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Upcoming Events

September 19-21, 2024 – The Highway 356 Reunion in Helen, GA
<https://southavenuespeedshop.com/local-events/southern-356-drive/>
 September 22, 2024 – Drive Your 356 Day, get out there and drive your car!
 October 19, 2024 – Oktoberfest Concours/BBQ/Swap Meet in Cocoa, FL

Monthly Regional Meetings

If you are interested in suggesting or organizing a FOG statewide or regional event, contact Steve Hoffman, Events Chair, or your regional coordinator listed below.

One of the great benefits of owning a 356 is the opportunity to meet and socialize with a marvelous group of people – our fellow 356 owners. Since the long distances in Florida make it difficult for many members to attend statewide events, we have developed a system of local breakfasts and/or driving tours to keep our members in touch with each other.

Central Florida (Orlando area) Breakfast first Saturday of every month. Lunch tours occasionally. Contact Chris Edebohls at chris.edebohls@gmail.com or (407) 312-7329.

East Coast Florida (Vero Beach) Breakfast on the second Sunday of each month at 9 am at Panera Bread on 2001 Indian River Blvd. Contact Charles Weary at cweary1@gmail.com or (715) 661-2344.

Northeast Florida (Jacksonville area) Breakfast first Saturday of each month. Lunch tours occasionally. Contact Jim Voss at vossjax@bellsouth.net or at (904) 514-3038.

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Welcome New Members

Peter Antosiewicz	Deerfield Beach	59 Convertible D super
Richard Cane	Boca Raton	58 Speedster Replica
Mark Eskuche	Stuart	1958 A Speedster
Donovan Essen	Stuart	63 BT5 and 64 356C Coupe
Sebastian Gaeta	Ann Arbor, MI	64 C Cab
Paulette Hilsman	Boca Raton	NA
Bruce MacMillian	Essex, CT	1960 B Roadster
Kent Malone	Gainesville	1955 Pre-A Coupe
Robert Satterfield	Palm Beach	60 356B Roadster 1600 Super
Andrew Wetherington	St Simons Island, GA	64 Coupe SC
Craig Rennick	St Petersburg	59 Convertible D

President's Message

We are coming off another successful Gathering of the Faithful, if you attended, thank you. If you were unable to attend, then you missed a good one. I am not going to describe the event here as someone else is writing an article about it. What I will say is that we lucked out with the weather, the hotel, the concours site and the convenience of the location. Also, with the help of Debbie Cooper, Chip Steward, Janis Croft, Robin and Steve Hoffman, Terry Cohen and luck; Peggy and I were able to put the pieces of the puzzle together and have a successful GOF. It takes a lot of time and effort to put on a Gather of the Faithful and the elements that determine where we hold the event are not always easy to coordinate. I want to give a special thank you to our generous sponsors, the people and businesses that donated door prizes all which added to the success of the GOF. I want to thank David Witty for being the official photographer of the event.



At the end of the GOF we hold a member's meeting and the discussion turns to next year. In order to choose a location we have to consider if the can hotel can provide the rooms and spaces we need at an affordable price. Is the hotel willing to cooperate with us and make it easy to run an event? Where is the concours site? How's the parking and security? One of the main considerations – is it a location that the members are willing to drive to. Florida being long in two different directions means we are not going to find a midpoint in the state that makes everyone happy. That being said, this is what is required to find a location for the GOF. It is not easy, so when it comes together everyone is happy.

So where we will look next year, good question. The members made suggestions and we will start doing the research. Any location requires the local members to also help as Peggy and I cannot drive more than once to look at every suggested site. That will have to be done by a local person who can then pass on the information. Just like what is done to plan a drive or visit a location during a GOF. So, if you have an idea of where to hold a GOF please let us know and then be prepared to see if it can satisfy the criteria.

There is other business to think about:

- This is the first FOGLight of the year. Just as a reminder we have reduced the number of issues to four of The FOGLight as costs have gone up to publish and mail it.
- It is not too early to talk about elections at the ends of the year. Three trustees' terms will be up and we would like to have more than the minimum of candidates available. If you are interested the election will be held in December. If you would like to run we will need a short bio and a photo to use in FOGLight so the members can see who they would be voting for.
- Finally I want to remind everyone who wants to include the associate member to the email list please let the membership chair know so she can add them. Contact info is lisa356fog@gmail.com.

