many curbs to do any Rat Racing now days but I still feel the need for extra switches. With cars following too close the cutout switch isn't needed but a turn on brake light switch sure comes in handy. I have a small momentary switch that will turn on the brake light without ever lifting my foot off the gas. If that doesn't work I can throw on the clear (read LED bright) back up lights. The Audi also has rear fog lights that are really bright too. It only had one originally but it was easy to add a second in the other taillight housing. Different countries have different regulations as to which side should be used so most manufactures have a socket inside both taillights.

Modern cars are not as easy to modify since their wiring harnesses look like something off the Lunar Landing vehicle. If you can find the correct wire, the computer will trip you up and start lighting up the dashboard. It knows the brake lights shouldn't light up unless the brakes are on and will send a message that there is a brake problem. Don't ask me how I know that. I think it notifies your local dealer, the police department where you live and your Senator in Washington DC. If you throw the interrupt switch I think a voice comes on and suggests that you pull over and wait for AAA. I'm not sure of that because I didn't get that far.

I'm just happy that I have been able to personalize (OK modify) my cars over the years and nobody cared. It has been great fun to tinker with cars and make them my own. Whether it's exhaust systems, wheels and tires, stripes down the side or switches under the dash, each change makes it different and I enjoy being different. Isn't that what the Muppets said on Sesame Street?

May the cars in your garage be as much fun for you as mine are for me.

KTF

356 Market Place

There are a large number of Porsche 356 sales transactions on Bring-A-Trailer (BaT). Check them out.
[Porsche 356 For Sale - BaT Auctions \(bringatrailer.com\)](https://bringatrailer.com/search/?q=Porsche+356)

Here are a few recent sales of 356s. I picked 3 C coupes that ranged in price from 63K to 100K.
The difference is in the details, click on the links for more information.



[38-Years-Owned 1965 Porsche 356C Coupe for sale on BaT Auctions - sold for \\$100,000 on January 3, 2024 \(Lot #132,330\) | Bring a Trailer](#)



[1965 Porsche 356C Coupe for sale on BaT Auctions - sold for \\$63,000 on December 19, 2023 \(Lot #131,224\) | Bring a Trailer](#)



[1964 Porsche 356C Coupe for sale on BaT Auctions - sold for \\$91,000 on January 14, 2024 \(Lot #133,335\) | Bring a Trailer](#)

[1958 Porsche 356A 1600S Cabriolet w/Hardtop for sale on BaT Auctions - sold for \\$292,000 on January 11, 2024 \(Lot #132,643\) | Bring a Trailer](#)



When I bought my 1964 356C in April of 1995, it had been sitting in a cement block garage for many, many years. From the time I first became aware of it, I stayed in contact with the owner attempting to buy it for 9 years before he decided to sell it to me. The inspection sticker on the windshield of my car had last been done in "Spring 1973". Needless to say, the car needed many things, including a complete brake job. Included on my list were: caliber rebuilds, a master cylinder, brake lines and new bronze bushings for the pedal cluster assembly. The brake system needed attention as the next step after the floor and battery box had been replaced, which I intend to save that story for another time.

After removing the brake calipers, it was obvious that the pistons were not simply going to pop out all that easily no matter how much I fiddled & attempted with my small compressor. I brought them

to my friend Bobby D's shop where he tried unsuccessfully to pump air and then grease under high pressure into each caliper to free the pistons. At that point, Bob broke out his acetylene torch and heated up the caliper, melting the rubber seals that were holding the pistons fast, until he was able to disassemble and clean everything up. We wire brushed the dirt and crud off the calipers. At the time, I bought caliper rebuild kits & brake pads from Doc & Cy's, a well known supplier of vintage Porsche parts years ago, that many will remember. I believe that they were out of Ohio. From Stoddard Imports, I purchased a stock ATE 19mm master cylinder, along with metal and rubber brake lines. Also included in my purchase was a bronze pedal cluster bushing rebuild kit. After a thorough cleaning and rebuild, the calipers were ready for me to put back on the car. On Bob's suggestion, I masked off any rubber parts and spray painted each caliper with a clear, high temperature engine paint. They looked great!

