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Tubs Touring the South Coast

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Editorial

The hot weather has made it difficult to enjoy our non-air-conditioned old cars. Fortunately our two big events remaining this year are in September and October when the temperatures should be better suited for our Tubs. See pages 5, 6 and 7 for information about those events.

Member Mike Sarli sent me a brief article and picture from a recent Cape Cod Porsche Gruppe event— see page 7. They are an independent group of Porsche owners who get together every Saturday morning on the Cape, weather permitting, for an informal cars and coffee gathering. They pull a large group of Porsches including several 356s. If your going to be on the Cape on a weekend, you may want to join them.

Tom Tate has written his *Four Speeds and Drum Brakes* article for the NER/PCA newsletter, Noreaster, for years. He lets me print those that I find interesting in TubTimes. This months article is particularly interesting, see page 11 and 12. We all heard about the speedster Jerry Seinfeld sold and then was sued by the buyer. Tom produced some interesting details about the car that are amazing. How he was able to connect the dots on this car is a tribute to his long time involvement and in-depth knowledge of our Tubs. He certainly does KTF !!

Ed T.

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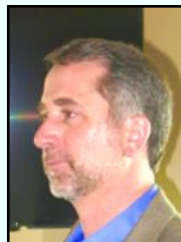
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE— AUGUST 2019

It was good to see many of you during Engineer Paul Vincent's very informative technical session on July 13th. Based on what I learned in that technical session I have replaced the points in my 356B coupe and set the timing for the first time in my life. I must have done something right since it has been running much better since thanks to my Vincent training. Many of us ate well this month because of Tom Coughlin's excellent annual south coast drive ending at the Acoaxet Club in Westport, MA for lunch. We dined overlooking beautiful Cockeast Pond and the Westport River on a bright, sunny, clear day.

We have three Atlantic Ocean events lined up this month. Today, August 1st, Alex Dearborn is hosting many of us on a nice boat ride from his private boat dock at 12 Captain's Way, Kittery Point Maine for a seaside cruise to a great new restaurant he has found. I hope you are one of those attending this event.

If you miss Alex's cruise, you have a second chance to get out on the water this month. Dennis McGurk has arranged for us to take a 1.5-hour,

guided cruise up the Essex River to Essex Bay to Crane Beach. Following the cruise many of us will meet for lunch at the Riversbend restaurant right where the boat docks.

Finally, your third chance for a nice long seaside cruise will be on the Schooner Ladona leaving from Rockland, Maine the evening of July 24th for a Maine coast cruise returning on the morning of July 27th. You can help sail or just relax and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells plus the three great meals a day along with your choice of wine at dinner. A few of us are already signed up, and there is still one cabin for two left for the taking. See the details of all these events in this issue and on our website: <http://TYP356ne.org> under the Schedule of Events tab.

I hope to see many of you on the water this month.

Allen Sisson, President TYP356ne
Email: dkwf5700@gmail.com



2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- Thursday, August 1st— [TYP356ne Lobster Lovers Loafer's Lunch \(LLLL\) on Southern Maine Coast.](#)
Alex Dearborn coordinating.
- Tuesday, August 6th, 6 -7 pm—[TYP356ne Board Meeting Conference call.](#)
- Sunday August 11th— [TYP356ne Essex River Cruise.](#)
Dennis McGurk is coordinating a morning cruise followed by lunch. See page 6 for full details.
- Friday, August 16- Saturday, August 17th— Owls Head Transportation Museum Automobile Auction.
- Sunday, August 24th— Tuesday, August 27th—[Schooner Landona 3-night cruise Rockland, Maine. Open to the public. Book directly on the Schooner website: <https://www.schoonerladona.com/>](#)
- Thursday, August 29th to Monday, Sept 2nd— Lime Rock Park Historic Festival
- Saturday, August 31st: Unobtanium Open House, 14 W. Shore Street, Ravena, NY 12143

