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[Diane Mierz does the Sebring 12 Hours](#)

See page 12 for the details.

## 2024 Dues - Last Notice

Have you paid your dues for 2024 yet??

There are currently 140 paid members and sponsors for 2024 of the 177 at the end of 2023.

Thank you to all of those who have paid so far.

If you have not paid, and we do not hear from you by the end of March, you will be moved to the "Inactive" list and removed from our mailing list.

**NO MORE TUBTIMES FOR YOU OR PARTICIPATION IN THE EXCITING LIST OF EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2024.**

Please use the website to pay by PayPal, preferred, or send a check before the end of MARCH.

See page 7 for more details

Thank you for helping to Keep The Faith

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For more Club information visit the Club's website - [www.TYP356ne.org](http://www.TYP356ne.org)

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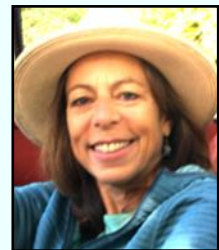
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## Editorial

It's been a mild winter and several members have sent me their miles for the year so far. A good start, keep them coming.

April will begin our events for the year. See page 8. The first event will be at EPE, a well known and respected Porsche shop in Natick. They have extensive experience working on Porsches including 356s.

The second event of the year will be our annual swap meet at the Thompsons in West Newbury MA. Always a fun event. Two years ago we did a food truck and last year we had pizzas for lunch. This year were doing submarine sandwiches. The weather has been good for this event so plan to bring your Porsche, enjoy lunch with fellow members and if you want, sell or buy some 356 parts or car related items. See page 8.

This is the second issue that I've included a 356 Market section. I've found it easy to get current sale information off of Bring-a-Trailer. It's interesting to see the range of sale prices for the different 356s. I'll continue running this section, let me know if you have any suggestions to make it better.

I hope that you all appreciate the story of Steve Torkelsen's 912. Not a 356 but the connection is clear. Enjoy.

Ed





## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE— MARCH 2024

I want to warn all of you about two things. The first is something to look out for. The second is something to check on regarding your daily driver if it is a modern car.

Recently I have received several emails and phone calls from individuals wanting me to tell our Club members that they would like to buy any 356 A, B, or C coupe or cabriolet. Sometimes they say in any condition, or they save driver condition or above. One said he wanted an in any condition car to restore with his son. After discussing several of these emails and phone requests with Adam Wright, the owner of Unobtanium, he strongly suspects all of these are individuals are “in the business” like him. They are looking to buy a car, to probably make a few cosmetic and mechanical improvements to then sell it for more money. I am mentioning this to let you know that when a person is asking to buy any model or body style 356, they are likely a broker in the business. Even if they say they want to restore it with their son, they are likely a broker if they are not more specific about the model of car they want. Most individuals looking for a car to keep for themselves at least know if they want a coupe or a cabriolet. Most specifically want only an A or a B or a C. Often, they will say I only want an S90 or SC or a Speedster or Roadster or Convertible D.

For those of you selling your cars, if you just want to get the most money for your car, then selling to someone posting an ad in a magazine or online like this or selling at an auction is fine. However, if you, like me, would rather sell only to a private individual that will care for it long-term similar to how you have then avoid individuals posting this type of ad. I would encourage you in that case to first post your car for sale here in the TubTimes and on our Club membership email list for free. If no one shows interest at the price you want, then go to the type of adds I mentioned above and to the auctions online or in person.

