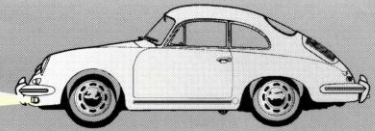


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The Official Newsletter of the 356 Porsche Florida Owners Group.

OCTOBER 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Frank Hood

As some of you may have heard, I recently purchased a '59 Thunderbird. Right now, many of you may be gasping for air or perhaps even picking your jaw up from the floor! Truth be told, I wasn't even looking for a Thunderbird - it just sort of appeared in my life. A friend of mine is a home inspector and has a unique advantage in that he comes across many forgotten treasures throughout his workday. One particular afternoon he sent me a text with a photo of this cool turquoise 59 T-Bird that had been stored in a garage for years and my reply was, "Dude, sweet ride!" Well, after some time he discovered the car was for sale and could be had for a song. My buddy passed on the car, stating it wasn't practical for him, which allowed me to become the new owner of the T-Bird.

After towing the new purchase to my shop, I admired the lines of the car, wondered how many memories were made over the years within the 2 doors, then set out to making the car roadworthy. I installed new brakes, fuel pump, filters, radiator hoses (I've only seen a few of these in my lifetime), battery, and a set of period Astro Mags with new tires. I drove the T-Bird for several months off and on and logged just over 1000 miles on my new ride. While driving the T-Bird I got more thumbs-up, honks, waves and smiles than with any other car I've driven. Once while at a swank hotel on Clearwater Beach I parked out front next to a new Ferrari, and the T-Bird got more respect than the Italian Stallion, which put a little smile on my face. However, while the T-Bird was fun, retro-cool, and received a lot of admiration, something was missing. Could it be the sound of a 1600, 4- cylinder air-cooled boxer engine? Was it the feeling of a perfectly timed downshift before entering a curvy corner? Perhaps it was being able to roll down the passenger window without getting out of the driver's seat, or in today's economy, getting 30 miles to the gallon, instead of 10. Was it seemingly normal things like turning on the petcock before you start out for a drive? The more I thought about it, the more I realized it was simply because I wasn't driving my 356. At the end of the day, the T-Bird is without a doubt a cool car, but I came to realize it wasn't the car for me. I decided to sell the T-Bird, made a call to my brother and the deal was made. Jim (my beatnik brother) is now the proud owner of what he simply calls "The Bird" and it suits him so well. All things considered, owning and driving "The Bird" actually made me appreciate the 356 on an entirely different level. "The Bird" and our beloved 356s

were produced during the same time period and yet couldn't have been more different. The 356 drives with vigor and zest while the Thunderbird drives more as if you are attempting to sail a yacht on black asphalt. So while I will admit that I was tempted by the fruit of another, I have confirmed my true love for the 356. It's good to be home.

Enjoy your 356 to its fullest!
Frank



This Really Isn't Me, Is It?

Photo by Frank Hood

DY 356 Helen Adventure

Lee Payne

Once upon a time, in the land of the 356, it came to be known that there would not be held the annual ritual of the East Coast Holiday. Florida Owners Group members were sad and wondered how could this be? There had always been an East Coast Holiday - the members expected it, their calendars awaited it, and their children were conceived around it. What was to become of them?

And then the FOG was lifted, the light shone through, and the GANG OF THREE stepped up to fill this awful void and present to the world the EAST COAST DY 356 DAY Event at Helen, Georgia, in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. They flocked, 70 cars and 183 souls strong, in Speedsters and Roadsters; Coupes and Cabs; Notchbacks and Outlawsand even a Beutler - one of four in the world currently running.

What a wonderful event it was. The setting was the rustic Tanglewood Cabins and Pavilion, with most members lodged in quaint cabins throughout the woods off Georgia Highway 356. Yes, Highway 356. A panacea for

Porsches and sports cars of any type, with twisting turns and breathtaking scenery throughout the forests.