Paul Raben
FOG President

FOG Annual Meeting minutes highlights

Review of GOF

- Well liked, good turn out
- No significant change in cost for this year's event
- Send in ideas for location and activities for next year
- 2025 GOF Chair Peggy Raben

Non-profit status

- Working on federal non-profit status

FOGLight

- Going quarterly
- Regular column profiling a member
- 16 pages now

Board Openings

- 3 trustees up for election this year
Paul Raben, Steve Bamdas, Mike Koller

Trustee New Business

- Suggestion for a Club Historian
- Motion made and approved
- Terry Cohen official 1st Historian



Membership dues

- \$5 increase for 2025 with specific goals for spending
- Nametag
- Professional webmaster

Website

- New webmaster needed
- Working on pricing

Monthly breakfasts

- Propose new regional monthly breakfast in Vero
- Update point persons for each region's breakfast

Submitted by John Lovejoy III, Secretary

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FOG TWO Million Mile Mission

Drive Those Cars 2024

Article by Terry Cohen

Welcome, welcome my friends to the challenge that never ends! The GOF was the kickoff to the 2024 iteration of our mileage quest and there were some strong numbers posted. Especially encouraging were a lot of submissions from both new members as well as existing members who I hadn't heard from last year. As this is my second year in the role of mileage meister, I may not recognize former contributors becoming active again. And of course we have our submitters from last year. Everyone is welcome and strongly encouraged to participate. This is a club effort to rack up as many 356 miles towards our next major goal of surpassing the 2 million mile mark since the inception of this contest. We started this year 19,120 miles shy of the 1.5 "milestone" and I am sure there are enough miles on odometers out there to surpass that goal today if everyone would submit their 2024 miles year-to-date. As of the time of this posting, the running total for 2024 so far is 15,247 miles which leaves 3,873 more miles to reach our 1.5 million mile mark.

So here are our top 7 contributors so far:

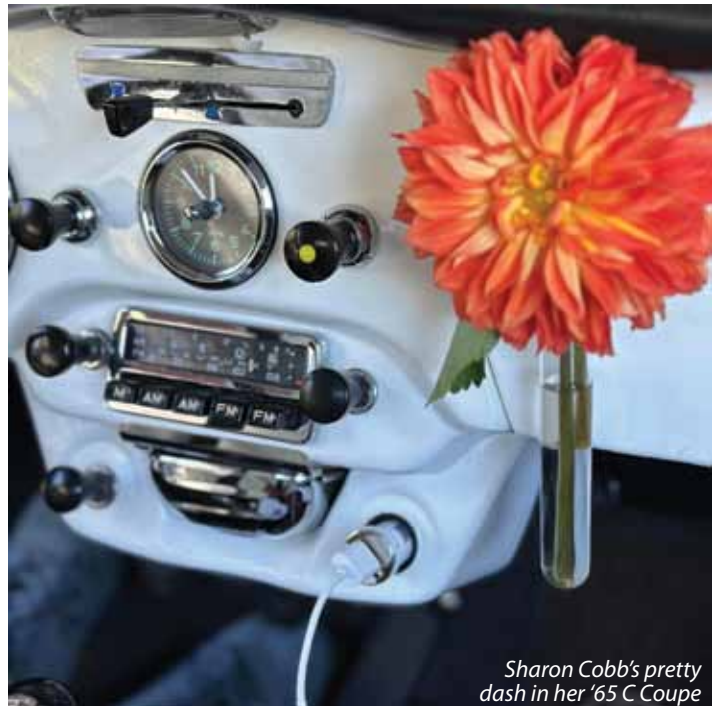
1. John Lovejoy III	1859
2. Stephen Martin	1112
3. James Rowe	1058
4. Paul Raben	1037
5. Richard Denham	792
6. Jerry Holderness	781
7. Pete Bartelli	780

I was surprised by some confusion regarding the format of the contest, so I'll quickly refresh everyone's understanding. The contest is honor based, so nobody is gonna go check your odometer readings! The idea is to end the year with the cumulative miles accrued by each member of FOG at the wheel of a 356. It does not have to be all in the same 356 if, for example, you own or have access to multiple 356s. I don't need the specific odometer reading, just the mileage total. However, if you want to send me odometer readings (January 1st reading and then readings at subsequent dates) I do keep track of that if offered, but it is not necessary. It would be nice if everyone would try to send me quarterly updates of the mileage since their last posting to me, but I have had individuals submit to me a total for the end of the year as their sole communicate and others who skip a posting or two over the course of the year. All of that works, but I like having a lot of data to sort with each article, so please send me each quarter if feasible. All submissions are welcomed and should be sent to me at tcohenmd356@gmail.com.