The second matter to call your attention to is a very interesting, informative, and concerning front-page article I recently read in the New York Times entitled: *Watch the Way You're Driving. Carmakers Are Watching, too.* <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/03/11/technology/carmakers-driver-tracking-insurance.html?searchResultPosition=1>

If all your cars are analogy, basically any made in the 20<sup>th</sup> century like a 356, then you have nothing to worry about regarding the article above. However, if, like me, you have very modern daily drivers this is of concern. This article points out that many modern cars are constantly recording in their computer systems your driving behavior data and transmitting it to the manufacturer of your car. It will record the date of every trip you take, their start and end times, and the distance driven. It will record any speeding, hard braking, or rapid accelerations you do. The worst thing is many car manufacturers now sell this information to data bro-

kers like *LexisNexis* and *Verisk*. These companies in turn sell this information to insurance companies which often will significantly raise your insurance rates or in some

cases cancel your insurance. It may then be hard to become insured again. The article says specifically that GM, Ford, Honda, Kia, and Hyundai are selling your data. Many other companies may be doing this too. GM does this if you have your OnStar mobile app turned on, which most people do. Dealerships salesman received bonuses for unknowingly signing owners up at the time of purchase. Many other companies have similar mobile apps to OnStar. If you turn these mobile apps off, they cannot track you. So, if you have an app on your mobile phone that connects to your car, and you do not want your insurance company to know how you are driving, turn it off. The NY times article describes in detail with pictures how to do this.

You can request for free the type of information your car can transmit by entering your car's VIN number at this site:

<https://vehicleprivacyreport.com/> This will tell you instantly what data can be send to insurance companies. I did this for my 2023, Lucid Air Pure which is now my daily driver. The stie said because Lucid is so new they did not have data yet on what they transmit. For my wife's Tesla Model Y, they said that Tesla is sharing or selling her driving data to Tesla Affiliates, Service Providers, Insurance Companies, and the Government. She does use Tesla's mobile app. You can also request a report from *LexisNexis* <https://consumer.risk.lexis-nexis.com/consumer> for free once a year about all the information they have about you if you provide them online with your name, address, phone number, social security number, and driver's license number. I submitted this request, and it says within two weeks they will send me all the data they have about me in the mail. I do not have it yet.

You can request the same information described above from *Verisk* the other company selling data to insurance companies using this link: <https://fcra.verisk.com/#/>

Remember, if you have a very modern car, big brother may be watching. Drive your analog pre 21<sup>st</sup> century cars instead.

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## New Members *Welcome to the Club*

- Joe Morrow, he lives in Guilford, CT and has a Porsche 911, a 1988 Toyota Landcruiser FJ62 (original owner), and a Mercedes E350
- Steve and Liz Torkelsen, they live in Wilton, CT. and have a 1965 912 Painted Dash Coupe. Steve says- I hope you don't mind having a 912 join your 356 club. Looking forward to meeting all of you!  
See page 11 for more details about Steve's special 912
- Robert Shelbourne, he lives in Nokomis, Florida and has a 1963 356B Super 90. Robert has joined as a Club Sponsor. He is interested in buying Porsches, see the Sponsor's page for his ad.

## **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](http://www.TYP356ne.org)

### **March**

- 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 \(356fog.com\)](http://Upcoming Events - Porsche 356 Florida Owners Group (356fog.com))

### **April**

- Tuesday, April 2, 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](mailto:pvenuti@typ356ne.org) to get the link.

- 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. See page 8.

- 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. See page 8.

- 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](http://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](#)

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## 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.

## 2024 Club Dues are 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](mailto:cluck@typ356ne.org)

## Porsche Miles Driven in 2024

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Porsche</u>	<u>2024 Miles</u>
Phil Brzezinski	2006 Carrera	746
Ed Fanning	356A Mel	286
Randy Robinson	356B	27
Bill Slinko	912	100
Theo Kindermans	356B Sunroof	36
	Total	1195





## Upcoming Events



Saturday, April 13, 10:00am – 12:00pm

### [TYP356ne European Performance Engineering \(EPE\) Tech Session](#)

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.

