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356CAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

356CAR Local Meetings have resumed as per the below details. NOTE: All 356CAR members and guests are required to be fully Covid 19 Vaccinated to attend 356CAR Events.

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1st Saturday 8:30 AM

Bay Area Breakfast

Jack's Restaurant & Bar, 1029 NewPark Mall Road, Newark 94560
As usual, we will sit down for breakfast @ 8:30 AM. The restaurant has ample space for our growing numbers, an extensive, varied breakfast menu and parking in the immediately adjacent lot. The restaurant is located ~2 miles south of the Dumbarton Bridge just off Highway 880 at the Mowry Avenue west exit. For questions feel free to email Michael Hodos at mehdos@mac.com or Barney Speckman at bmspeckman@aol.com

2nd Saturday 9:00 AM

Sacramento Breakfast

DoubleTree Suites, 11260 Point East Dr., Rancho Cordova (Hwy. 50 & Sunrise). The Sacramento breakfast meets at a new location for breakfast! The gathering starts at about 8:30 in the parking lot and breakfast usually begins at 9 am.

3rd Saturday 9:00 AM

Hollister Breakfast

San Juan Oaks Golf Course, Hollister, 156 east off of Hwy 101, 4 miles past San Juan Bautista, right on Union Road, right to the golf course.

5th Saturday 9:00 AM

Central Coast Breakfast

5th Saturday 356CAR Breakfast - 9AM, The Grill at Pacific Grove Links, 79 Aliso-mar Ave. All are welcome. RSVP to Steve Douglas

Stay tuned to 356CAR.org and our club email blasts for any changes to our Local Meetings.

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Cover Photo: ... at 2021 GoF - Grand Isle Mansion.

President's Message

by Kim Nelson

Happy New Year Everyone!

As we are poised to begin 2022, we are still facing uncertainty with the Corona 19 virus and its variants. But I am very pleased with the number and quality of events we were able to put on for our club in 2021 despite all the challenges and restrictions visited on us due to the Covid Pandemic. I would like to thank all those who made the effort to "Keep the Faith" and helped with so many great events. At our November Board meeting, the majority of our time was spent looking at possible events., Under Barney Speckman's guidance we identified twenty-two (22) possible drives, facility and collection tours, tech sessions and social gatherings for 356CAR's 2022. Please watch out for our club email blasts and periodically check the 356CAR.org website for the details of each as we begin to firm up activities for 2022.

North Meets South – 2022 – April 28th – May 1st

Speaking of events, if you can only attend one event this year, you should mark your calendars and make plans to join friends for North Meets South - 2022. Jenny Derich is leading the charge this year, and those of you who have attended her other NMS events know that we are again in for a great long weekend of Porsche 356 related events and gatherings. We will be back at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo, with the capstone event being Saturday's Peoples' Choice Car Show at the nearby Laguna Lake Park. I am sure that the planning committee has some surprises planned for us but as in the past you can expect some great Tech Sessions, Drives, and interesting Tours in the SLO area followed by a great Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. Watch for our upcoming emails on NMS 2022 registration details.

356CAR Members Recognized at Gathering of the Faithful

Elaine Cannon did a fabulous job of providing us with a first class GOF this past October. You will be able to read more about the event elsewhere in this newsletter but for now, I would like to review those in our club recognized for putting on events and programs for our club.

Certificates of Appreciation

Larry Anderson - 2021 Drive to the Coast and several Bay Area 356CAR gatherings

Terry Taylor - 2020 Drive Your 356 Day drive in the southern Sierra Foothills

Tom and Kristi Besemer - 2020 Drive Your 356 Day in the northern Sierra Foothills

Tom and Kathy Sansone - 2020 and 2021 Drive Your 356 Day drives in the Sacramento Delta, and a July 2021 Back yard Breakfast

Susan Burnett - 2021 Drive to San Juan Batista, CA, and Tour of the vintage Lost Forge