Since the original plastic bushings in the pedal assembly had seen better days, as they were binding and would not allow the pedals smoothly operate, I removed the cluster assembly, to rebuild it. Using a drift punch and ball peen hammer, I knocked out the cold rolled pin that held everything together. After disassembly, I used a 3/8ths drill with wire brush with sandpaper to

remove any old black paint and rust. After the entire assembly was cleaned up to my satisfaction, I primed & spray painted the parts using a black engine paint. My thought was and still is, engine paint tends to be more durable and lasts longer on parts like this than the typical Krylon or Rustoleum paint. I then put the pedal assembly back together using the bronze bushings that I had purchased from Stoddard.

The master cylinder and tunnel line posed to be a slight problem. After soaking the 2 front brake line fittings, on the master, and the 1 tunnel brake line fitting, coming out of the master cylinder, with Kroil, I heated the 3 fittings at the master with a propane torch just to carefully warm them up. I was super careful because my refinished & internally lined gas tank was already in the car above my head. (An interesting note: The radiator shop that lined my tank, used a similar material which

was used during WWII to line fuel tanks on P38's & other aircraft) I should add that I thoroughly checked for any gas leaks, just in case of a potential fire hazard, or even worse, existed.

Kroil is one of my favorite penetrating oils because it wicks up the

threads of a rusted bolt, nut or screw with heat. It doesn't have to be cherry red, but warm enough to allow the process to happen. The two brake lines going to the front calipers were not the issue, because I had replacement brake lines,. In fact, where the front lines were so corroded, they both snapped at their fittings before coming out of the master. I was more careful with the brake line that went through the tunnel because, to properly install a new tunnel line, you would have to loosen, then drop down or remove the transmission according to the information that I had read or had been given at the time. To avoid removing his transmission, in a pinch, a friend once routed a new main tunnel brake line under the transmission support, parallel and facing the ground. For lack of a better idea, that is what some did in those days. The danger in that would be that his main brake line was exposed and unprotected.

Once I had installed the rebuilt cluster assembly, installed the master cylinder and brake calipers, I turned my attention to installing the new brake lines. The metal brake lines that I had bought were already present to fit the front and rear of the car. The front



lines also have a rubber brake line component that fit without issue. I had a little trouble with the three-way union connector at the rear of the car. I developed a leak while attempting to bleed the brakes which necessitated my borrowing a tubing flare kit. After I cut the leaking flare off with a Dremal tool and installed a new fitting, I properly flared the tunnel brake line at the back portion under the firewall. The newly replaced fitting screwed into the 3 way connector without issue. The metal on the tunnel brake line still looked good and I decided not to replace it. Once the entire brake system was secure, I topped off the system with brake fluid and using my Mityvac brake bleed tool, single handedly bled the brakes.

The old master cylinder that I removed that day had been sitting on my shelf for several years. Recently, I bought a rebuild kit from Stoddard for about \$30 and rebuilt it. It's on my shelf now just in case I need it in a pinch, as the repair was successful. I also used my tried and proven black engine paint on it to paint it when it was completed.