So Keep the 356 Faith and Drive Those Cars!!!!



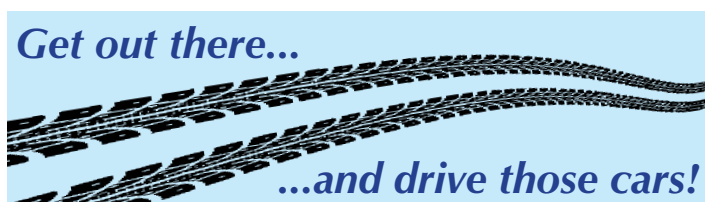
Ready to drive at the GOF



Sharon Cobb's pretty dash in her '65 C Coupe



Go on an adventure!



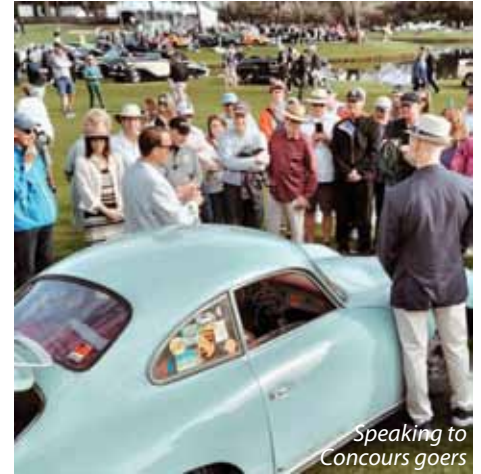
Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

Photos taken from Mark's Facebook (used with permission)

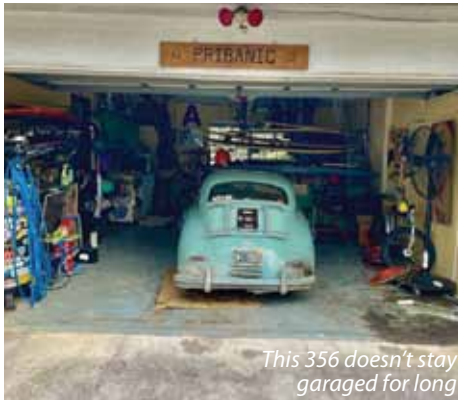
Our fellow Foggie, Mark Pribanic was invited to show his 1958 A Coupe at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance in March this year. He was also asked to speak about his travels at the Porsche Winemakers dinner – one of 5 Porsches. Mark rolled 18,146 miles on his odometer last year and was our top driver in the FOG Drive those Cars Contest. He has owned his car for over 25 years and has driven it more than 350K miles through the lower 48 states! Check out some of the photo highlights of his experience below.



Muddy tires at Amelia



Speaking to Concours goers



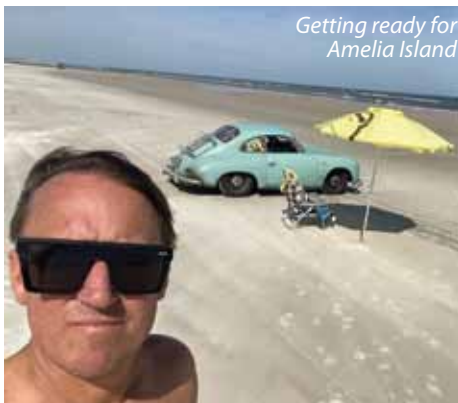
This 356 doesn't stay garaged for long



On the field



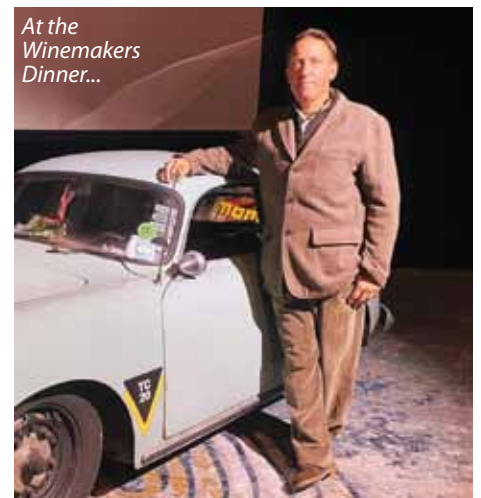
Talking with Wayne Carini



Getting ready for Amelia Island



Rain on the field



At the Winemakers Dinner...



