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A very rare (1 of 3) VW based "Auto - Rosell" with a Porsche 356 engine seen at this year's Nor-Cal Treffen

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356CAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

San Mateo Breakfast

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President's Message

By Barney Speckman

What happened to 2016?

It's mid-August - where did the time go? I hope that you are taking advantage of the great weather and roads here in California and are getting your cars on the roads with friends and really enjoying them. The way this year has flown by it seems it won't be long and we will be heading into winter. So take advantage of the summer and soon the Fall will be here in Alta California, in what is probably one of the best if not the best place to enjoy our cars.

In this issue of the 356CAR Newsletter we review recently completed activities and highlight planned activities while we again seek your help to add even more.

The VW Porsche Treffen – August 7, 2016

On a beautiful day in Concord's Dave Brubeck Park, the organizers of this annual event once again put on an outstanding event together with a fun mix of air cooled cars – mostly Volkswagens and Porsches but with a few other marques to add some spice. For example there was a beautiful three wheeled Messerschmitt car whose owner allowed interested children to hop in to experience the feel and perhaps dream of driving / owning one. Also, there was a one of apparently only three made hand crafted cars that looks vaguely like a Porsche A, but with suicide doors. The car was made by Auto-Rossel in Wiesbaden (VW) according to the badge on the car and I am told it has a Porsche engine. I could not confirm any of this with the owner who was off enjoying other people's cars. I counted at least 20 of our members and their guests having a great time at the event. See the picture of this very unique car on the cover of the newsletter and the Treffen 2016 article.

If you missed Treffen this year make sure you consider making it next year.

356CAR Logo Apparel

Fred Huberty

356CAR has set up an account with L.L. Bean Direct to Business so that members can purchase a wide variety of clothing items customized with our 356CAR logo embroidered on it. The selection of clothing can be found in the L.L. Bean Direct to Business online catalog that is very similar to the main L.L. Bean catalog. Once an item is selected you can work with the sales representative to choose the logo in colors you prefer to create a suitable contrast with the item you have chosen. While your total cost is dependent on the cost of the clothing item plus the cost of the embroidery, the club has already paid the initial embroidery set up.



To order apparel items first visit the L.L. Bean Direct to Business website at www.LLBeanBusiness.com and select from the online catalog. Then call their account representative at 800.554.4071 and tell her you want to buy an item under the "356 CAR CALIFORNIA ALTA REGION" (Customer No. 7309979974/Design No. 94497). To pay for the item, you will need to provide a credit or debit card and a shipping address.

By the way, orders of 6 or more of the same item in the same color reduce the embroidery cost from \$12 per item to \$5.50 per item. So it pays to get together with a group of friends who wish to order the same items (e.g. hats or jackets of the same color.)

Fall Festival in Yosemite

The Southern California 356Club is planning a Fall Festival get together for September 29th – Oct 2 to be held at the Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite. It promises to be a great and hugely successful event at a beautiful location – as it was before. Registration is open - check out the details on the calendar page.

Interested in Organizing and Event?

Rich Peters and Ron Delmendo are open to new ideas and members who would like to lead and organize new events. Please contact Rich or Ron with your ideas using the contact information listed in the front of the Newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Just a reminder to regularly check the newsletter's "Schedule of Events" and the 356CAR.org "Calendar" section for dates and details of upcoming events. While we periodically send email reminders of major events, there's a lot going on this year and we encourage all to join in the fun of so many activities.

Featured Articles

This edition of 356CAR Newsletter features many recent NorCal events and highlights the coming Fall Festival in Yosemite next month. I hope many enjoyed the past events and that you all will take advantage of the South's 356Club hard work and plans for Yosemite.

356CAR Membership Recognition Program

The 356CAR 2016 Membership Recognition Program which recognizes outstanding contribution by club members is underway. Nominations for one of the three possible awards are to be emailed to me by October 31, 2015. See the 36CAR website for a complete description of the three types of awards included in the program.