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## Things to Do

### **Vermont Eclipse**

Monday, April 8, 2:15pm – 4:45pm [Vermont Solar Eclipse](#)

Not a car event, but it can be. On April 8, 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](#)

### **Cars and Coffee**

There is cars and coffee every Saturday from 7-9 at the Shaws McDonalds parking lot In Newburyport Rt 113. There are always a few Porsches there. It will start up in about 2 weeks, see you there Peter Thompson



# **Four Speeds and Drum Brakes** by Tom Tate

## **The Big Show**

In spite of a very mild winter so far the warm breezes of the Arizona desert called my name again last month. That and the sound of the auctioneer yelling “SOLD, SOLD, SOLD”. Of the auctions held in Scottsdale every year the largest is Barrett Jackson. Mostly Hot Rods and vintage American iron, this year had a few cars that seemed out of place. The first Big Dog was a steel bodied Mercedes 300SL Gullwing . It was silver with tan and fully restored, included fitted, matching luggage. In the Porsche world we just hope the engine and transmission are matching, in Mercedes Benz circles the luggage counts too. The total rang up to \$3.41 million, far exceeding the market value of less than \$2 million.

There were a couple of notable P cars, a 2015 918 Spyder in Acid Green and a 2005 Carrera GT Fayence Yellow (?), both with very low mileage (1500 miles and 2535 miles respectively). My guess is that they are scary to drive.



The Carrera GT brought \$1.87 million and the 918 \$1.78 million. In Mass, the sales tax alone on these two could start a new school lunch program. Both were easily 30% higher than expected. Even average P cars brought good bids. A '55 Speedster (driver), white with black interior brought \$255k. The owner said he had the car for 20 years but didn't know the five digit vin when asked. That is the one thing that long term owners always know by heart. Seemed strange. A 1970 911T, the only other vintage model we saw brought \$155k, strong money but not off the chart.

After that the numbers really started to get silly. A Restomod '63 Corvette split window coupe had been done over with a new chassis, new drive train, new brakes and new everything. It reminded me of George Washington's axe. You know, the one in the museum that he had used to chop down the cherry tree. The metal head had been replaced due to rust years ago and the wood handle was new because of termites but it was the original axe that he used. The display sign said so. The sign on the Corvette had a similar statement. Doing all that work and parts replacement could easily run up the bill to low six figures but the gavel fell at \$1.1 million.

If there is a Chevy C10 pickup Club out there somewhere and I'm sure there is, they're all drinking Champagne this month. There were a bunch at the auction, most with lots of horsepower and air bag suspensions. Four of them brought over \$200k each with a

blue one at \$258k. These are pickups built between 1967 and 1972 most are driven to the dump with the dog up front. You can buy them off Craigs List all day for \$20k and that would be a nice one. Throw in a big engine, some paint and even if you overpaid you wouldn't drop another \$60k. I just don't know how the bids get to the present level. My guess is that buyers just don't want to go through the restoration process and they have the money to avoid it. It takes a few years to really restore or build a restomod and from the looks of it most of these bidders don't have that kind of time left. They would just rather write a check for a car that was all done and drive off into the sunset. At a very high rate of speed.

The vendor area did not disappoint as all manner of products were offered. Those huge displays must work because every year the exhibits get bigger. What started out as just car parts, garage lifts and vibrating loungers now in-





clude everything from signatures of Presidents (both dead and alive) and famous baseball players (mostly dead) to a life size brass moose (free shipping) and bucking broncos.

Even boats have started to drift in. How about a 700hp pontoon boat for you and 25 of your best friends? That's enough power to also tow a couple of skiers at the same time.

We did get into the car buying spirit of things and grabbed a BMW 330 off Craigs List for one of the grandsons. He had just flipped a Mercedes CLA 250 that was my ride for a couple of days so I needed something interesting to get around in. It was high mileage but solid and cheap (\$2500) and with the headlight covers replaced and a good cleanup it looked like \$6k ride. We'll see what the latest used car dealer in that family can do.

Arizona weather didn't disappoint and sunny with 75 degrees was easy to take. There still isn't anything like the change of seasons in New England so it was back to the big blue jet and off to Boston. I hear that Spring is coming. **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/)

Here are a few recent sales of 356s. Click on the links for more information.