Bob and Elaine Cannon - June 2021 Backyard Breakfast

Joy Fifer - Three (3) years as Sacramento Area Events Coordinator

President's Awards

Diane Morrill - 12+ years as Chair of the 356CAR 5th Saturday Breakfast and Organizer of the first two GOF events

Sally Biersdorf - Many years as Co-Chair (with husband Jack) of the Hollister 356CAR Breakfast

Steve Douglas - 2020 NmS Chair, 2020 Watsonville Event, 356CAR Archivist, Newsletter Contributor, and all around 356CAR Mentor

Life Memberships

Barney and Nancy Speckman - See article in this issue

Special Award

We also took the opportunity to give special recognition to our Newsletter editor, **Lou Fifer**, who took over responsibility from Michael Hodos and is with this issue completing his seventh (7) year of dedication to keeping our club members informed, educated, and amused. Lou was proudly given "The Jimmy Olsen 356CAR Club Reporter Award".

Two New 356CAR Advertisers

Starting with this newsletter we have two new advertisers that offer some great products and services for our 356's and other cars. **Batteries Plus Bulbs** currently has five locations in the Sacramento Area and offer more products than just batteries for our cars. Don Tollefson, a 356CAR member, opened the first **Batteries Plus Bulbs** in Sacramento many years ago, has managed them but recently passed the torch to his son, Ryan. Check out their ad and notice that they offer 356CAR members a ten percent discount.

Our second new advertiser is **Kolorwerks** located in Lincoln, CA. Pat Looper is the owner with over forty years of body and paint industry experience. He and his team are doing some beautiful work on some of our 356CAR member's special cars, but they also ply their trade on many other makes. Check out his ad and review his website to see some examples of their work – some of which you may recognize. Be extra careful driving this time of year and I hope to see you on the road.

Kim

356CAR Member Update

by Dana McDaniel

Even as we finalize this our last quarterly Newsletter for 2021, new members continue to join our club. Since October, we've added 10 new members and 5 co-members. However, there are also 48 members who have not renewed and will no longer be counted in our totals or receiving Ezine or Printed Newsletters until they renew. Our present 356CAR active membership is 277.

As many of you have seen, our Club activities are increasing. There are more new events to be added as plans are completed to offer fun and safe opportunities to enjoy our 356's. So, 2022 looks to be a great year for our members.

If anyone has questions about membership status, always feel free to contact me as per the Newsletter masthead of contacts.

Please review the list of our newest members, and as you see them at 356CAR events, introduce yourself and give each of them a warm welcome and encourage them to share their 356 stories.

David & Mary Borden
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RED LIGHT ON!

by Kit Sodergren

A Possible Scenario ...

One day you start your car, and the red light comes on and won't go out. Oh, Great!!! You know what that means - The generator isn't charging the battery. One possibility is that the generator isn't turning because the belt is broken. That's easy enough to check. If it isn't the belt, it's either the generator or the voltage regulator at fault. But the generator is a little hard to take out just for testing, so it'd be nice to know it's bad before you take it out.

Simple in car generator testing ...

There are some simple in car tests you can do to determine if the generator and the voltage regulator (your battery charging system) are functioning normally, by following the procedures described below. All you'll need for these tests is a voltmeter, but for your old-fashioned car you are going to need an old-fashioned voltmeter. That's the kind that has a needle (analog) and not the kind with a screen with numbers (digital.) The reason for this is that the voltage output of a working generator is not very smooth, and a digital voltmeter detects the peaks and valleys, will be confused by them, and will give you inaccurate readings.

A Generator Story ...

For example, I once got a worried call about a 6-volt generator I had overhauled, complaining that it was suddenly putting out 17 volts! It turned out they were using a digital voltmeter to test the voltage and when we used an analog voltmeter, the actual voltage was 7 volts.

Generator and Voltage Regulator Troubleshooting ...