Badges & Window Stickers

356CAR name badges and grille badges can be ordered directly from our Membership Chair Phil Rowe. Also, a few 356CAR window stickers are free to members in good standing. Contact Michael Hodos while the supply lasts.

Lastly, let's always remember to be very careful out there!

Barney



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(you can browse our Facebook page without being a member- check it out!)

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356CAR relies on Constant Contact email and event services to keep you up to date on events. These flyers supplement information in the newsletter. If we don't have your email address you will miss out! Update your contact information at 356CAR.org website member's page:

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(All information remains private)

Schedule of Events For 2016

Event dates and locations are subject to change.

Always check www.356car.org for the most up-to-date event information.

September 18 Drive Your 356 Day

All are welcome! Local group tours/meet-ups throughout Northern California.

South Bay/Santa Cruz Tour:

Meeting Point #1: 9 AM Gateway Plaza,(aka.Cost Plus) near River St. and Highway 1. Java Junction for coffee.

Meeting Point #2: 10 AM Parking lot at Highway#35-Skyline Blvd & Highway #9.

Meeting Point #3: 10:30 Skylonda, Highway #84 and Skyline, across the street from Alice's. Drive from there through the redwoods to Pescadero for an hour stop, browse the shops, visit the bakery, and take a break. Lunch at Highway #1 Brewery at Gazos Creek and Highway 1. Contact Steve Douglas (soquelglen@prodigy.net) for additional details.

September 24 Foothills Wine Tour and Car Show

A casual tour to the Amador Wine Country with lunch and a car show at Perry Creek Winery in Fairplay. This is a *special event* at Perry Creek and we are invited to exhibit our 356s. Additional details provided at the September 10th Sacramento breakfast meeting.

Sept 29 - Oct 2 Yosemite Fall Festival, hosted by 356 Club of Southern California

Yosemite, 356s, Fall... pretty much self-explanatory. The 356CLUB is going back to one of our favorite locations to exercise our cars in the mountain air.

The Headquarters Hotel is the Tenaya Lodge, 1122 Highway 41, Fish Camp, CA, 93623. The room reservation phone is 877-635-5807. Mention the 356 Group Rate Code - 3124PU for a room rate of \$229 per night. Registrant Fee \$60; Co-Registrants are \$50. Go to: www.356car.org/calendar.html for additional information and registration links.