Right-  
 Sold for **\$802,000** on 2/9/24  
[1958 Porsche 356 Emory Special Speedster for sale on BaT Auctions - sold for \\$802,000 on February 9, 2024 \(Lot #135,535\) | Bring a Trailer](#)



Above- [34-Years-Owned 1957 Porsche 356A Coupe for sale on BaT Auctions - sold for \\$83,000 on February 21, 2024 \(Lot #137,089\) | Bring a Trailer](#)

Right - [No Reserve: 1956 Porsche 356A 1600 Coupe for sale on BaT Auctions - sold for \\$161,000 on February 5, 2024 \(Lot #135,476\) | Bring a Trailer](#)



Left—[1963 Porsche 356B 1600S Coupe for sale on BaT Auctions - sold for \\$77,000 on January 29, 2024 \(Lot #134,811\) | Bring a Trailer](#)



## STEVE TORKELSEN's 912

As a new member of Typ356NE, I'm excited about meeting you and enjoying our cars together. Although my car is a 912, the Porsche 356 is a crucial part of its history.

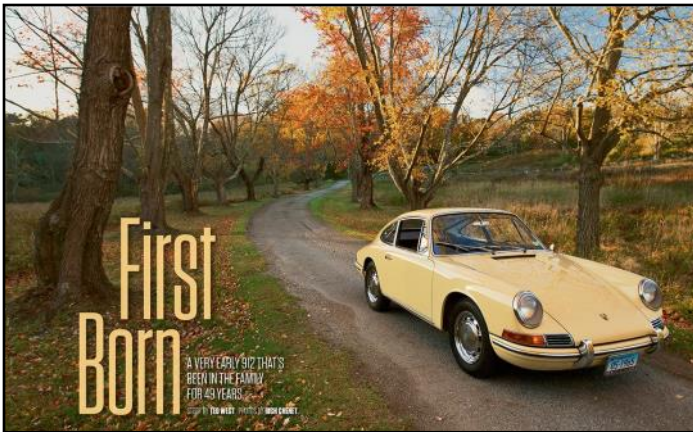
Fifty-nine years ago, in early 1965, my uncle placed an order for a 356 with European Delivery scheduled for June. As we know, 356 production ended that Spring, so Porsche asked my uncle to switch his order to a 912. As a result, what should have been one of the last 356s instead became one of the first 912s. As an extremely early 912, manufactured in June 1965, it has many 356 characteristics, including a three-gauge instrument cluster and a dashboard painted in the car's body color, in the 356 tradition.

The car was driven on an extended family tour of Europe that first summer and I was a passenger, aged two and a half. It was shipped to New York by ocean liner and then my uncle drove it cross-country to his home in California. My car spent most of its life in Southern California and Arizona before I acquired it after my uncle passed away.

I am very lucky that he maintained the car meticulously, so it has always been garaged and it has never been exposed to salted roads. As a result, it retains its original champagne yellow paint and has never been restored. We look forward to celebrating our car's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year and its sixth decade in single-family ownership. And when the time comes, my daughter will be the third-generation owner of the car.



Above- the 912 at a Norwegian ferry terminal in August 1965



Porsche Panorama magazine did a feature article on my car several years ago ("First Born", pp. 86-98, January 2015 issue). If you're interested and a PCA member, you can read a bit more about my car's story in the Pano archive: <https://www.pca.org/panorama/2015>

I hope you enjoy the article and I'm look forward to seeing you all this season.

Steve



## 12 Hours of Sebring 2024 by Diane Mierz

There are plenty of things which can be accomplished in the span of 12 hours; you could read Moby Dick from start to finish, fly from Boston to Honolulu, or take in the 6 original Star Wars movies from start to finish. Instead, I opted to attend the 12 Hours of Sebring with my son Matt and daughter-in-law Steph on March 16. I have to be honest - I never would have done this on my own and really didn't know much about IMSA racing ahead of time; I still don't. But I had definitely heard of Sebring, knew Porsches were involved, and was eager to witness the spectacle of it all. And what a spectacle it was.