Driving to Amelia Island



The Finn Ryan design team braving the rain



...one of the stars of the night

LA Lit and Toy Show

Article and photos by Joe Owen

This year's Porsche Toy and Literature show took place on February 24th at the Hilton in Los Angeles. My traveling companions for this year were fellow FOG members Mark Krekorian, Matt Peckham, and of course the incomparable Pete Bartelli.

The adventure began in the three days leading up to the show with a rented VW SUV and some lovely weather along the way. Beginning at the Porsche Experience in LA on Wednesday, we admired both the repair shop and the test track where you can pay to test the paces of any new Porsche model.

With so many amazing highlights, it was difficult to pick a favorite but our next stop at Wholesale California might well have been mine. Tucked in a Costa Mesa alleyway, it is the location of a 356 focused restoration shop run by Tom Drummond. Tom showed us several vintage Porsche projects in various stages – from rust removal to final polish!



It was then onward to European Collectibles, which had a large number of Speedsters for sale. They had a Fjord Carrera 2 Cabriolet on display, but unfortunately for me (and fortunately for my wallet) it was not for sale. Just down the street from European Collectibles, with its impressive restorations of early 911 models on display, was Carparc, where we wrapped up our Wednesday adventures.

Thursday was reserved for some unique shops. The morning saw us in Whiteman Airport, where our friend Joe DeMeo has an entire airplane hangar that is a high end restoration shop. He has a number of active projects, including a stunning 1966 Lamborghini, a 1966 911, several Carreras from the 70s and 80s, and his own 1962 356 Cabriolet. After lunch with Joe we headed south towards the Hilton LAX, stopping along the way at the Beverly Hills Car Club. With its rooms full of old project cars.

On Friday morning, we got an early start and en route to The Parts Shop, we took a trip down memory lane by stopping to see the house in which Mark and his wife had lived during the early 70s. It was nice to hear stories about the neighborhood, and to realize that old Porsches aren't the only things to have appreciated! The Parts Shop is run by Bill Perrone, a longtime member of the registry. He has an incredible collection of early, high quality Porsche parts and both he and his staff are welcoming and helpful. He displays his cars in the shop, but if you want to take a break from looking around he also puts out



a nice open house breakfast spread! Last year, his restored 1965 Bali Blue SC caught my eye. Coincidentally, this year it had a price tag on it! What good fortune! After receiving the blessings of Bartelli for the Bali and the advice on the monetary value from Matt, I discussed the sale with Bill; however, with both the asking price and the promise of more cars in the coming days, the gang was able to rein me in. I did end up spending a pretty penny, so not all was lost for Bill, and I left with a bag of parts and tools.

It was time for lunch, and we went to John Wilhoit's shop just in time for some amazing bratwurst. His shop is very popular on the open house circuit, and with good reason. There are a number of his completed projects on display along with some cars for sale. One, in particular, stood out from the rest – a prominently displayed champagne 1962 twin grill roadster. Pete Bartelli restored the car in the early 2000s and with it (and partner Ray Minella) won the Porsche Parade concours in 2006. I'm pretty sure Wilhoit knew Pete would be present to help promote the car and answer any questions anyone had. The question of its next owner, however, remains unanswered; the car is for sale if anyone has the dollars and the desire to win in the future.

After a great time, I drove the crew back to the Hilton to get ready for the Registry's first ever reception at the Toy and Lit show. Simply put, it was a great time and I hope it becomes a tradition.

Saturday's Toy and Literature show was an early and fun experience, just as it was last year. For an extra \$10, entry can be obtained at 7am instead of 9am. This is absolutely worth the money, especially if you are looking for a rare item. Among my purchases this year were an original English Reutter body book and a Service Directory from late 1964. I manned Pete's table while he looked around and (once again) outsold him. Having a table is a good experience due to both the early entry time as well as the ability to talk to the many interesting Porsche people. The best stuff goes early, but the best deals can be found on items left on tables as the event winds down.