Tentative Schedule

Thursday

4:00 - 7:00 pm - Registration

5:00 - 7:00 pm - Welcome reception

Friday

10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Driving tours

4:00 - 5:30 pm - Registration

5:00 - 7:00 pm - Reception

Dinner on your own

Saturday

8:00 am - Car Show placement

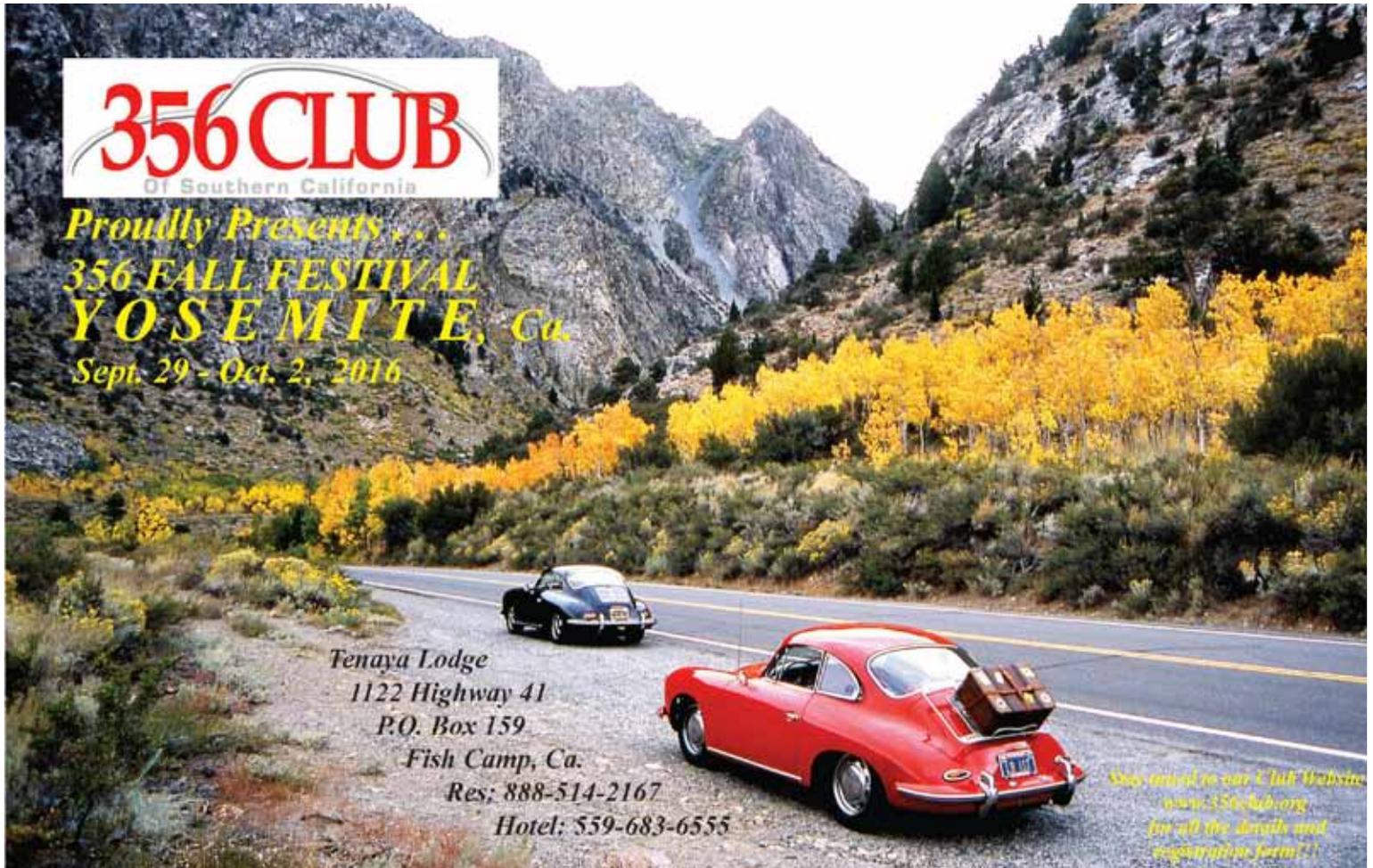
12:00 - 1:30 pm - Lunch buffet on the lawn

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Happy hour reception

7:00 - 9:30 pm - Awards banquet

Sunday

7:00 am - Swap meet - hotel parking lot



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356CAR Sacramento Drive-in Movie Night

by Lou Fifer

After a very hot June day some hearty Sacramento Area 356CAR members enjoyed “**Independence Day 2**” at Sacramento’s (maybe NorCal’s) “Last of Breed” West Winds Drive-in on Bradshaw at Hwy 50. With BYOB and bags of Popcorn these four couples of first show goers for the night picked our “seats” and chatted as the rolling hillocks of gravel, macadam and potholes filled with the special kind of movie goers who support this uniquely Americana art form. Our cars, 2-63 Coupes and 2-65 Cabs, could each have easily won top honors had there been a sympathetic Peoples Choice judging, but I digress into the realm of SciFi even more than the aliens with light sabres and fusion drive boosted Sky Tugs competing with gravity defying, sideways flying, hovering single seat futuristic USAF fighter planes. And when the p-corn ran out so did the last of the cellulose on the film reel and we picked our four ways home by midnight.



Hot times, Summer in the City....