For those of you not familiar with the 12 Hours of Sebring I will give you a brief rundown:

Sebring is town located in the middle of Florida about 2/3 of the way down. An old military training base got repurposed in the early 50s for the 3.74 mile track and today it's renowned for its many turns (17), uneven surfaces, and perennially hot weather.. The 12 Hours of Sebring is known as a preparation for the 24 hours of LeMans and features 4 classes of cars run simultaneously - Grand touring and LeMans Prototypes and Grand touring Daytona pro and non pro classes. It begins at 9:30 in the morning with the last 3 hours raced in the dark.

There were 8 Porsche entries; 4 963s in the GTP class, and 4 GT3R 992s in the GTD Pro and GTD classes. One of the cool things about Sebring is that it's a pretty accessible track. Admission allows access to the paddock before the race begins and to where the teams set up their garages as well. It's possible to walk the length of the track on both sides and still be close enough to easily view the race plus there were corrals for Mustangs, Corvettes, and Porsches.

Best of all, the sky is the limit in terms of what is allowed in the center and perimeter camping areas. People set up as early as Tuesday to view the various races held ahead of the 12 hour Saturday race, many with elevated viewing platforms and elaborate decor. Common themes appear to be a passion for motorsports combined with a love for alcohol consumption and partying in general. I don't think I have ever seen as many spent cans of lite beer in one place in my life. The fabled weather did not disappoint and we sweltered in the sun and 80 plus degree temperatures all day- truth be told our 12 hours was reduced to only 9 and we watched the rest of the race back in the comfort of our air conditioned house.

Porsche wound up pulling out 2 podium finishes- 3rd place in both GTP and GTD classes and an Acura won the overall race. There were a couple of crashes, many spinouts and no one got hurt. Matt enjoyed himself so much he'd like to get there earlier next year but speaking for myself I think attending once in person was enough. It's much easier to understand what's going on watching the broadcast on Peacock anyway. 12 hours is a long time to devote to a single activity anyway; I am sure my interest would wane with trying to get through a long novel or watching back to back movies as well. I think I'd give that trip to Hawaii a shot, though! Diane

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Visions of Rennbow in Porsche corral



Beautiful 356 Continental in Porsche corral



Old West themed set up on one of the track straights which included viewing platform, a chicken, and fish tank.



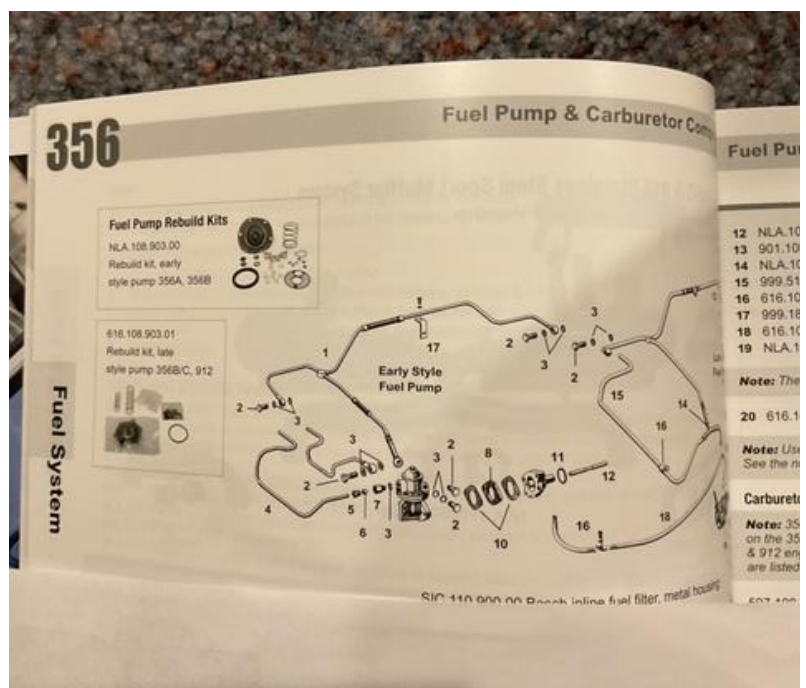
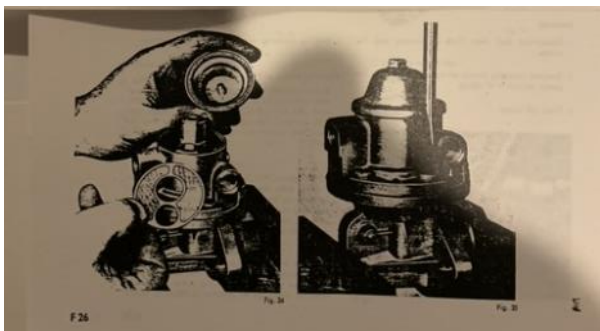
## TubTech—Fuel Pumps by John Consigli