To test your generator, first disconnect the field and the armature leads (orange and black) from the generator. (See picture) Just let them dangle in space. Then get out your analog voltmeter, set the Function to Volts and the Cylinders to 4, then attach the red lead to the armature (D+) and the black lead to the generator case. Start the car but DO NOT RACE THE MOTOR! With the engine idling and your meter hooked up you might see about ½ volt. At 1,000 RPM the generator should be put out about 6 volts and at 1200 RPM about 8 volts. If you goose the motor a little you can easily go past 10 volts, which is hard on the armature, so don't do it. (12-volt generator test voltages would be twice these numbers.) If your generator shows the voltages expected at the represented RPMs, and if your generator doesn't make any weird noises, like a bad bearing whining, or metal to metal grinding ... then your generator is OK. But if you see no voltages the generator is bad.

To test your Voltage Regulator, ground the DF pole to the generator case with a screwdriver, thus temporarily "grounding the field". (The DF pole is labeled on the generator case, but it



also the one remaining pole without any of your voltmeter leads connected.) (Watch out for the generator belt!) If you see No Voltages during your "grounding the field" test, then your Voltage regulator is faulty. By temporarily "grounding the field" you will be simulating how the voltage regulator brings the generator to life and controls the generator output to the battery. In regular operation, and when the system voltage is low, the Voltage Regulator momentarily grounds the field which causes the generator voltage to rise. When it rises beyond the desired voltage the voltage regulator ungrounds the field and the voltage falls. The Voltage Regulator points vibrate many times a second, causing the generator output to constantly moves up and down as it maintains proper voltage re-charging to your battery. It is the rapid fluctuations of voltage that confuses a digital voltmeter unreliable.

Another Story ...

There is some evidence that generators are sensitive to local disturbances. When I was a kid I became aware of such a disturbance in Amarillo, TX where the transmission in my parents' '55 DeSoto gave up. Many years later my wife Dana and I were driving our '63 VW bug thru Texas enroute to St. Louis. Up ahead was Amarillo and since we didn't need gas or food, we didn't plan to even slowdown in the vicinity of Amarillo. Dana and I happily blew right past that burg, but we weren't 5 miles outside of town and you guessed it – RED LIGHT ON!

We made it to St. Louis on battery power with push starts, not using our headlights or other accessories, and only one gas station quick charge. (BTW those quick charges are hard on your battery so always keep them to a minimum.)

Safe Roadside Remedy ...

Thinking about our experience, and if you're on the road with friends and your generator fails, don't forget the obvious solution of carefully driving with the battery only. You can easily do about 200 miles with push starts and all accessories off. Then as your battery begins to fade, noticed as your engine starts to miss, stop, and trade batteries with a friend whose generator is working. You will be off again On Battery power only while your friend's generator will recharge your battery. Of course, you'll be driving with the red light on but as long as you're sure the generator belt is in place, you will be OK.

Keep in mind that if you get near the end of your battery's charge, you will only have a few miles left.

Questions or comments are welcome by email at kitsodergren@gmail.com or by voice at (530)574-0854. Thanks for reading!

Caffeine and Porsches - Fat's Roseville Asia Bistro

by Jimmy Olson



It was a little nippy as about 6 356s and about 50 9-series Porsches joined in our second Caffeine & Porsches event at one of Collin Fat's restaurants. This event was at the Roseville location near the Roseville Auto Mall and being a Sunday morning at 9AM-11AM we had the parking lot to ourselves, but Collin was gracious in opening the restaurant "necessaries" and providing electrical power for our sound system. The gathering was planned as a Porsche-related Halloween for PCA-SVR

and 356CAR members, and families, to come dressed in their ghoulish best, to pimp their rides with spooky cobwebs, and to pass out candy to the kids (and some adults) attending in costume. This was a "show & shine" but with Porsche restraint in that there were no high-speed departures or engine boosting shows but rather both of our clubs' members enjoyed "kicking the tires" and comparing notes on the latest gizmo to make our babes run a little better or faster or ...