Whereas we thought the first show was well attended we were amazed at the long lines of cars trying to get into the midnight second showing! So the next time you hear of the Drive-In on Bradshaw closing due to assumed disinterest in the genre or the press of “Hwy 50 Business Corridor” real estate investors, realize that somebody must show and many many go to see, the unknown - the unbelievable - the un-credible - the un-B rated movies in the cool night air. And when 356CAR comraderie calls join the hearty few who make this an annual fun event.



A Day At The Lake

by Fred Huberty

Following the July breakfast meeting, several members drove to Lake Wildwood for this year's Day at the Lake hosted by Fred and Annette Huberty. There they enjoyed some boating and lakeside relaxation. Bruce Ungari shared some of his experiences from the fire in Kernville and Mike and Carol Gabbard talked about moving to the Sacramento area.

In all it was a relaxing day sharing food, drink and stories.



Kathy and Bruce Ungari "hanging loose"

The *SPEEDSTERS* Backyard Tour

by Lou Fifer



Again this year, Bob and Elaine Cannon hosted local 356CAR and SVR-PCA members to a BYO-Anything backyard concert featuring our own **Speedsters** familiar brand of oldies but goodies.

As usual we began by entering through the side gate and parking by class (356 - 911/912 - new - others) under the direction of 356CAR's own version of Jim "Lawrence Welk" Hardie. We then each set up tables and chairs in a semi-circle centering on Bob's garage shop to await the downbeat. And again this year Bob was not to be outdone with his Porsche-themed decorations and the prominent displays of his restoration craft and best welding beads. Between Bob's shop backdrop of ultimate professionalism and the crowd the **Speedsters** set up their instruments, sound equipment, electrical connections, guitars, speakers, mics, stands and music. It all combined to predict another fun to the max evening of socializing, dancing, swaying and toe tapping.



The overflow crowd waits in anticipation of the night's concert..



And of course the **Speedsters**, with “Sticks” Nelson, “Deep Throat” Maracin, “Fingers” Barker, “Bass Cleff” Brandon and everyone’s favorite “Canary” Baaten highlighted the evening to ever increasing crescendos of music aplomb with each and every song. Then while they re-grouped for rehydration, Kit Sodergren enthralled the crowd with his dulcet toned intermission Riff of Beatles covers singing solo with his acoustic guitar.

During intermission, Bob gave guided tours of his garage and explained his intricate work on Dave Lauck’s 58 Cab which now looks very akin to its factory release of nearly 60 years ago, or it will be so by the time Bob & Dave finish at the 60 year mark but a short year+ away.

As is our custom, there was plenty of wine tasting and sharing of snacks, some at the all too convenient level of the Cannon’s big Chocolate Lab Hunter’s inquisitive snout and ample appetite, and as usual many stories were told and enjoyed - with some nearly true. By the time the bewitching hour of 10 PM arrived and just short of the arrival of the Neighborhood Peace & Quiet Police we all said our fond farewells and one by one carefully threaded our prized steeds back through the side gate and made our ways home. With visions of dance floor moves and humming favorite tunes no one needed their radios on as sweet **Speedsters** remembrances still pleased all.



Nor-Cal Treffen - Dave Brubeck Park, Concord

by Bill Hambrick

treffen – German: “to meet”

I always look at the calendar in our great newsletter for events that seem interesting. The Nor-Cal Treffen has caught my eye for years, so last year Leigh and I decided to take a drive to Dave Brubeck Park in Concord for the 2015 edition of the event. We had a fun day and promised ourselves to attend again.

The Nor-Cal Treffen is a low key car show... bring what you have, either Porsche or Volkswagen, or some version/combination of both. It seems the only rules are that your car needs to be air-cooled and you can sell/swap anything related as long as you bring it inside your car. It's a casual family event with something to interest everyone.

This year we drove our '63 356B Coupe to meet Kathy and Bob Murray in their 914-6 at Freeport and took a scenic drive through the delta islands to Concord.



Pass the Windex!