But wait, there's more! In the immediate area were even better Porsche roads, with even more twisting turns and beautiful scenery – and best of all, very little, if any traffic. And don't tell anyone, but there is this place nearby called "The Loop", that rivals the "Tail of the Dragon" in North Carolina and Tennessee, yet is not clogged with traffic or police. It consists of places like Wolf Pen Gap and Blood Mountain. Dare I say that some of our members might have slightly exceeded the posted speed limits over the weekend as they diced amongst the flora and fauna of North Georgia?

The tempo was informal, and the GANG OF THREE obviously worked very hard to make it so – no *concours*, no banquet, no speaker, no beer.....geez, you'll believe anything. The Gang of Three consisted of George (Colonel, Ret.) Bryan, Curt Dansby, and Tom McCoy, with support of The Southern Owners Group, The Tennessee Tubs, The Thunder Road Tubs, and The Florida Owners Group. Each group was assigned responsibilities for various activities, and, as far as I could tell, everyone pulled their weight and contributed to the overwhelming success of the event.

Upon arriving Friday afternoon and checking into our cabins, we gathered across Highway 356 (I love it!) at the pavilion to register, get our goodie bags, and the first of many beers presented in kegs, in bottles, in cans – all donated, along with wines, by sponsors and participants alike. As the evening progressed, it became increasingly cooler, and members pulled their chairs up to the bonfire for conversation and meeting new Porsche friends.

FOG was responsible for Friday evening sustenance, and Frank Hood and Renee took charge of the brat and hotdog cookout. Some of us had been tasked to bring the charcoal, condiments, utensils, paper plates, etc. and where some people carried it in their 356s I don't know, but out it came and a great dinner was enjoyed by all.



Beutler Coupe

Photo by Lee Payne

The Friday entertainment the GANG OF THREE came up with was fabulous, and fit right in with the laid-back atmosphere of the event. As the 70 356s arrived, they were arranged in rows facing what eventually became a portable blow-up drive-in movie screen. Tons of roasted peanuts were passed out, the kegs were pumped up, and we all were treated to a screening of "Harper" with Paul Neuman and his slightly used Speedster that ended up going over a cliff. The groan of our members during that scene could even be heard over the crunch of peanuts. The movie lasted till 10:30 PM, and it got chilly – a new sensation for FOG members, who brought out coats and blankets to finish the film. The next morning, little piles of peanut shells were seen all over the grass where the movie was shown. More for the bears.



Karl Boegner's Man Cave

Photo by Lee Payne

Saturday morning began early (too early for some) with a trip to Joe Cogbill's shop for an informal swap meet. Even the drive to his shop was a fun set of roads. The Saturday Mountain Drive and Luncheon Run was a chance for all to really enjoy the roads and wonderful weather through the Georgia mountains. This was basically a self-guided tour to Wolf Mountain Vineyards. Some arranged their own groups to make the run, while others used the drive for a leisurely sightseeing trip. Maps were provided to allow for everyone to choose their own route and pace for this fabulous drive and luncheon.

Wolf Mountain Vineyards and Winery is one of over ten wineries in the area, and is owned by Karl and Linda Boegner, long-time Porscheophiles. Karl's garage is the man cave of all man caves. It boasts a huge antique executive desk that serves as his office, and the walls are covered with copious Porsche memorabilia. Currently housed in the garage is a Boxster Spyder, a Speedster, a 356 Coupe and 911 Carrera, in addition to a Porsche pedal car for the youngsters. Their estate on the winery grounds is an incredibly beautiful rock-faced Alpine-inspired home with fantastic views of the countryside. Famous for their wines and fabulous wedding venues, the beauty was only exceeded by the Boegner's hospitality.

Saturday night's "non-banquet" was a wonderful B-B-Q sponsored by The 356 Registry. Again, the beer and wine were plentiful, the bonfire was roaring, and we broke out the paper plates and plastic forks to enjoy more conversation and review of the day with old and new friends.

Saturday night's entertainment was provided by a local acoustic band of pickers and musicians, The Buzzard Mountain Boys. They were excellent and everyone had a great time clapping to the Bluegrass and Appalachian folk music that seemed right at home in the Georgia Mountains.