We ultimately didn't get to as many open houses as I had anticipated this year; but our pace felt right. For those who want to ensure they hit the popular shops, the Registry offers a bus service. I prefer to rent a car with fun and knowledgeable friends, which just lends to the good times and laughs. Can't wait until next year!

Regional Gatherings

Our 356 Florida Owners Group covers a huge area so we have monthly gatherings in many different locations monthly. Check out the schedule on page 2 of FOGLight and come out to join the fun. And while you're there, snap a photo or two and write a note about your experience and it will be shared here.

Convoy to the GOF

by Pete Bartelli



I planned a back roads route to the GOF from my home in Venice to Daytona. I had a convoy of seven 356s (and an Audi) join in the drive and we moved east to Kathleen, Socrum, Eva, Green Pond and Howey in the Hills through some of the most beautiful roads in Florida. Many were "canopy" roads with moss everywhere. We stopped at J.B Boondocks for a fine lunch then onward north through more little towns with funny names, like Umatilla, Altoona, Paisley, Lake Kathryn and DeLand.

Southwest Region's March Breakfast

by Pete Bartelli

On the last Saturday in March, the SW region members met for breakfast at the First Watch Restaurant in Lakewood Ranch. Twenty-one members with eight Porsche 356 cars and few "other" Porsche models attended (does an Audi count?).



Conversations were lively both outside and inside, mostly discussing the GoF in Daytona the previous week and the permanent closing of Buildwerks in Sarasota. Jerry Holderness chatted about his trip to Machu Picchu, which conflicted with him attending the GOF. "Won't happen again" he was heard to say...but I think he was talking about hiking a mountain at 8000'. No argument there Jerry.

After the usual outstanding breakfast, the BS continued outside. David Wahl was there with the top down on his black '62 cab. We don't get to see that beauty too often. A small crowd gathered around Joe Owen's '63 Carrera 2 with Joe providing all the neat details. I drove my SC, but no one was interested except a non-member walking by. Oh well.

All in all, it was another fine start to the Easter weekend.





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The 2024 Gathering of the Faithful

Article by Pete Bartelli
Photos by David Witty

The 17th Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) was held in Daytona, FL on March 21-25, 2024. More than 114 FOG members from around the country attended this annual event bringing 61 +/- beautiful 356 Porsches. The event hotel was The Daytona, Autograph Collection, located just across International Speedway Blvd from the track. This brand-new hotel has 144 custom luxury designed guest rooms. What a spectacular location! Not only were places like gas stations (even with non-ethanol fuel), great restaurants and movie theaters within *walking* distance, the hotel accommodations were fantastic. The huge parking lot easily held our Porsches and a few tow rigs in a private section just a few steps to the hotel entrance. From the Blue Flame Bar on the second floor, we got a great view of the Winner's Circle, the venue for the People's Choice Concours on Saturday.



Where's the track?

A few weeks before the GOF, I began to plan a back roads route to Daytona from my home in Venice. The "normal" route of I-75 to I-4 with the usual traffic snarl around Disney just wasn't acceptable. As I mentioned this plan to several fellow Foggies, I got the "Can I join up along the way?" question. SURE! So, on Thursday morning, with me in my SC and my buddies Matt/Linda Peckham in their Carrera 2, we started our back roads convoy towards Daytona. We were joined by Joe Owen with his '65 Irish Green coupe in Fruitville about 35 miles later. We moved onward to Duette, meeting "Super" Dave Sigward and Bruce Terry in a '58 coupe, at the Country Store. We moved further north on SR39 to Knights, meeting Rick/Linda Rowe with their '60 silver cabrio, Todd/Jane Gilbert with their newly acquired '62 S90 coupe, Dan/Kelly Streetman, '62 Silver coupe and Gerry



Convoy under the hammock

Curts (now 356-less) in his Q5. The convoy of seven 356s (and an Audi) moved east to Kathleen, Socrum, Eva, Green Pond and Howey in the Hills through some of the most beautiful roads in Florida. Many were "canopy" roads with moss everywhere. We stopped at J.B Boondocks for a fine lunch then onward north through Umatilla, Altoona, Paisley, Lake Kathryn and DeLand before joining E. International Speedway Blvd to The Daytona. We arrived just in time to unpack the cars, register and get ready for the Welcome Party.