Bill Hambrick and his Champagne Yellow Coupe

Although the Treffen started at 8 AM, we arrived in the park at a civilized time of 10:30 AM and parked our cars wherever we found a shady spot, as there is no parking plan. This is a great way to see an '86 Carrera parked next to a '57 Speedster Outlaw which is parked next to a '67 VW Beetle.

Many of our Bay Area 356CAR members are regular attendees of the Nor-Cal Treffen and brought their cars.

There must have been over 175 air-cooled cars on the field (and one Boxster ... half Porsche - half VW), vintage Porsches of every type, several race cars, VW Bugs both stock and heavily modified, and VW Buses of every condition and type. It was fun talking to owners about their cars and learning more about their vehicles.

One of the great things about this event is there is no judging, no trophies, and no awards. We didn't have to dust our cars, pick breakfast crumbs off the floorboards, or scrape bugs off the headlights. Leigh did win the raffle prize of a free entry to a Bus Fest (we might take our Eurovan)!

We left for home in the early afternoon and stopped in Rio Vista for a nice lunch at Foster's Big Horn.

The cars ran great, the weather was wonderful, and we promised ourselves that we'll do it again.

To plan for next year's event click on:

<http://www.norcalvintagevand-porschetreffen.com/>



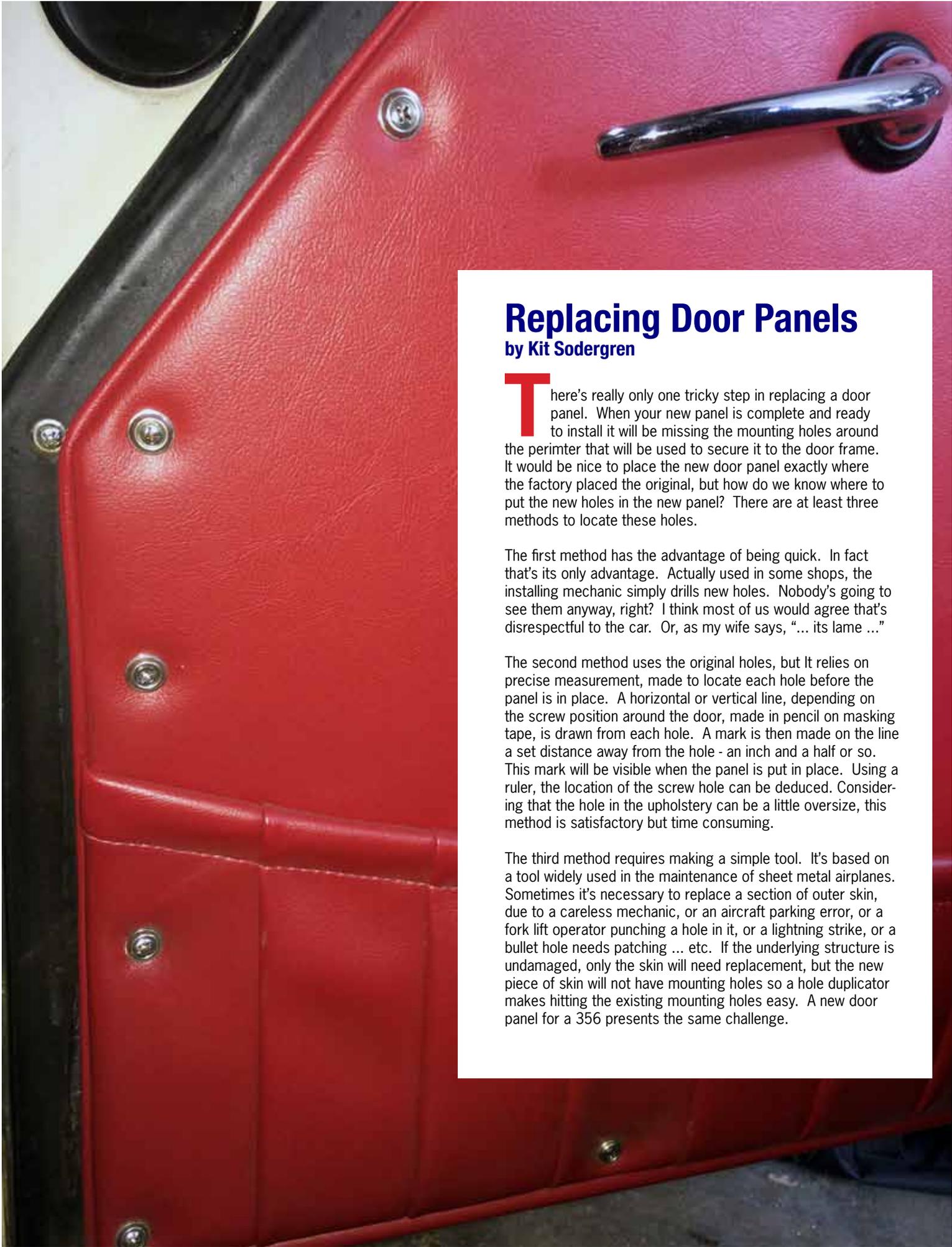
Bob and Kathy Murray's 914-6



4-Cam in a Crew Cab bus



Early Bug loaded up and ready to go



Replacing Door Panels

by Kit Sodergren

There's really only one tricky step in replacing a door panel. When your new panel is complete and ready to install it will be missing the mounting holes around the perimeter that will be used to secure it to the door frame. It would be nice to place the new door panel exactly where the factory placed the original, but how do we know where to put the new holes in the new panel? There are at least three methods to locate these holes.

The first method has the advantage of being quick. In fact that's its only advantage. Actually used in some shops, the installing mechanic simply drills new holes. Nobody's going to see them anyway, right? I think most of us would agree that's disrespectful to the car. Or, as my wife says, "... its lame ..."