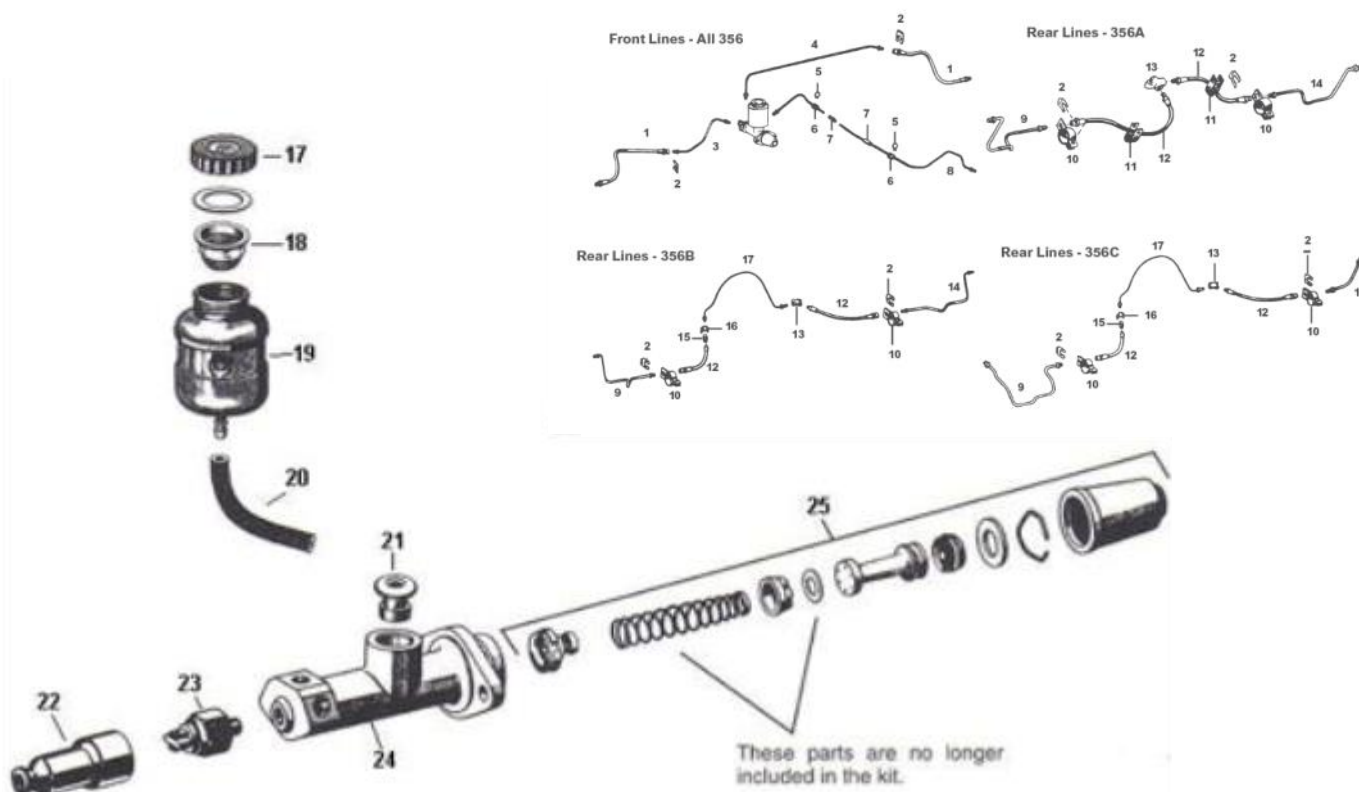
Several weeks ago, my friend Bob gave me a call and asked if I would come look at the brakes on his 1964 356C. The pedal had gone to the floor while driving and we both suspected a faulty master cylinder. In anticipation, he had purchased a new ATE 19mm master and a new feed line that runs from the brake reservoir to the master. I grabbed my flare wrenches, a propane torch and he already had the Kroil, just in case the brake lines were frozen at the master. As it turned out, he had the car all jacked up and the wheels removed upon awaiting my arrival. We went right to work and I was able to remove the brake lines easily and install the new master cylinder &

brake feed tube. I always recommend using flare wrenches when it comes to removing or installing brake line fittings. Although we used the Kroil penetrant, heat from a torch was not needed. Everything went fairly smooth compared to the operation that I had with my car.

My friend had purchased a power bleeder for \$50 from Amazon Prime the day before. Although the bleeder screws were somewhat filled with rust & crud and were slow to bleed out the first time around, the second time was the charm, after he installed new bleeder screws that he got from Ebay. When he bled his brakes the second time, there was a solid pedal. He drove around a little bit, then on to the Inspection Station where he was able to get his inspection sticker before the month of December 2023 ran out.

Doing a brake job on our old cars is usually not that difficult depending on the issue. Be sure to have a set of flare wrenches and some good penetrating oil. You can do a complete job as I did on my 1964 356C or a smaller job, as on my friend's 1964 356C. Be sure to double check all your connections for leaks during and after bleeding. Then, before you drive off into the sunset, test them to your satisfaction in the driveway or on a short ride around the block, This has been my experience. I have found that people with knowledge of our cars have always been willing to answer questions and guide us in the right direction. Unlike my experience with 356 clocks, there is a lot of online information, 356 Registry Blogs and repair books written on the topic of 356 brakes.