September

- Saturday, Sept 7th: Porsche Day at Larz Anderson Auto Museum Lawn Event.
- Tuesday, Sept 10th, 6 -7 pm—[TYP356ne Board Meeting Conference call.](#)
- Sunday, Sept 15th—[TYP356ne Club Day—Collings institute, Hudson, MA. See page 7 For details](#)
- Thursday, Sept 19th to Tuesday Sept 23rd— Helen, Georgia V Meet and Driving tours.
- Sunday, Sept 29th - [TYP356ne Cape Drive and Lunch led by Frank Anigbo.](#)

October

- Tuesday, Oct 1st, 6 -7 pm—[TYP356ne Board Meeting Conference call.](#)
- Wednesday, Oct 2nd to Sunday, Oct 6th— 356 Registry West Coast Holliday in Flagstaff Arizona.
- Friday, Oct 11th to Sunday Oct 13th— [TYP356ne Greg Lane's Rhode Island Tour:](#)

Greg has "run out of roads" in SE Connecticut and so has moved further east with also the hope of getting more Boston area participants to join this year. See page 6 For full details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday August 11th— TYP356ne Essex River Cruise

Sign up for a beautiful cruise that will take us up the Essex River to the Essex Bay at the foot of Crane Beach. Essex Cruises will give us a 1 1/2 hour guided tour and provide coffee and muffins for our morning excursion. There is plenty of good parking in the lot.

Confirm your space to Dennis McGurk at denmcg99@gmail.com and he will reserve a seat for you. You can then pay the \$30 per person on arrival. Be sure to arrive no later than 10:15 for the 10:30 cruise. Check their website www.essecruises.com for



more details and directions. As of now we

have tentatively reserved 25 seats but do need to confirm by Monday, August 5, so please let us know by then.

After the cruise we strongly recommend having lunch on the other side of the parking lot at the Riversbend Restaurant (<http://riversbendessex.com/>). There is great outdoor seating overlooking the marsh and our cars! If this is your choice, let Dennis know and we can reserve tables. If you prefer, Woodman's, famous for their fried seafood, is just down the street.



Lime Rock Historic Festival 37 featuring the Sunday in the Park Concours & Gathering of the Marques

Thursday, Aug. 29 - Monday, Sept. 2, 2019

Now in its 37th year, the Historic Festival at Lime Rock Park has been a time-honored tradition since 1982. Enjoy vintage car racing at its best.

The event opens on Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019, with the Vintage Race Car & Sports Car Parade presented by Salisbury Bank. This 17-mile tour through the local towns culminates in a free street fair in the charming town of Falls Village. Then continue your nostalgic journey through time and enjoy three days of authentic vintage car racing with practice and qualifying on Friday, Aug. 30, and a full day of racing on Saturday, Aug. 31 and Labor Day Monday, Sept. 2.

On Friday, Saturday and Monday, the Festival is in full swing with open paddocks, three concession stands, book and poster signings, vintage hat showcases, the Harpoon beer tent, food trucks and vendors on The Midway, the Kids Club area, unique merchandise in the Lime Rock Store, and the Swap Meet with car parts and unique automotive collectibles.

Of the Festival's highlights, the Sunday in the Park Concours d'Elegance and Gathering of the Marques brings nearly 1,000 motorcars and motorcycles to the track on Sept. 1. Stroll the Park and tap into your inner car enthusiast as you admire rare and exotic historic and vintage cars. Another featured event is the Saturday Night Dinner & A Panel. Held in the main tent in hospitality village overlooking the front straight, the gathering is an entertaining charity event open to competitors, VIPs and fans alike. For full details go to—<http://limerock.com/labor-day-historics>



New This Year At Historic Festival 37

- Special tribute to Formula Ford, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the single-seater class which launched the careers of many Formula 1, Indy Car and sports car drivers. [Read More](#)
- Italian motorcar masterpieces such a Ferrari, Lamborghini and many more will be the stars Sunday's Concours d' Elegance.
- A special celebration of the Morgan, celebrating the marque's 110 year history.
- Honored collectors Michael and Barbara Schwartz, showcasing their 11, masterly restored road and sports cars of Italian origin.
- The Italian-made motorcycles of Gregory Rathe, the Festival's honored motorcycle collector.
- The new Touring Group welcoming sports cars of up to the late 1970s to be part of several pace-car-led run sessions.