The second method uses the original holes, but it relies on precise measurement, made to locate each hole before the panel is in place. A horizontal or vertical line, depending on the screw position around the door, made in pencil on masking tape, is drawn from each hole. A mark is then made on the line a set distance away from the hole - an inch and a half or so. This mark will be visible when the panel is put in place. Using a ruler, the location of the screw hole can be deduced. Considering that the hole in the upholstery can be a little oversize, this method is satisfactory but time consuming.

The third method requires making a simple tool. It's based on a tool widely used in the maintenance of sheet metal airplanes. Sometimes it's necessary to replace a section of outer skin, due to a careless mechanic, or an aircraft parking error, or a fork lift operator punching a hole in it, or a lightning strike, or a bullet hole needs patching ... etc. If the underlying structure is undamaged, only the skin will need replacement, but the new piece of skin will not have mounting holes so a hole duplicator makes hitting the existing mounting holes easy. A new door panel for a 356 presents the same challenge.



Step 1- use 2 strips of metal secured by screws or welds to make the "Hole Duplicator"



Step 2- add a #4 sheet metal screw as shown



Step 3- mark the door panel on the topside using the screw to find the hole in the door frame

To make a Hole Duplicator Tool, all you need are 2 strips of metal, two small bolts and nuts, and a small sheet metal screw. The metal should be about 1/2 inch wide by 6 inches long of either aluminum or light gauge steel. Next drill a #43 (0.089 in.) hole through both strips, about 5/16 in. from one end. Sharpen a #4-40 by 5/16 machine screw and screw it tightly into one of the strips. Enlarge the hole in the other strip to 5/16 in. Align the two strips, the strip with the larger hole on top of the one with the screw through it on the bottom, and bolt them together at the other end with the two fasteners to prevent the strips from rotating. The resulting tool will have the sharp screw sticking out of the bottom metal strip. The #4-40 sheet metal screw is just smaller than the holes in the door frame you're trying to locate and the sharpened point will ease finding the original factory holes for your panel re-placement.