John



From Stoddard's catalog



Over the last few weeks, a few members expressed interest in restoring and reupholstering their seats. Likewise a lot of our members asked for more technical topics. Typ356NE member Georg Becker-Birck is offering a webinar on seat restoration and will share his experience of reupholstering his driver and passenger seats on his 1969 Porsche 912. The webinar will guide through the process, encountered challenges as well as show some tricks that Georg found helpful in accomplishing this tasks. You will have the opportunity to ask questions as well.

The webinar is planned for

Monday, February 12th
from 8pm to 9pm Eastern time
and will be offered on Microsoft Teams.

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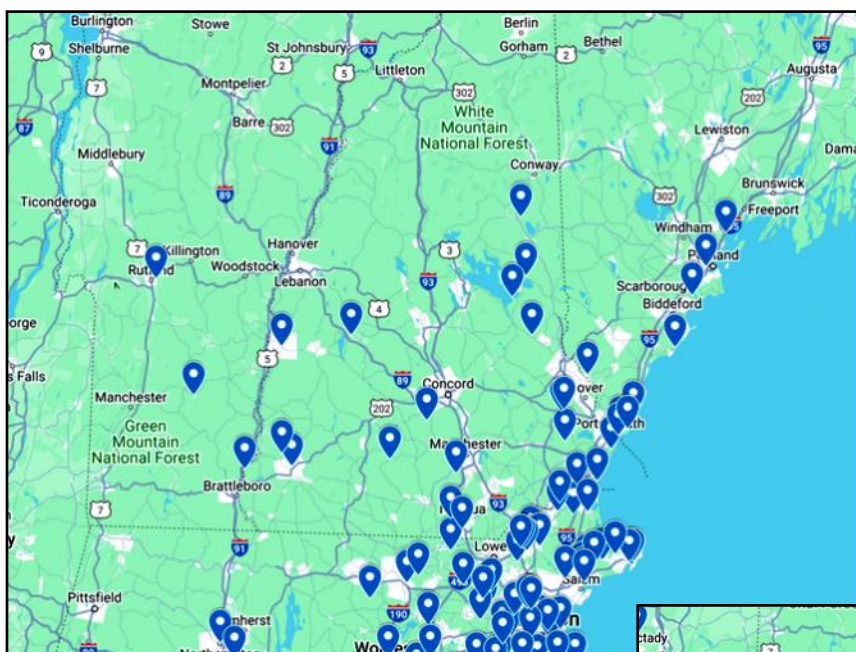
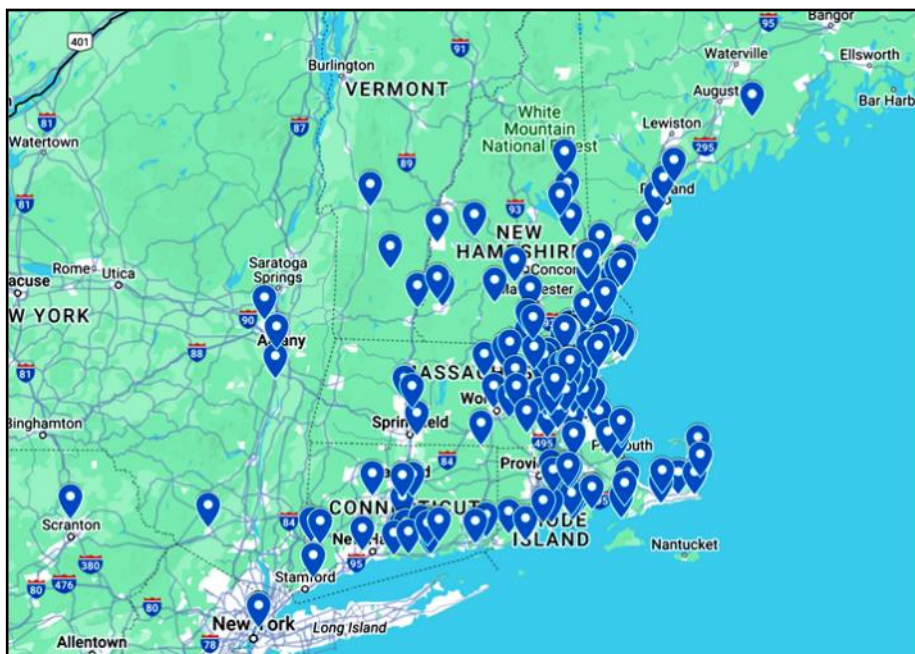
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Where Do We Live?