Save The Date Announcement!

Sunday Sept 15th

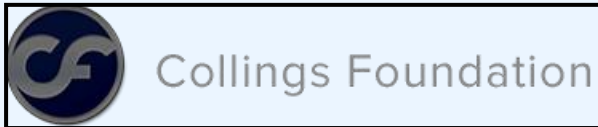
Our 2019 Club Day is right around the corner & here is what the Club members have to look forward to this year....

5th Annual TYP356ne Club Day 2019 & Drive your Porsche Day

When: Sunday, September 15, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM – 5 PM

Where: American Heritage Museum & Collings Foundation



Automotive
COLLECTION

<https://www.collingsfoundation.org>

Address: 568 Main Street Hudson MA,
Access road to drive into the air field to park all TYPE356 Club members cars together.

What they do: The Museum and Foundation are dedicated to the preservation and public display of transportation – for automobile, aviation & WW II History.

This year's Club Day includes a guided museum tour and catered lunch in the private airport hangar.

Club Day Hosts & Event Chairmen: Board Member, Jeff Leeds and Member, Bob Siegel

Schedule for the day-

Arrival time at 10:00 AM

10:30 – 12:00 AM we will have a Private Guided Tour of the Vintage Airplane Hangar where the vintage aircraft are kept, along with a private tour of the classic cars building.

12PM -1:30 PM We will have a Catered Lunch in private area in the airplane hangar building.
A great backdrop for our Club Lunch!

1:30 PM – to as late as 5 PM – members can join the general public and enjoy their own self- guided tour of the New Heritage Museum Building of war time tanks, planes and memorabilia.

There will be additional details to follow on the catered lunch menu, how to sign up and RSVP and what the member costs will be. Please look for the additional information to come out by email and in the next Tub Times. We look forward to seeing everyone this year!



TYP 356ne Fall Tour, 2019 Bristol, Rhode Island

For a change of pace vs. the roads of SE Connecticut, Greg Lane has moved the Fall Tour further East to R.I. with the hope of getting more Boston, Rhode Island and Cape Cod area participants to join the mini-tour regulars this year. Save the dates and place: Friday and Saturday, 11-12 October. Bristol, Rhode Island. <https://youtu.be/tRTwvEKOtAo>

The following details fully describe the two-day event based out of charming Bristol. The event is open to “day trippers” on both days, but overnight stays are recommended to take full advantage of the sights, people and of course, the 356 Porsches! Highlights include the Newport Car Museum, a drive through Newport, dinner at the Lobster Pot, a driving tour through the Sakonnet Point environs, a winery tour and tasting, the Herrsehof Maritime Museum and more.

Should you have interest, now is the time to block your calendars and book hotels/Inns. Several folks/cars registered already. Hotel options, registration and anticipated expenses are all listed in the attached. Details are subject to minor changes, so keep up to date with Greg’s notices. Likewise, should you have any questions, please email Greg at gkam-lane@comcast.net, call at (203) 245-0240.

Tour Highlights:

Friday, 11 October:

Starts at 10:00am on Friday October 11 at the Newport Car Museum (Portsmouth, RI) with a Bob DiCorpo-led driving tour on scenic roads into and through Newport. Included will be Bellevue Avenue, the estates and Ocean Drive.

Return to the Newport Car Museum (discounted admission: \$15.00, pay that day) with a catered lunch by Upper Crust Caterers (\$20.00 in advance to me) and a leisure time to view this amazing collection.

This is followed by free time (for scenic Bristol- Prudence Island ferry rides, biking in Bristol, a visit to Blithewood Mansion, shopping on Main Street or return to Newport for a mansion tour).

Later that afternoon we meet at the DeWolf Tavern for spirits (optional) then walk to supper at the Portside Tavern on the Bristol waterfront.