Sunday was the official EAST COAST DY DRIVE to Germany on Route 356 to honor Ferry Porsche's birthday. This event was well-planned and thought-out as the cars were divided up into manageable groups for a driving tour to Germany (former town, now an exclusive fly-in resort), and then on to the Glen Ella Springs Inn for lunch.

The idea was to keep the cars in small groups, so no one got lost or separated. Some spirited driving was reported, but it seems even the leaders can get lost on these roads. After our group turned around on narrow, mostly gravel roads three times, out came the GPS, and we headed directly to lunch. Apparently finding the same difficulties, other groups straggled in – some after lunch had begun. Oddly enough, when you drove through a small stream, you knew you were on the right track. The lunch was beyond expectations and set a new standard for buffet: BBQ Boston Butt, smoked turkey with mustard sauce, southern corn pudding, tomato basil grits, the best cole slaw, and a mouth watering warm fruit cobbler for dessert.

Monday, everyone took off in various directions with memories of a great weekend and gathering. This was an event for the books, and people really seemed to like the casual atmosphere.

Many thanks to the sponsors who helped THE GANG OF THREE pull things together: Stuttgart Super Sport, Porsche Parts Pimps Alliance, EASY, UNOBTANIUM INC., Stuttgart Classic Parts, Stoddard-NLA, The 356 Registry, Bruce Baker Enterprises, Carrera Motorsports, Herman and Walker, LLC, ZIM's Autotechnik, and any others I forgot to mention.

Maybe it takes an event like this to prove the axiom – sometimes less is more.....

TO HELEN BACK

John Reker

The DY356 event in Helen, GA, started off a bit ominously. We wanted to caravan with at least one other car. At one point we had as many as three cars, but after numerous changes involving five cars, we ended up going solo most of the way, meeting Glenn and Amy Long in Athens, GA, for an overnight and cruise into Helen the following morning.

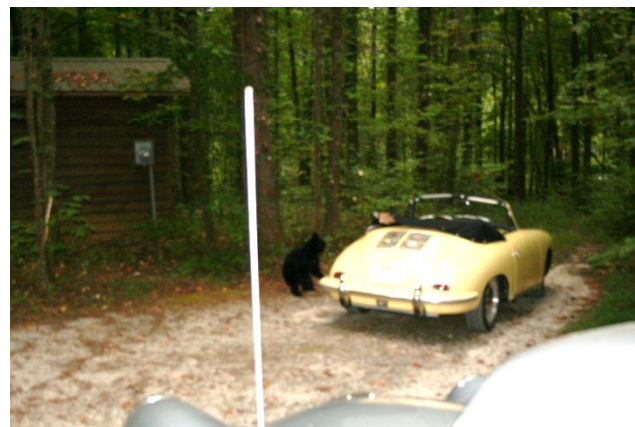
The event organizers encouraged attendees to bring wine or beer to contribute to the general hospitality cause. Glenn wanted to bring a case and put it on his luggage rack. He had a hard time choosing what beer to buy. Not wanting to deteriorate the front to rear weight balance of his 356 more than he had to, he finally chose Miller **Lite**. See picture.



Glenn Long's Beerwagen

Photo by John Reker

The event had a rustic setting. We, the Longs, and Jim and Carla Bruton shared a 3 bedroom cabin on a dirt road in the woods. I came out one morning to put the top down on the car and saw a black animal the size of a dog. It was a bear. It seemed to stay a bit away while I put down the top. I then went in the cabin and said to all "how would you like to see a bear". Jim Bruton grabbed his camera and we went out. The bear had its paws up on my driver's window sill and looked like it was about to get in the car and drive off. Jim snapped a quick, but a little fuzzy, picture after we shooed the bear down from the driver side window sill. See Picture on our web site - best in color.



Admiring Bear

Photo by Jim Bruton

For someone like me, who has driven many road race tracks around the country in my 911, the driving was paradise. Miles and miles of great curves, up and down elevation, no traffic, no cops. It was like an all-out real road race at times.