Several years ago I did a map showing the locations of our membership. During the recent survey that we ran someone asked to see the information. Georg Becker-Birck was able to generate new maps based on the current membership list.

He generated three maps that show the locations of our members. The map right, shows everyone who is located in the Northeast.

Note—we have one member who lives in Tennessee



Left— Expanded Northern map of VT, NH, and ME.



Right– Expanded Southern map of MA, RI, and CT

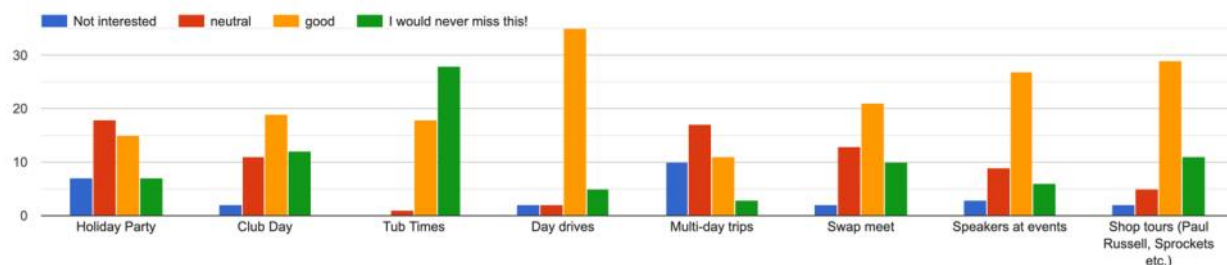
Member Survey – Results

In December 2023 we launched a member survey and asked all of you for input. Goal for the Board was it to better understand what you as members really think about our events, the timing of our events and which type of events to focus on. Thank you for all of you who took the time to respond – we appreciate your input and good suggestions! Out of the 172 members, we received 48 responses – an 28% response rate. Below are the highlights of the survey:



The first question confirmed our expectations in regard to day drives and external events, but also showed us how much you are interested in technical sessions – we will put more focus on these and offer more technical items with your support.

Rate the importance and attractiveness of our current events and club items

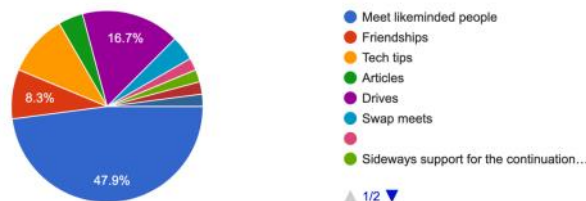


The second question echoed the results of the first – outstanding results for the Tub Times (great job by Ed Tobolski) were shown here. Similarly, we saw the strong preference for day drives over multi-day trips, as well as good interest in Club day, Swap meet, any speakers at events and more shop tours. Multiple responses were possible here.

When we asked you about the most important item to be in the club, members had only one choice to pick – overwhelmingly you wanted to meet likeminded people, followed by drives:

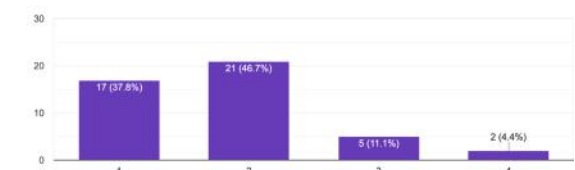
What is the most important thing that you want to get out of your club membership?

48 responses



How do you rate the pricing for our events?