One of the components that I decided to rebuild was the Pierburg 356C fuel pump. Starting with a gallon can of Gunk Parts Cleaner, I began the process. The can contained a small strainer in the bottom of the can for which to place small parts for a good soaking and degreasing.

During the rebuild, I completely disassembled the fuel pump and submerged the parts in my can of Gunk. I removed the parts from the strainer and spread them out on a clean surface, wiping them down with a clean cloth. Assembly was just the reverse process of disassembly. If you don't have a Porsche repair manual, take pictures with the camera on your phone. I've done this many times with mechanical projects and others. It makes assembly so much easier. You can purchase a fuel pump repair kit from Stoddard, NLA, Pelican Parts or other companies that supply parts for our 356's & 912's. The kit runs about \$65.- \$70. plus shipping. The process of rebuilding the pump was fairly simple and straightforward. Take pictures of every step if you're not sure how everything goes back together. Take your time and don't force anything back „during reassembly.

Since the rebuild, my pump has been working great. The quality of parts available is excellent and knock on wood, has not caused any problems. You are basically replacing a diaphragm, a large O ring, some washers and a couple of springs.

At the time, I didn't take pictures of the rebuild to show you, but I've included some pictures of a similar fuel pump that I plan to rebuild, and a fuel pump kit that I have at the ready. The attached diagram shows the layout of the car's fuel system. This was a fun little project. John



## Quick, Easy, and Robust Fix for Loose Seat Back Hinge Bolts Using Rivet-Nut

It appears that I am not the only tub owner that has had one, or several of the three screws/bolts holding the seat back hinges in place fail. So far, it appears that the basis of this problem is the nut that is spot welded to the seat back frame has been stripped or broken free from the sheet metal.

It is a 6 X 1.0 mm nut that has a small, round “shelf” on one end that fits into a hole in the sheet metal that the hinge attaches to. The sheet metal is very thin, 1.0 mm so there is not a lot of structural, lateral, support that is provided to the considerable hinge pressures. It is easy to imagine that if a bolt, or two, loosen the forces can easily be transferred to the weld, which is not very robust.

If you are re-upholstery the seats, it is possible to get to the back of the sheet metal to re-weld the nut. The rivet nut solution could actually be a better option, convenience and reliability wise. The great news is that you only have to remove the chrome hinges and seat back to do this fix. The internal photos below are only to show what is going on out of sight. The seat cover remains in place and should not be affected.

The rivet nut is just like it sounds, it is similar to a pop rivet in that it has a flange, is inserted into a drilled hole and then deformed to firmly capture it in the hole. The Riv-nut ID has the desired bolt thread.