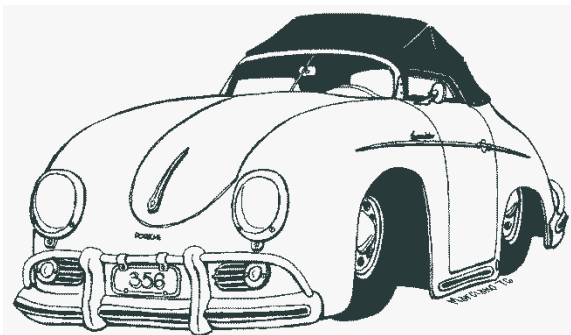
One of the events we drove to on 30 plus miles of twisties, was the tour of Wolf Mountain Winery. This was set up by FOG member Paul Schiemer, who now lives near the winery in Dahlonega. A spectacular setting for the winery on steep hillsides, and the owner is a long time Porsche person. See the picture of a group of us at the winery.

There was a lot more to the overall event. For instance FOG, under the leadership and fine organization of Frank Hood and Renee, headed up one of the evening meals- a cookout of brats, etc., for over 100 people. We did the grilling and everything. That was the spirit of the whole event. Everyone pitching in and having a relaxed, adventurous time.

The ultimate credit for this event goes to the "Gang of Three" located fairly near the event site (George Bryan, Curt Dansby and Tom McCoy) and several others who put it all together and pulled off a not-to-be-forgotten good old fashioned 356 get-together.



The FOG Group at the Wolf Mountain Winery



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FOG Storms Porsche Parade Historical and Technical Quiz

John Reker

The PCA Porsche Parade was in Savannah this year, and a number of FOG folks attended. Alan Berg and Mark Pribanic had their 356s there and others had later model Porsches. The "Tech Quiz", as it is known, consists of 50 history and tech questions starting from the career of Ferdinand Porsche. Then, each entrant picks a model class, (such as 356, early 911, etc.), and there are 25 questions, nearly all technical, for that class.

Of the four trophies awarded for 356 Model class entrants, FOG members accounted for three! Terry Cohen got first place in the Men's category, I got third, and in the Ladies my wife Jan got first. Among all model class participants Terry got fourth overall. Go FOG !



Techies: 1 – r: Terry Cohen, Jan Reker, John Reker

Drive Those Cars Contest 2011

John Reker

THE CONTEST IS HEATING UP! Several more people have entered the contest, and the trip to Helen, GA, has added some significant miles for a number of people. The surprise entrant is Sid Wilde, who has completed one of his around the world trips to the West Coast, specifically the McMinnville, Oregon, event. Dave DeRossett and Buster Venable have also jumped in with their Helen miles, plus other trips.

Here are the results so far. I have listed all entrants with over 300 miles to date. The contest will end December 17, so take advantage of the fall driving to add to your miles. Thank you all for participating.

Sid Wilde	Ft. Lauderdale	9450
Glen Getchell	Seminole	8191
Mark Pribanic	Neptune Beach	7631
John Knight	Atlanta, GA	6649
Jack Kasmer	Sebring	4715
Buster Venable	Cocoa Beach	4511
Gary Resnick	Boynton Beach	3976
Mark Koorland	St. Petersburg	3056
John Reker	Winter Park	2539
Dave DeRossett	Daytona Beach	2394
Glenn Long	Dunnellon	2359
John King	Clearwater	1759
Bob Ross	Englewood	1385
Mike Davis	Winter Park	1201
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Rich Williams	Sarasota	868
Ron Platt	Port St. Lucie	586
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Membership Report

John Reker

Please welcome these new members:

Steve and Lynn Bamdas join from Lighthouse Point. They have a partially restored '64 SC Coupe. Contact at (954) 856-8800.

Ralph and Joan Ammurati live in Palm Beach and have a 1965 C coupe. Ralph is the original owner (That makes 3 in FOG!). The car was restored in 1986 and is black on black. Telephone (561) 833-6000.

Juan Carlos Fleites joins us from Miami. He has a 1953 356 and can be reached at (305) 662-4771.