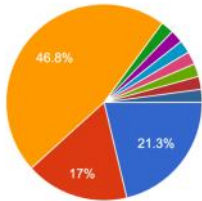
45 responses



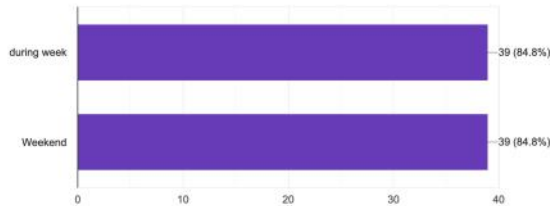
In regards to pricing, we believe that the answers confirmed that our pricing is acceptable, with the majority thinking we are offering cheap to neutral pricing – we will aim to keep it this way:

On Tub Times, we requested open ended questions and provided these to Ed Tobolski, so he can adjust the articles and content accordingly. To keep the Tub Times interesting, we are however dependent on content from our members and would love to see more articles from you. 21% (blue) of you offered to write an article, while 47% (yellow) said maybe. The rest said no or were not sure. Thank you for considering a contribution! If you have any topic, interesting pictures, or just a small anecdote, consider sharing it in Tub times please!

Would you be open to write an article in Tub Times?
47 responses



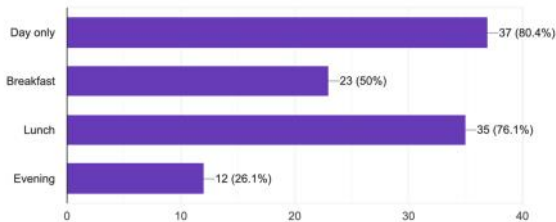
Event Timing Can you attend drives and events only on weekends or is during the work week and option? select all that apply
46 responses



The second section of the survey focused on the future of our club and events. One open question for us was when to offer events. A lot of our members are retired, while others are working during the week. Your response – multiple selections were possible - clearly showed a 50/50 split. We will therefore continue to offer events both on weekends and during the week.

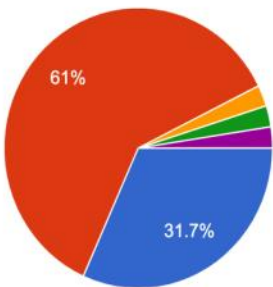
Similarly, your responses showed a clear preference for daytime and lunch events, and limited interest in evening events. We will take this into account and offer our activities during daytime.

Would you like to see some evening events, or will you only go to day events? Select all that suit you.
46 responses



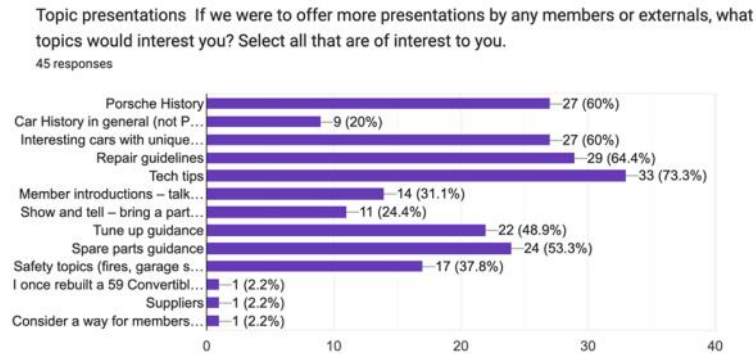
When it comes to inclusiveness, 2/3 of you think we are doing enough efforts to include partners, family and friends, while 1/3 think we should increase our efforts. All our club events are typically open to family and friends unless we specifically limit them to members only. It is important that we continue to grow as a club and/or pass on our cars to the next generation of owners as we get older. So please continue to reach out and bring your partner, sons, daughters, nieces, grandkids or interested friends to our events. If you have a specific event idea that would work well for one of these groups – please let us know!

Should we be more inclusive to partners, family members or your friends to make events more attractive? If yes, can you name something that would attract partner/family/ friends? (add suggestion in "other")
41 responses



- Yes, we should increase efforts
- No, we are doing enough already
- Maybe we could have meet-ups with other generations of Porsche air cooled cars.
- Dinner meeting with interesting food at someone's home.
- Historical/museum sites other than just cars