Saturday, 12 October:

Starts roughly 11:00am with driving tour leaving from the Blithewood Mansion parking lot in Bristol, to follow coastal roads in RI to Sakonnet Point and nearby coastal Massachusetts. Tour course as defined by area expert Tom Coughlin.

Noon ETA at Westport Rivers Winery for a winery tour (\$20.00, pay that day) and tasting, followed by catered box lunch (\$20.00, pay me in advance) by Carla DiCorpo’s catering operation.

Return to Bristol area for a mid-afternoon visit (\$15.00, pay that day) to the Herreshoff Maritime Museum (makers of America’s Cup racing boats, among others). Guided tour and planned group 356 picture in front of museum’s outdoor boat display.

Free time late Saturday afternoon to visit Newport and Bristol area attractions, including the mansions, the Cliff Walk, Tennis Hall of Fame, the Blithewood Mansion and other points of interest.

Banquette to take place at the Lobster Pot, a local Bristol institution.

Sunday, 13 October: Breakfast and head home.

Overnight Accommodation Options:

Bristol Harbor Inn (259 Thames Street, Bristol, RI):

www.bristolharborinn.com

6 Rooms are blocked for our group (release date 27 August) for the nights of 11 and 12 October, price range \$329-\$349 per night. (Two of the rooms blocked can accommodate four persons, with French door separating the bedrooms.)

Call (401) 254-1444 to book. Specify TYP 356NE Porsche Club when booking.

A two-night stay is required if booking Saturday night (12th)

Bristol House B&B Inn (14 Aaron Avenue, Bristol RI):

www.bristolhousebnb.com

Two rooms are currently available for \$195/night. Call (401) 396-9066 to book. Book on your own.

Bradford-Diamond-Norris Inn (474 Hope Street, Bristol RI):

Six rooms are currently available at \$199 or \$249/night.

<https://www.bristolbnb.com/>

Call (401) 253-6338 to book. Book on your own.

Backup: Ramada Inn Middletown (425 East Main, Middletown RI):

A “backup” block of 6 rooms is also available at the Ramada Inn in Middletown. This is about a 15-minute drive to the evening gatherings in Bristol.

Six rooms have been blocked under the group name “Porsche Club” at the rate of \$215/night. The block will be released to others September 1st but the rate will still be available to us should the hotel have rooms available after September 1st.

www.guestreservations.com/ramada-middletown-newport-area/booking?msclid=3ac9b550377919b6a085e8636e1fea19

Call (401) 846-3555 to book. Mention “Porsche Club” for this rate.

A two-night stay is required if booking Saturday night (12th)

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Event Registration and fees:

Registration Deadline is September 30th (to pre-order luncheons with the caterers)

Email me should you have questions: gkamlane@comcast.net

Kindly inform me via email of your plans: gkamlane@comcast.net

Specify what kind and how many sandwiches/wraps for each day (see below and last page for details)

Please provide your email and cell phone info.

Please provide year, model and color of your Porsche as well as your backup car (should weather look foreboding)

Please send a check to me, Greg Lane, 13 Bradley Road, Madison, CT 06443 to cover Friday, Saturday or both days' luncheons (below):

Friday, 11 October: A per person lunch fee of \$20.00 is required for the Friday lunch at the Newport Car Museum. Specify roast beef sandwich, turkey BLT or Greenwich veggie wrap.

Saturday, 12 October: A per person lunch fee of \$20.00 is required the Saturday box lunch at the Westport Rivers Winery. Specify roast beef sandwich, roast turkey sandwich or a veggie wrap.

Other event expenses (to be paid by participants on the day of the tour):

Friday Newport Car Museum entry is \$15.00 per person (discounted for our group).

Friday supper at Portside Tavern: Anticipate ordering off the menu. Details TBD.

Saturday Westport Rivers Winery tour and tasting: \$20.00 per person

Saturday Herreshof Maritime Museum entry and tour: \$15.00 per person (senior and other discounts available)

Saturday supper at the Lobster Pot: Order off menu.