Stuttgart Super Sport Tech Session

Tom Pletcher

The hot weather did not prevent at least 25 people from attending President Hood's tech session at his Clearwater shop, aka Stuttgart SS. Nor did the typically hostile outdoor environment keep 12 PORSCHE cars from being driven to the event. (just off Hercules Ave, past Clearwater Air Park.) Among the 356s was 1-Speedster, 1-Convertible D, 2-A coupes (including "Bismark") and 3- C coupes. Other non 356s were at least counted in respect for the name, founder Ferdinand and especially his son Ferdinand Jr. (Ferry) who guided the business through its first 50 years of careful growth and development.

My reason for attending an August "tech session" was primarily out of respect for our current president Frank Hood hosting such a meeting about rust and welding, not exactly cool subjects on a hot day. What was cool was the extensive spread of pre meeting treats like something you might see at a major Holiday!

Fresh pastries, coffee, juices, bowls of fruit, berries, enough of everything for several gatherings of the faithful. Such scrumptious amenities definitely enhanced the topic of the meeting and more than diminished any importance or need for an air conditioned lounge or classroom, especially for so many in attendance. Frank's multiple shop fans were adequate for us rugged air cooled 356ers even while guzzling hot coffee and pastries. Special thanks to Frank's lady, Renee, for all the culinary treats and friendly hospitality.

Here are Frank's 12 steps for proper repair of rust in 356 doors. After you read this, you'll be glad your 356 only has 2 doors!

Step 1: Remove door panels, handles, window frames, windows, window mechanism, and lock mechanism to avoid damage when grinding, blasting and welding.

Step 2: Remove doors from car by removing hinge pins. This will allow for easy realignment when reinstalling the doors.

Step 3: Strip paint, using gel paint stripper available from your local home improvement center. You can purchase stripper from an automotive paint store but it will be more expensive.

Step 4: After door has been stripped to bare metal, clean door with lacquer thinner.

Step 5: Assess rust damage and cut out areas in need of repair with a cut-off wheel and die grinder. It is best to leave as much of the original metal as possible.

Step 6: Use the rusty pieces that were removed as templates to make your patch panels, using 20 gauge metal. 356s were produced with 20 gauge steel; therefore only 20 gauge steel should be used for repairs. Local hardware stores generally do not carry 20 gauge steel, so it is best to visit a metal supply house in your area.

Step 7: After carefully fitting the patch panels, it's time to weld them in. It is important you don't get the weld too hot or you will warp the door, if the weld is too cold, the weld will be brittle and will not hold. A delicate balance must be achieved to get the perfect weld. The number one rule in welding is patience!

Step 8: Grinding. The same cut off wheel used for cutting out the rust is used again to grind the welds. This is used because very little heat is generated due to the small surface area of the cut off wheel. Grind perpendicular to the weld for the best results.

Step 9: Polishing the weld. A 4 inch, 24 grit grinding disc is used for this. Grind the repaired area in a smooth and gentle motion without heating the metal.

Step 10: Treat inside of door with Ospho or other type of rust preventer/treatment. Prime with epoxy primer and undercoat.

Step 11: Prime outside of door with epoxy primer.

Step 12: Admire your work and crack a cold one!

Coming Events

October 15 – Lake Mirror Classic. Join the many FOG members who usually attend the Lake Mirror Classic in Lakeand, one of the best car shows in the Southeast. There will be over 500 cars, ranging from sports cars to muscle cars to Pre-WW I "brass era" cars. Opening ceremonies 10:00 AM, Awards 3:00 PM. Admission free. More details www.lakemirrorclassic.com.

October 30 – Kirk Stowers Memorial BBQ. The next official FOG event is the **Octoberfest Concours/BBQ and Swap Meet Sunday, October 30** at F.Burton Smith Park in Cocoa, FL. We have been invited to join this event led by Space Coast Region PCA, with attendance by other PCA Regions. **This event will introduce the Kirk Stowers Memorial Trophy for 1st place in the 356 concours.** Setup will begin at 9:00 AM, with judging starting around 10:00 AM. Lunch around noon. Nominal fee of \$15 includes BBQ lunch.