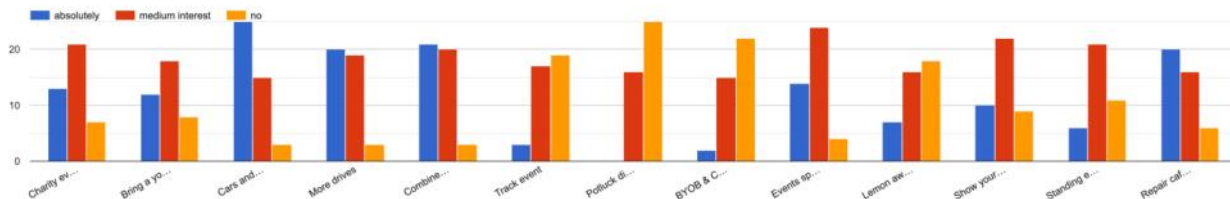
We had a lot of variations what interests you, but also some clear favorites:



You are most interested in Porsche History, interesting cars with unique history, repair guidelines and tech tips, followed by spare parts guidance. We will aim to represent these topics more, while also asking you to share this knowledge. Even a 5-minute speech at an event or a short article is welcome. If you need help with creating a presentation, let us know so we can connect you with someone that can help with formatting or layout.

For future events you gave good guidance on what to focus on. We wanted to test concept ideas with this question. Thank you – now we know that track events and potluck dinners are not enticing to you, neither are lemon awards. Members however showed strong interest in Cars & coffee, more drives and combined events with other clubs. Similarly strong to medium interest is on charity events, bring a friend events, show your garage meetups or a local standing event. We have already planned for some of these and will try to focus more on them.

Events ideas We would like to know if any of these ideas would be interesting for you to attend?



There was also a strong interest in a repair café (other members helping to fix specific parts or similar). Here we are still looking for input – the author of this article is due for a gearbox revision – maybe others are too and we can put something together? There was also recent interest in seat reupholstery. Any other suggestions are welcome for a part that would work well for a repair cafe.

Looking at your event ideas, we often heard a request for more local events. We discussed this intensely in the planning meeting – as an immediate action we planned to have at least one event in each state of our core New England area (CT, RI, MA, VT, NH, ME).

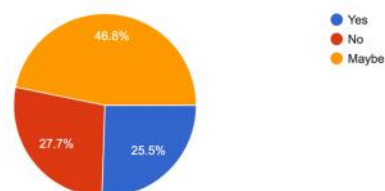
Similarly, we heard the request for more spontaneity. We encourage all members to send a quick email to all members and invite them to join them for a drive on short notice. Just email members@typ356ne.org and state what you want to do (e.g. visit a local farm, go apple picking, cruise the Kancamagus, etc.) and invite others to join you. Also ask the Board for help and we can connect you with an experienced tour planner for some good tips.

This brings us to the core of the club- volunteering. We would love for more members to volunteer an event and invite others. You want to open your garage for a morning and show likeminded people what you are working on? Invite the members please! You want to drive to a museum, show, event, park or beach and don't want to drive alone? Ask us to come along please – as you see from earlier questions, we are looking for more drives!

25% of you are willing to organize an event, another 45% maybe – help us out please!

Volunteering The club and its attractiveness depend on its members helping to contribute to some of the events. Would you be willing to help organize and event?

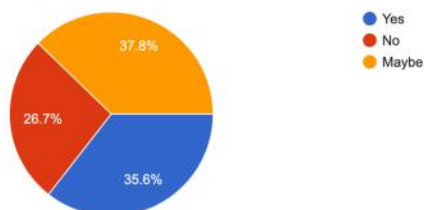
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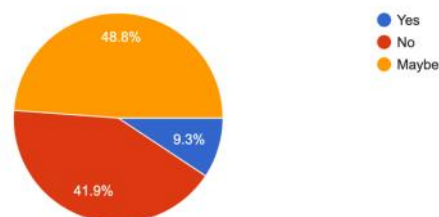
Thanks for all of you who are willing to contribute your time and effort to our events. We truly appreciate it and would welcome your support to offer interesting events! We got similar responses to write an article - please do so and help Ed to fill this magazine with content. Most of you offered to share knowledge – 35% yes and 38% maybe.

But less were willing to present it at an event – with only 9% yes and 48% maybes. The Board hopes we can convince a few of you to speak to a topic – maybe consider sharing technical knowledge or how you managed a specific repair, as tech tips and repair guidelines are highly sought.