Sandwich Choices and Contents:

Friday

Roast Beef = Beef, green leaf lettuce, roasted tomatoes and red pepper boursin aioli on crusty parisienne bread

Turkey BLT = BLT plus honey mustard dressing on eight grain bread

Greenwich Wrap = hummus, chiffonade romaine, cucumbers, tomatoes and tabouli in a tomato wrap

Saturday

ROASTED TURKEY SANDWICH = Turkey, cranberry mayo, Havarti cheese, apples

ROAST BEEF SANDWICH = Roast beef, herb boursin cheese, bibb lettuce, heirloom tomatoes

VEGETARIAN WRAP = roasted chickpeas, cucumber tzatziki, spinach, tomato, roasted pepper

Cape Cod Porsche Gruppe Cars & Coffee

CCPG Cars & Coffee summer season is in full swing. We set a record this week with 40 Porsche... from 356A to 992 GT3! If you are in the neighborhood join us. We meet at 8:30 AM every Saturday. During the Summer we are at Three Fins Coffee Roasters at 581 Main St (route 28) West Dennis, MA 02670 508.619. 3372. This past week we had; '58 Outlaw Coupe. '59 Convert D, '62 Sunroof Super, & a '65 SC.

Mike Sarli for CCPG

If you'd like to be on our email list contact me at mssarli@comcast.net. We use Evite for our weekly notice of events, news member cars for sale, etc.



RECENT EVENT

Paul Vincent Tech Session - July 13th

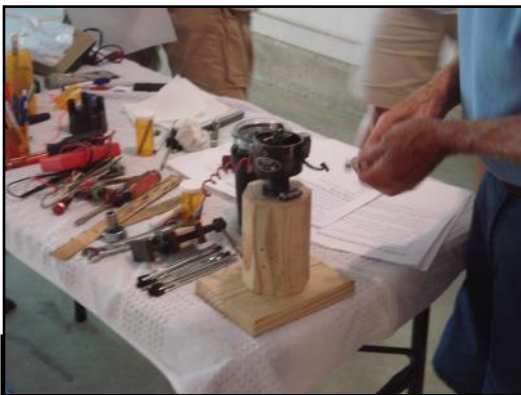
On Saturday, July 13th, Paul Vincent dazzled 14 members with his knowledge of 356's and other things mechanical and electrical at Allen Sisson's garage. Paul hauled a complete 356 engine, on a stand, from the Cape to Allen's super sized garage for his show and tell presentation. The focus of the days discussions were changing the points in the distributor and adjusting the valves.

To change the points Paul prefers removing the distributor and working on it on a bench. He build a simple wood fixture to hold the distributor while he did the work (see picture). Condensers are normally replaced when the points are changed. However, there has been problems with some defective new units from suppliers in the past couple years. Neil Fennessey suggested keeping your old one as long as it is working. Several members indicated that they have successfully switched to the fully electronic Pertronix unit that does not use points or a condenser.

Adjusting the valves is easy when the engine is on a stand like Paul's. But it's not a difficult job and Paul provided lots of tips and suggestions for techniques and tools to use to make the job easier.

Extremely detail oriented, Paul provided some handouts for everyone. They have been copied on the following pages. If you have any questions contact Paul at - mrwianno@gmail.com

Many thanks to Paul for taking the effort to put this outstanding session together and to Allen for letting us use his garage. If you were not able to attend this session you can search Google to find YouTube and other videos that will show you how to do a variety of work to a 356.



TOOL & SUPPLY LIST FOR IGNITION SYSTEM

PLIERS
WIRE BRUSH
DIELECTRIC GREASE
12MM OPEN END
13 OPEN END
2-7 MM
IGNITION POINT SET
CAM LUBE
.016 & .017 FEELER GAGES
¼ BLADE SCREWDRIVER
DEWLL METER
LAP STONE (USED POINTS)
ACID BRUSH
30MM ADJ WRENCH
CONTINUITY LIGHT
WHITE MARKER
OIL