They will have plenty of tables available for swap meet items - parts, literature, models, memorabilia, etc so bring your stuff. There will be many potential buyers.

This is a very enjoyable event. We need as many 356s as possible to honor Kirk. Mark it on your calendar. More details to follow.

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Bugs in the Hangar/ Drive your 356 Day

Tom Pletcher

FOG members Vince and Jennifer Santorelly invited FOG members to this 4th annual event. It is staged at the small general aviation airport north of historic New Smyrna Beach.

I attended in 2010; there were far fewer 356s this time due to a few conflicts, including the multi-club sponsorship of the Germany, Georgia, DY 356 event, which drew a core group of Orlando members.

As those of us full time Florida residents know, September is the worse of our semiannual invasion of so called "love bugs". The other month for these flying tailgaters is May.

On arriving, I was directed to the 356 area with as many as 8 356s. Other non 356 Porsches were parked nearby, but the majority of vehicles were VWs: Beetles, Buses, high performance Dune Buggies, Karmann Ghias, etc. One original Beetle owner showed his 1958 sedan looking as pristine as the original price/spec sticker on the side window.

While introducing myself to other 356ers, I found that none were FOG members but most had considered joining. Hello? I gave my usual pitch about the value and benefits of being members of FOG in addition to the Registry.

For anyone much nearer to this location, it is something and someplace to go. Local restaurants had food and beverage tents with good things to eat and drink. Registrants are given ballots to vote your choice of VW, PORSCHE, AUDI and another brand I don't recall. Most 356ers leave by early afternoon for lunch elsewhere or to just get anywhere cool and comfortable.

The theme must have begun by VW owners who found a location to stage a local car show, hence the bugs/hangar connection. Unfortunately, my connection after driving to and from New Smyrna Beach is"Bugs ON the car, not in the hangar." Sorry.

I missed seeing any familiar FOGgies but did my duty by driving my 356. "Bismark" still only has 300,890 miles since new. Alas.

5th Annual "Gathering of the Faithful"
Terrace Hotel, Lakeland, Florida
Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, February 24

Noon	Designated Porsche 356 parking lot opens for the weekend. Car Wash Station will be available. Hose and water are provided. Please bring your own supplies.
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	GOF registration in the Ballroom on the Mezzanine Floor
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Welcoming reception with hors d' oeuvres and cash bar.
7:30 p.m.	Dinner is on your own. Enjoy dinner at the Terrace Hotel , or at one of many fun restaurants in downtown Lakeland .

Saturday, February 25

	Breakfast on your own
7:00 am	Carwash station opens
8:30-10:00	Registration continues at the <i>Concours</i> site.
8:30-9:45am	Cars participating in the People's Choice Concours may be parked at the <i>Concours</i> site.
10:00-Noon	People's Choice Concours. Please return your People's Choice Ballot no later than noon. A red ballot box will be located on a table at the <i>Concours</i> site.
Noon-1:30pm	Lunch on your own.
1:30-2:00	Tech Quiz
2:00	Meeting for Driving Tour participants at the Hotel parking lot.
3:30pm	Driving Tour returns to Terrace Hotel
3:30-5pm	Beer Bash
6:00pm.	Cocktail Party with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.
7:00pm	GOF banquet followed by Awards Presentation.

Sunday February 26

9:00am	Porsche 356 Florida Owners' Group Annual Meeting with special guest speaker.
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NOTE: Our 2012 Gathering of the Faithful weekend is officially over at the conclusion of our Annual Meeting.