I was told by previous GOF organizers that "it's ALL about the food." It's obvious that Paul and Peggy Raben also got that message. The Thursday night party in the Blue Flame Bar was a wonderful start to this gathering. Old friendships renewed and new ones made. Camaraderie among us Foggies is legendary.



Blue Flame appetizers

The weather forecast for Friday was terrible with rain expected all day. Two events were planned in the morning, a driving tour of the Ormond Loop and lunch at the Halifax Plantation Golf Club or a visit to a private Micro Car Collection in the opposite direction. The start of the drives were postponed an hour and luckily, most of the rain stayed south of us. I chose the Ormond drive where the loop took us on lush canopy roads and along A1A by Flagler Beach. David Witty, a professional photographer who volunteered to spend the weekend with us, set up and captured the fantastic views as our 356's drove by.

The attendees who went to the Micro Car Collection tell me that it was an outstanding collection. Later in the afternoon I attended the swap meet. I schlepped a box of goodies from Venice I hoped would sell...or at least be given away. Interest was high but sales (and give aways) were low...oh well. Dinner at



Concours around the Winner's Circle

Camaraderie at the GOF



the 4 Rivers BBQ next door to the hotel was delicious. This year, the registration fee also included the Friday night BBQ...YEA! This day had a nice pace but I was ready for a good night's rest. Saturday was Concours day.

It was forecast to rain on Saturday, but the weather gods were kind to us. We staged the cars by class by 8:30am around the Winner's Circle. The sun came out and the day was gorgeous! There was a respectable showing of cars from early pre-A to C including coupes, cabs, Convertible D, Speedsters and Roadsters....even one outlaw. FUN day. I really enjoyed walking around the circle looking at these magnificent cars. By noon, all ballots had been cast for our People's Choice Concours. I needed a nap before dinner but I understand a few others went to the Motorsports Hall of Fame a tour. So much history and memories were made there.



The Awards Dinner on Saturday night was a buffet which featured, amongst other scrumptious items, my favorite pasta, Lasagna. Quiz Master Steve Hoffman administered the Tech Quiz with a new twist. The girls went first (that's not the twist) and while standing up they responded to tech question with arms raised for YES or down for NO. If you got it wrong, you sat down. The last one standing was the winner. There was a lot of laughing and discussions. Same procedure with the guys. The ultimate winners were Betta Jerome and Terry Cohen

The annual mileage report by Terry Cohen noted the top ten mileage statistics. I was FIFTH with 5108 miles for 2023. I received



a recognition letter AND a bottle of wine! Please consider letting Terry know your mileage stats every quarter. Can you guess who was #1?

The overall People's Choice Concours Award was won by Debbie and Bill Cooper with "Fritz", their stunning 1963 Sunroof Coupe. Full results are on the next page. The C Closed First in Class winner was Carlos Cendejas-Hernandez, perhaps our newest and youngest primary FOG member. His 1964 Togo Brown coupe, nicknamed "Hershey", is a real gem. Carlos graduated from the University of Tampa and opened a coffee shop in Tampa with his significant other Gabby. On Sunday, he drove Hershey on the Daytona track fulfilling a life long dream. Congratulations Carlos and welcome to the club.

Many people attended the FOG Annual Meeting Sunday morning and in the afternoon, 25 GOF attendees joined in the opportunity to drive a lap around the Daytona International Speedway. Organizers let our group out on the track first and we were quite a sight as we rolled around the iconic track together.



My two 356s are now tucked comfortably in my garage after another great GOF. This year's event set a new high standard. To President Paul Raben and Treasurer Peggy Raben, Chip Steward the Sponsor Chair, Terry Cohen with Drive your Cars, the Trustees and all the volunteers and sponsors who made this event a HUGE success....THANK YOU!