BEST FRIEND TOOLS
ELFRINK MANUAL
TOW STRAP
MAGNET
SPLIT SCREWDRIVER
6" SINGLE MILL BASTARD FILE
JUMPER WIRE WITH ALLEGATOR CLIPS
CELL PHONE
"HELP" SIGN

VALVE ADJUSTMENT

TOOLS REQUIRED:

13MM BOX & OPEN END
NO PLAY SCREWDRIVER
0.006 & 0.007 FEELER GAGES
FILE ??
TAP
RAGS, PAPER TOWELS
ADJUSTABLE WRENCH SET AT 30MM
VALVE COVER GASKET

FIRING ORDER: 1-4-3-2

SET #1 AT TDC ROTOR POINTING TO NOTCH ON DISTRIBUTOR BODY
REMOVE PASSENGER SIDE VALVE COVER (#1 & #2).
CATCH OIL WITH RAGS. INSPECT OIL RESIDUE IN VALVE COVER. HOPEFULLY
CLEAN, METAL ?
CHECK EXISTING CLEARANCE AND RECORD.
BURRS ON JAM NUT AND SCREW SLOT SHOULD BE REMOVED.
IF JAM NUT CANNOT BE ROTATED WITH FINGER PRESSURE, IT MUST BE TAPPED
OUT.
SET CLEARANCE ON EXHAUST AND INTAKE AT 0.006 GO, 0.007 NO-GO
ROTATE ENGINE 180 DEGREES CCW AND DO #2 ON SAME SIDE.
REPLACE COVER.
AFTER REMOVING DRIVER SIDE VALVE COVER, ROTATE 180 DEGREES MORE AND
DO #3 DRIVER FRONT, 180 ONCE AGAIN AND DO #4 DRIVER REAR.
REPLACE VALVE COVERS. YOU ARE DONE.

NOTE– USE A NONHARDENING SEALANT OR ADHESIVE TO HOLD GASKET IN PLACE
WHILE INSTALLING THE VALVE COVER.

South Coast Loafers Lunch July 25, 2019.

A group of members enjoyed a Loafer's Lunch drive starting in Padanaram in Dartmouth, MA and after driving on the farm and coastal roads, ended up for lunch at the Acoaxet club. Bob DiCorpo gave an on the fly lesson on the how's and whys of tightening the battery cable, while Neil Fennessey gave a description of why and how the town of Dartmouth schedules emergency bridge closures. We all found detours around the bridge and Bob fixed the battery in time to join the group for lunch. George and Susan Kehler won the long distance trophy, having come from TN. All enjoyed a fun summer drive and lunch.

Tom Lamar Coughlin



Four Speeds and Drum Brakes by Tom Tate

Strange Connection

I have seen some strange things happen with cars over the years but none stranger than the story that you're about to hear. Settle back with an adult beverage and listen to this tale.

Because I've been playing with these old Tubs since college, I have a lot of connections in the restoration area and have used many craftsmen over the years. I have a guy that punches out perfect louvers in engine covers. I know another that can make (from scratch) a 356 Carrera 2 oil tank. I work with shops that can install floors and battery boxes in 50 year old cars and make them look correct and original. Because of those resources I have folks that call me looking for someone to work on their rides that they can have confidence in. I don't have any problem making connections for people, keeps good shops in business and keeps old cars on the road. It's what I call my hobby.

One such call came from a well-known shop back in 2011 that wanted some metal work done on a customer's car before they painted it. They could have done it in house but were backed up and didn't want to delay the restoration. The owner had driven the Speedster for 52 years having bought it in California for the princely sum of \$850. He was told that the car had been in an accident and that the front of the car had been replaced, hence the low selling price. Back in those days nobody cared.

I sent the shop to a master metal worker in Bridgewater who had done a few Tubs for me and really knew these cars well. After a couple of weeks I got a call from him asking if I could stop by the shop because he had a few questions and some concerns about the earlier repairs. The front had been clipped with the nose from another Speedster. It had been braised onto the car which is how it was done before TIG and MIG welding was invented. Remember, this was back in the early '60's and the cars weren't worth much. The VIN number didn't match since the nose is where the Factory stamped the chassis number and that was from another car. The VIN plate attached by the fuel tank said 83401 and the number stamped in the nose said 84908.