Adding lines at 1" and 1-5/16" on the tool will give you a rough idea of how far from the edge of the panel the original factory mounting holes lie. By carefully running your new tool around the whole new door panel, checking the distance from the lines you drew, will ensure that you have it centered on the door, as the original holes and the new ones you will place in the panel will all be the same distance from the panel edge.

To use the tool, center the door panel on the door. Tape it securely in position so that it won't move while you're marking the hole locations. Place the edge of the panel between the strips of your hole duplicator, with the #4 screw pointing toward the door. Move it around slightly until the screw drops into each original factory mounting hole. The slightly larger hole in the top strip will be right above the hole in the lower strip with the sharpened screw now in the factory placed mounting screw hole in the door frame. Mark each location as you go around the door panel either with a sharpie, or by making a divot in the panel with a center punch to know where your mounting screws will go.

Remove the panel and punch or drill the holes, or with it in place probe through the door panel with a sharp poker to make the holes you'll need for each of your mounting screws. When putting in all the door panel screws put a couple of sharp poker through mounting holes into the door frame screw holes at the extreme ends of the panel to insure that your door panel stays centered while you secure it to the door frame.

Editor's Note: I have successfully used Method 2 several times but I find Method 3 to be Fun, Easy, and Efficient.

Tip 1: New screw and washer (escutcheon) kits are available from the typical vendors.

Tip 2: If just a few of your door panel screws need replacement, here's a neat substitute. When restoring my very original car, I carefully examined my factory installed door panel mounting screws. Their outside diameter is 3.5 mm, but their root diameter is larger than standard for a 3.5 mm screw. However, #6 by 5/8 in. sheet metal screws, available from ACE hardware stores, are identical to the factory screws.

As I said in the opening, there's more than one way to do this job. But with Method 3 you end up with a new tool. And is often said - The one with the most tools, wins.

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A Very Early Porsche 356 Type 2

by Steve Douglas

The three photos are of the same car, a 1949 Porsche 356 Type 2, chassis # 063, a 356SL Coupe. The first picture was taken during a 1952 race at Palm Springs with John Von Neumann at the helm.



The second was taken after John successfully competed the car in a race at Torrey Pines (San Diego) in December 1952 (again same car but this time topless). John and wife Eleanor are seen celebrating his class victory. Later this car was owned by Chuck Forge and raced extensively in vintage races until his death in 2009.



The third photo shows the car restored to its original configuration by Rod Emory and winning at this year's Pebble Beach Concours



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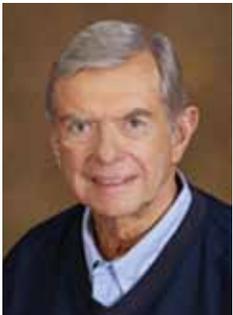
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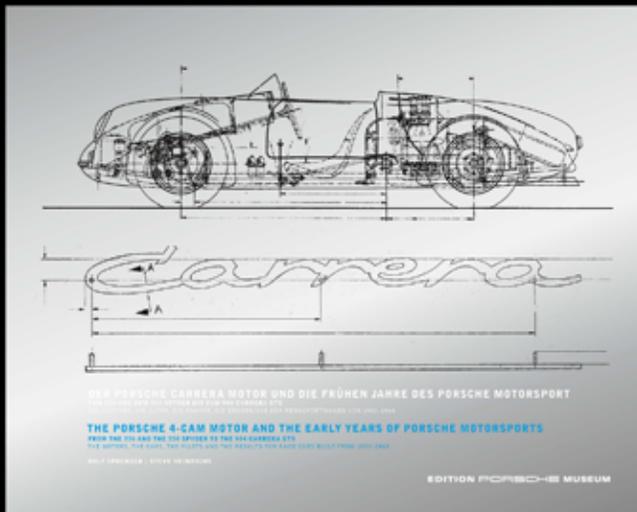
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