Keep the Faith,
Pete Bartelli

Results of the 2024 People's Choice Concours

Best in Show

Debbie and Bill Cooper - 1963 Sunroof Coupe



Pre-A/A Open

1st place - James Doughton - 1953 Guards Red Cab

Pre-A/A Closed

1st place - Chris Sloan - 1955 Turkish Red Continental Coupe

2nd place - Karen Walker - 1955 Black Continental Coupe

3rd place - Katherine Messer - 1957 Silver Coupe

B Open

1st place - Tom Blash - 1961 Bali Blue Roadster



2nd place - Rick Rowe - 1960 Silver Cab

3rd place - Toby Anderson - 1960 Ruby Red Roadster

B Closed

1st place - Todd Gilbert - 1962 Aqua Green Sunroof Coupe

2nd place - Chip Reichhart - 1963 Signal Red Sunroof Coupe

3rd place - George Bryan - 1962 Blue Notchback Coupe

C Open

1st place - John Osteen - 1964 Sky Blue SC Cab

2nd place - John Lovejoy - 1965 Heron Gray SC Cab

3rd place - Paul Raben - 1964 Silver C Cab

C Closed

1st place - Carlos Cendejas - 1964 Togo Brown C Coupe



2nd place - Pete Bartelli - 1964 Slate Gray C Sunroof Coupe

3rd place - Joe Owen - 1965 Irish Green SC Coupe

Speedster

1st place - GF Bown - 1957 White Speedster



2nd place - Ross Silverbach - 1955 Red Speedster

3rd place - Mark Eskuche - 1958 Ruby Red Speedster

Outlaw

1st place - Russell Hibbard - 1962 Smyrna Green Outlaw



Congratulations to all the winners. It was a fantastic concours. Please refer to our website 356fog.com under "Events" tab for more photos of the 2024 Gathering of the Faithful.

"Living Large" Micro Car Collection

Article by Debbie Cooper

Photos by Candace Daigle and Bill Cooper

The Gathering of the Faithful attendees who ventured to Patty Schwarze's private Micro Car Collection were treated to learn about outstanding vehicles which included tandem Messerschmidts (coupe and cabriolet), a Heinkel, a Fiat Multipla, a very rare Panhard convertible, a Isetta limo, a Gogomobile, three Citroëns, the first Subaru (360) imported into the US, and given free to new Cadillac owners. Vintage scooters rounded out the collection. Patty's husband, Don Hastings described the important features of each vehicle and mentioned the quirky things that he did to make sure each microcar or scooter was ready for the next outing. Thanks to Patty and Don as well as Shaye Williams for making it a special show for us.



A trio of Micros



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Isabel's Adventures

Across the Country in 3 Days

Article and photos by John Lovejoy III

Labor Day weekend 2023. A chance for a casual drive to Jacksonville, Florida to enjoy a relaxing weekend with family and a great opportunity to launch an across country adventure! After an impulsive thought, little mental deliberation, and a back of the napkin plan, I decided it was time to drive my 1965 Outlaw "Isabel" across the USA. Ostensibly planned around the desire to have a new top placed by Autos International in Escondido, California. I reached out to a friend who might be crazy enough to accompany me on this quest. After some cajoling, Spencer Pankiewicz agreed to co-pilot. We met at the Jacksonville international Airport on Labor Day, departing on I-10 at 13:30 in the afternoon. Let the excitement begin!



Road trip ready

As we drove past the I-75 interchange we noted residual hurricane damage along the I-10 corridor. A clear and beautiful day, we made good time through Pensacola and Mobile. There we turned north on the 98 merging into the 49 and then onto I-20. At roughly 23:30 we rolled into Vicksburg, Mississippi and found lodging at a Hampton Inn for a few zzzs. Awaking at 05:30, we grabbed a quick breakfast and hit the road. At our first fuel stop of the day, I noted grease on the passenger's rear wheel. This wheel bearing had been an issue before so I made a call to Zims Autotechnik in Dallas to see if they could take a look when we passed through. After some Dallas BBQ

for lunch, we rolled into Zims around 12:50. They were unbelievably kind and put Isabel immediately on the lift. Indeed, the bearing was leaking! After replacing the O-ring and washer, the axle nut was torqued, the transmission fluid was topped off and brakes rebled. A masterful pit-stop, we were back on the road by 15:30 on our way to conquer west Texas. West Texas is a beautiful landscape that just will not end! We encountered our only precipitation, 45 seconds of intense rainfall, and then a beautiful sunset. That evening it cooled down to jacket weather and the presence of fires, the smell of petroleum, and long fast roads accompanied us all the way to El Paso.