The Process: Once the proper sized hole is drilled, for the 6 X 1.0 needed for this repair the hole diameter I used is ~10mm or .406 “, the riv-nut is inserted and then “compressed” with a proper tool. Below are some pictures of the factory nut, replacement rivet nut, seat back frame, tool and installation steps. After trying to do the installation with a homemade tool, I strongly recommend purchasing a proper tool. For ~\$32 (EBAY, including shipping and 6 sizes of riv-nuts including our favorite 6X1.0) it’s not worth the effort and risk. I’ve proven this the hard way. There are many similar tools available in this price range. Here are some photos of what the process and product look like:



Above—Rivet Nut Deformation Tool

Right— Tool installing Rivet Nut







Factory Weld Nut  
Inside View



Rivet Nut next to  
frame hole



Rivet Nut in frame hole  
before compressing



Deformed Rivet Nut after  
compressing

### Some lessons learned and hints:

1. If the factory nut has broken free, but still on the bolt, it may be necessary to find a way to apply outward pressure to the hinge or bolt head to pull the nut against the frame to keep it from spinning. Greg Lane is good at this.
2. Make sure the riv-nut is fully compressed or it could spin. After first compression with the tool, I increased the engagement of the tool a few turns and then applied pressure again. When it is fully bottomed out you will not be able to go any further, you will "feel" it.
3. If something goes wrong with compressing, like not enough pressure on the flange, it is easy to drill out the riv-nut. For 6 X 1.0, I used a 9.4mm or .390" diameter drill. No, I am not perfect either.
4. Make sure no seat vinyl gets behind the riv-nut flange, cut away with razor knife.
5. Before re-assembly, run a tap through all the old welded nuts and put thread lubricant on the bolt.
6. I also recommend purchasing a new set of bolts, they run from ~\$10 to \$25 on line. I believe that they went from slot to Philips heads at the end of T2. If it is important to you check reference sources.
7. During reassembly make sure the hinge bolts are properly torqued, this will assure the riv-nut does not loosen or spin. Perhaps re-torque after some use in car.

Once the hinge bolts are removed and the seat back is out, this is a very easy process and should not take more than 10 minutes per bolt. Of course nothing goes as planned.

If anyone would like more information, borrow my tool, or get help with this fix, just let me know. It really is fun bringing our special machines back to "as built", or better, condition.

Good luck and Keep The Faith. Carl



Above—From Bob Gilbert

I found this 3" cabriolet model in a Wolfeboro, NH store - for the outrageous price of \$2.00.

I am semi- amazed at the detail.

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### For Sale

#### **1963 Porsche 356 B**



It's Spring! And I'm putting my 1963 Porsche 356 B Coupe up for sale.

This car – retrofitted with disc brakes (no nipple hubcaps) and having a T6 body (COA lists production date 02/07/1963) is often thought to be a 356 C.

It has a 1964 SC engine, two 2 barrel Weber Carbs, NOS Abarth exhaust, and was converted to 12 volts; new 12 volt starter motor installed 2019, and PerTronix electronic ignition conversion accomplished 2019.



This is a reliable, fast, fun-to-drive 356.

I bought this car from John Darack in 2007, an early TYP356ne member. In the late 1990's, John bought the car from another Club member, Ernie Groves - after Ernie spent many years restoring it. (I have documentation on the work, including names/address of companies doing the work, and pictures.) Ernie bought it from M. Lucier of Leominster, MA in the late 1970's - not a Club member... TYP356ne didn't exist then.

COA lists white exterior paint color (for the restoration Ernie selected a 1957 Porsche custom color, Glacier White). Interior presents beautifully (brown leatherette seats.) All gauges, lights, heat and Blaupunkt am/fm radio work perfectly. Transmission was rebuilt by Vic Skirmants in 2011 with George Nelson advising (and installing a new clutch.) George has looked after the car since I bought it. Extensive service records.

185/65R15 A/S Michelin Premier tires (4 and spare) installed April, 2017; under 10,000 miles use.

New battery installed August, 2022 (still under warranty.) Recently the car has been under the care of Don Radeos. KTR European Motorsports undertook an extensive rebuild of rear axle (and related) last fall; new fuel petcock system installed at that time.

2 sets of keys including transmission lock; all tools and jack are present. Original owner's manual.

Car has 104,100 miles on the odometer, and has current MA registration and inspection sticker.

I am listing for \$90k but am open to offers.

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