If you have any questions before or during the Gathering please call Mark Koorland @ (850) 567 9010 or koorland@gmail.com



Panhandle Porsches

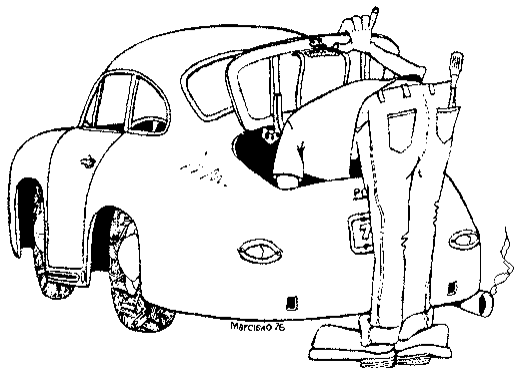
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Florida Panhandle Drive Your 356 Day

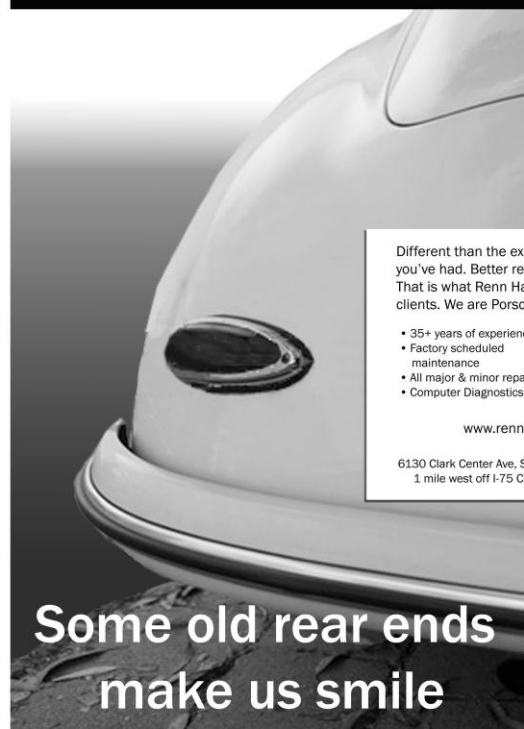
Don Boggs

We had our best turnout ever, and I know of at least 4 more cars in town that we can hope to get out in the future. The cars are, L to R: Don Boggs' B roadster, Richard Burkhart's SC coupe, Don Vodicka's SC coupe, Cynthia Davis' B coupe, Alan Berg's C cabriolet, Don Boggs' C coupe. The picture was taken in front of the "Sportsmanship" statue outside Doak Campbell Stadium at FSU, and the photographer was Alan Berg.

I still wish the professor had not been born during lovebug season; bringing both of my cars doubled the cleanup time after our drive to the coast that followed the picture-taking.



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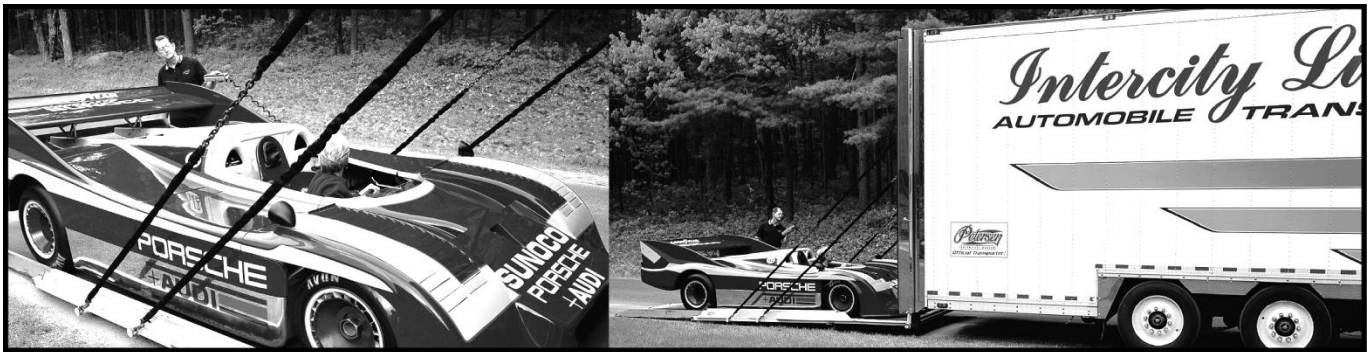
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Time: 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

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