Are you open to share your knowledge of a specific topic?
45 responses

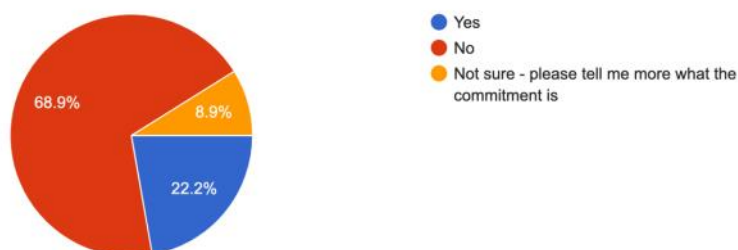


Would you be willing to present on a topic of your choice at an event?
43 responses



On Board functions, we are looking for volunteers to help serve on the Board. Many Board members have their functions much longer than planned, and we look to rotate Board responsibilities. Please consider inquiring more, most of us Board members find that the responsibilities are fun and do not require too much commitment

Would you be interested to hold an office in the club? Eg. a Board function.
45 responses



Finally, thank you for all your individual suggestions and additional feedback. It has been shared with the Board and we will take it into account for our event planning and future direction of the club. We might reach out to you about your suggestions and hope to hear more from our members.

Thank you,
Georg Becker-Birck – Treasurer.

Information on our Website

There is a large amount of information on our website. Allen Sisson does a great job keeping it up to date and meaningful. Judging by the questions that come up in some emails, it seems that many members don't realize what information is available on the website.

www.TYP356ne.org

One of the main sources of information is in the **Resource Directory**. It's way to big to include here in TubTimes, but below, copied from the website, is a description of what is in that section of the site.

Don't forget to contact Allen if you have find a good source of places to get work done on our cars that can be added to the list.

Directory

In an effort to provide as many and varied resources to its members, the Club has developed this Resource Directory which lists various businesses that have done work on 356's and are recommended by some of our members. While our Club encourages its members to take advantage of services provided by Club Sponsors, we understand that due to personal reasons, distance/travel to a particular vendor and costs, that may not be possible. Therefore this list of additional businesses is provided to our members for their consideration. **As always, each member should perform their own research on any particular business and proceed using their own judgment.** The recommending members for businesses listed below have just agreed to be contacted for information about that business since they have used them in the past. **They are not necessarily endorsing that business.** To recommend a resource email the information about the business you want to recommend to asisson@typ356ne.org.

Sections

Restoration Services - Anything from a rust spot to a full car restoration

Body Repair - Specialists of body repair work.

Interior Upholstery - Seats, carpet, soft top.

Miscellaneous - Various miscellaneous categories.

Mechanical - All mechanical work including engine rebuild/tune up.

Painting - All aspects in partial or complete painting.

Wheels - Wheels, tires & brakes.

Parts - List of vendors who supply parts.

Detailing and Paintless Dent Removal

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For Sale

Zenith 32 NDIX carburetors with manifolds. Carbs have a couple hundred miles of them since their rebuild by 356 Carb Rescue.

\$750 obo

Located in Concord MA.

tkindermans@yahoo.com



CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

Clothing- TYP356ne has an online store where you can order hats, polo shirts, canvas bags, and any other item that Land's End Business Outfitters carry in their inventory. You can customize any of the items you purchase with the Club's black oval patch. The store address is:

<http://business.landsend.com/store/typ356ne>

When you are on the site, select the product you want to purchase and the quantity. Then select the Apply Logo box and a page will come up with Logo 1. Follow the instructions to complete your order.



Name Tags - We have found a new vendor at nametagwizard.com who can make you a personalized TYP356ne name tag. All name tags come with a magnetic attachment which means you do not have to put pin holes in your TYP356ne polo shirt to wear your name tag. They are \$11.48 each plus fees and shipping. Payment can be made by credit card or PayPal.

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Email Ed Tobolski, tobolsed@verizon.net, and he will send you the detailed directions you need to order the name tags online. Follow the directions and within a few days you will have your personalized TYP356ne name tag delivered right to your door.

New Club Grille Badge

Club members can purchase the "Official Club Badge" for a cost of \$36.00. It is a beautiful badge complete with mounting hardware.

To order a badge, first contact Peter Venuti at - pvenuti@typ356ne.org and give him your mailing information. Payment can then be made by PayPal on the club website.



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