Wheel bearing repair

We arrived in El Paso after midnight and were impressed by the variety and number of neon lights as we weaved our way to our next Hampton Inn around 01:00, crashing hard. We decided to sleep in and awoke at around 08:00. Breakfast with Starbucks coffee and we were off to New Mexico. New Mexico was the hottest segment of our drive primarily because we crossed during daytime hours. We enjoyed great open spaces and a lively exchange of messages with kindred spirits from the Arizona Outlaws. We rolled into Phoenix, Arizona around 15:30 and made a quick stop to visit Jim Patrick at Patrick Motorsports. Jim gave us a wonderful tour of his amazing facility and then we were off to dinner with some local friends. We hit the sack early so as to depart Phoenix at 04:30. The drive into California lead us to Indian Wells and through the mountains on the 74 and then the 371. A quick jaunt on the I-15 and we arrived in Escondido at 09:30. Leaving Monday and arriving Thursday, we had driven approximately 40 hours over 3 days to arrive in southern California! A whooping 2747 miles. After an easy drop off at Autos I grabbed an Uber and headed to the airport. An

afternoon flight out of San Diego had me home in Orlando Thursday night. What a 356 driving adventure! Keep the faith and increase your 356 mileage!

Next up how to take a 356 from summer to winter and beaches to desert all in a long weekend.... stay tuned.



Mississippi



Dallas



Crossing Mount San Jacinto



Gas and go!

Tech Tip - Axle Boot Replacement

Article by Steve Hoffman, 356 Unlimited

Axle boots on any 356 tend to degrade over time. The only way to install solid axle boots is to take the tranny out of the car and pull each axle from the gear box. Usually not an option unless you are rebuilding your tranny. So, the only other viable option are split axle boots. Just about any 356 owner can change their tired axle boots using split axle boots. The boots you can get today are pretty good and should last several years. You will need to jack up the car to access them, so I recommend a good jack and jack stands.

Tools required:

- Medium Screwdriver to remove clamps and install bolts/screws on split boots
- Box cutter or some cutting device to remove old boots
- Jack with jack stands
- Catch pan for gear oil that is in the old boots
- Gear oil plunger/squitter to top of gear oil

Parts Required:

- Split Axle Boots (Usually kit comes with all bolts, nuts and clamps)
- Gear oil, recommend 80W-90

First off, make sure the car is cool. It is no fun crawling under a hot car. You need to jack up the rear of the car. Everyone may have their favorite way of doing this. We usually put a 6" or so section of 2x4 on the jack and lift under the hoop that holds the drive train to the firewall of the car.



After it is lifted enough, slide in the jack stands so the car is secure. We usually put them under the rear torsion housing where the metal is reinforced and somewhat flat. Again, we put a small block of wood or a hockey puck between the jack stand and the car.



Once the jack stands are in position, you can either leave the jack in place as a secondary assist or remove it if you need the room to maneuver under the car. Next remove the clamps at either side of the axle boot. Once removed the boot should move around a bit. If they are solid boots, you will need to cut them off. If they are split boots, you can either cut them off, easiest option, or take out the 6 or so screws holding them together. As you remove them, gear oil will most likely start to leak out of them. Rags or a good catch pan will take care of it. Don't worry, we will top the gear oil after we are done. Now that the boot is free, clean up the axle really well with brake cleaner or your cleaner of choice. Once they are nice and clean, you can install the split boot. Make sure the larger diameter end clears the hub on the rear differential and position the clamp on that end as well on the other end. Leave them loose for now until we put the screws in for the split rubber section. Position the boots so the open end faces horizontally towards the front of the car, opposite the engine. That keeps the split part free of any other parts and keeps the seam off the bottom. Some folks put the seam up, but that makes the screws really hard to start and tighten.



Go ahead and install the 6 or so screws that hold the two halves together. Don't over tighten them. You want them very snug, but don't distort the rubber or they make leak. Now you can tighten both clamps. Same logic, nice and snug so no gear oil gets by, but don't rip them through the rubber. Once complete on both sides, you have nice new axle boots. Well done! Now, remove the tranny fill port about 2/3 up the tranny and top off the tranny gear oil. Once it is at the top of the fill port, you are done. Tighten the fill port back up, climb out from under the car, lift it back up a bit to remove the jack stands and the jack. Quick check for no leaks but the real test is to take her for a short spin and check to make sure everything is nice and dry. If it all checks out, it is time for another cold one to celebrate your accomplishment. Check back next issue for another tech tip!

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