I went home and checked my Speedster book to discover that the replaced nose was from a Carrera Speedster, a car that is worth about three times the normal engine pushrod Speedster it was attached to. It was easy to tell because the

book gave 84908 an engine number that was for a four cam engine. Back in the day they held no greater value than a car with a pushrod engine, if anything they were worth less because few mechanics could keep a four cam engine running smoothly. Someone had sacrificed a Carrera Speedster, one of 151 built, to repair a pushrod car which numbered over 4200. I would assume that 84908 was either hit hard in the rear or suffered an engine fire leaving only the portion forward of the windshield posts usable. After a few phone calls, the instructions from the owner, through the original shop, were to leave it alone, he had bought the car as 83401, it was registered as 83401 all these years and considered it to just be part of the story of the car. The metal work continued.



Repairs were done, paint and assembly completed and the owner joined the local club and showed the car with great success. Red Speedsters are always a big hit and 83401 won the first time out at a TYP356NE show last year. The VIN number situation lay dormant under the front trunk mat. Just last weekend he took another first place in the 356 class at the Patrick Dempsey Porsche Show in Maine.



Last year the classic car world was shaken by news of lawsuits filed against and by Jerry Seinfeld over a Carrera Speedster that he had sold to an investment group in England, Fica Frio Limited. They claimed the car was not “authentic”. Jerry in turn sued the company he bought the car from, European Collectibles, since they had sold the car to him and had completed the restoration after their purchase from a shop in Florida when the owner had passed away.

In car circles the real question that everyone wanted to know was what made the car “fake”. Many of us had seen the car up close, including myself, in Scottsdale a few years ago. The car had won numerous awards and had been inspected by world experts for years with never a word of concern. The panels all fit perfectly, the engine was correct, alloy panels were present and the color, Auratium Green was reported to be the only example done in that color.

The media reported that the car was sold at a Gooding & Co auction in 2016. As Fica Frio Limited prepared to resell the car in 2017 an inspection was done and it was determined that the car was not as represented. When contacted, Jerry Seinfeld was reported to have said that he would take the car back and refund their money. However, the money was never returned and so in the fall of 2018 the lawsuit was filed in a New York court. In the belief that he could pass the car back to European Collectibles, Seinfeld’s lawyers then filed their suit against

the original seller in California. Neither lawsuit described in detail what it was about the car that made it fake or counterfeit. That left the classic car community buzzing about what the problem could be. I followed these cases closely as a Speedster owner because I couldn’t imagine what we had missed.

A couple of months ago an article appeared in the 356 Registry club magazine that recapped the litigation and for the first time, that I saw, posted the VIN of the car in question. It was 84908.

What? Wait, wasn’t that the same number that was stamped into the clip on the front of 83401 that I had found back in 2011? I went back and dug through the files in the computer looking for the shop pictures. Yes, it was and I still had the photos to prove it. Don’t you just love computers? They never lose anything. All I had to do was connect the numbers and with an engineering background that was easy.

The car that everyone was fighting over was clearly not 84908 because I knew where that was. Well, at least I knew where most of it had been for the last 52 years. I put a call into the attorneys for Fica Frio Limited overseas. After a chat that included the original appraiser that waved the “fake” flag they determined that my information had no value to them and the conversation was over. The lawyers would not allow the appraiser to tell me what tipped him off but I did tell him he was correct. I would’ve thought that the case could be resolved pretty quickly if there was more information than just two guys arguing their opinion about a restoration on a 61 year old car. Maybe not.

I got the same reaction from the lawyers that had filed the second suit. I told them that I would appear as an expert witness who could attest and actually provide access to the front half of 84908 but after some missed conference calls and unreturned voice mails that path went cold. I guess I just don’t understand the law.

I did reach out to the owner of European Collectibles who couldn’t have been nicer and more interested. While he had completed the restoration



tion before the sale to Seinfeld in 2012, it had been started by a shop that had closed years ago. As a dealer in CA with records of purchase and a trail back to that FL shop I believe that EC is not the guilty party but the hobby itself is really the biggest loser. He’ll be contacting the current owner to see how many of the empty spaces that they can fill in together.

Now vintage Porsches will be looked upon with a degree of suspicion that wasn’t there before these lawsuits started flying. We have all read about the two Ferraris that showed up on the show field with the same VIN. I guess we’ll have to look a little closer at the numbers on Porsches from here on. KTF

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For Sale 1965, 356C, Best offer - Contact- Garyr356@aol.com



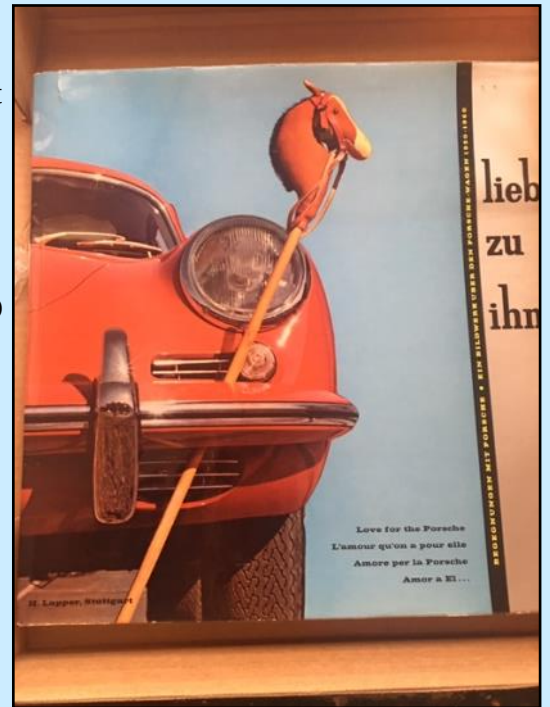
For Sale

Specific Porsche book on Porsche's from the 1960s. Lieberman zu ihm by Herman lapped Book in very good condition but dust jacket has a very small tear in back. Very rare an very expensive. Am selling for \$1250.00 with shipping.

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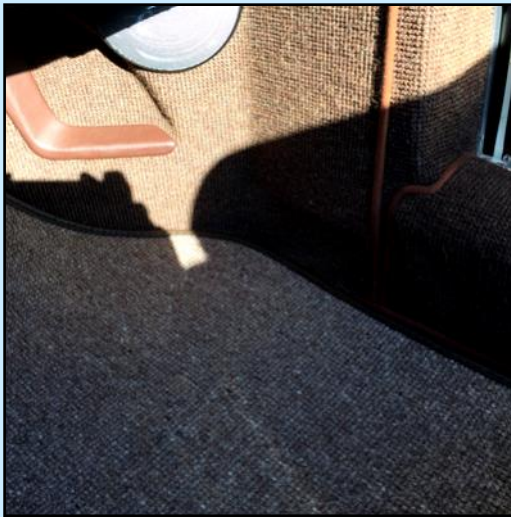
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1959 356a Roadster "D" by Intermeccanica, with about 7K miles from new. Features a custom built air cooled 146HP motor and 4 speed transmission. Chiffon White with Stallion Brown Leather. High spec model, with OEM Porsche steering wheel, umbrella brake, full leather interior, heated seats, power windows, a/c, bumper over riders, retrosound audio, German Happich top and tonneau, Touring 3.44:1 final drive, Auxiliary oil cooler - 72 plate with automatic power fan. This car has been meticulously maintained and is ready to drive and enjoy. Call, or text, 603-957-0680, for more information. I am thinning down my collection. Contact: John at jncl333@gmail.com



Odds and Ends!!!

At the Greenwich Concours in June, Tom Tate took this picture of a Pre A that the owner said was a "prototype" that he turned down a \$2m offer for.

There was also a silver, matching numbers, 57 Speedster there that was just purchased for \$600K.

Lot of money in Greenwich!!!

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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:

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