We had a costume contest for "Best Dressed Boy" and "Best Dressed Girl" but really all of the kids looked great, and each received a strong hand clap from our groups as they strutted their stuff for the spooky and silly, funny, and serious dressers. A happy and ghoulish Thank You goes out to Collin Fat and his Fat's Roseville Asia Bistro staff for helping us make a blustery fall day a lot of fun for everyone.





Spritz Tour 2 – October 2, 2021

by Steve Douglas



Saturday, October 2nd was a sunny fun day for our 356CARS to enjoy the Spritz Tour 2 redux of the Porsche gathering at the Campos Family Winery in Byron, CA. Organizer Darin Fister, of FD Motorsports, put on a wonderful event highlighting 120+ Porsches of many years and models parked on the grass, as members and guests moved among the food trucks, clothing and trinket vendors, and sampled Beers and Wines. What made this event so great, IMHO, was that there was no agenda, but rather a bunch of us just spent time together, admired the cars, enjoyed the pleasant weather, kicked a few tires, told many stories, and marveled at the age of most attending as much younger than our 356s and thus born since many of our storied and past PCA events.

Among the Porsches on display there were 6-356s, plus the biggest sub-group of 33-993s who assembled at this the first West Coast Gathering of the newly formed 993 Registry.

We hope next year's October 15, 2022, event will attract more 356s. Look for details to come.





356CAR –2021 Christmas Party

by Jimmy Olson



About 100+ of our closest, and fully Covid vaccinated (by 356CAR BoD decree) 356CARs and friends met again this year in the fantastic Auto Shop cum Climate-Controlled Private Collection of our esteemed 356CAR Presidential Couple Kim & Rachel Nelson. Many club members drove their 356s as the weather was cool but dry and thus ideal for a winter's day and evening drive to the Gold Country abode of our First Couple.

All attendees were not only cautioned to come fully vaccinated against Covid but to bring pot-luck contributions based on the usual alpha-sort of last names and intended dishes, but also to deposit \$5 in the Kitty to cover the set-up costs, and to bring canned or non-perishable food stuffs for our club's annual Food Donation to the El Dorado Food Bank. We were also asked to donate Cash to the Gold Country Wildlife Rescue (GCWR) of Auburn, CA, our 2021 designated Christmas Charity. The food gracing the runway for this year's feast was all fantastic, and so voluminous that there were no excuses or complaints of not enough to tide all over to the next meal.

In the Food Bank Box, we deposited 220 pounds of non-perishables, which Santa's Elf Pres Kim took to the El Dorado Food Bank on the following Monday.

And in the GCWR box we contributed \$1,191. In appreciation of our generous Cash Donation, GCWR brought for show and tell a couple of their in resident charges, plus a couple of two-legged volunteers to describe GCWR activities and to answer questions from the group. (See Bob Murray's separate article in this newsletter for more details on the latest at GCWR.)



And as has become standard for our 356CAR annual gatherings the "new" Speedsters played Christmas Carol singalong favorites and then their standard fare of classic rock 'n roll, rhythm and blues, country ... dance tunes for those nimble afoot.





John Hearn, 356CAR from Colchester, England by way of Monterey County, CA, again this year beat out Dana McDaniels from the North Bay - Novato for the "Farthest Distance Traveled Award" (which may have been not much more than an implied invitation to next year's party), and while he was with us took many photos of all the food, luxurious surroundings, our donations, the committee's decorations, the various festivities, the Speedsters, and much of the fun had by one and all. It was truly a wonderful way to round out our 2021 and to at least for one night plant a boot in the trailing edge of Covid 19.



With that said, and with hopes springing eternal, if not until April 2022, we look forward to a great 356CAR year of activities in 2022. Stay turned here and to our club Email blasts and the 356CAR.org website for details of how to participate, when and where in 2022. And as they say somewhere, somehow, "Buenos Tacos mit uber Bier unt Schnapps, mein Herrs und Fraus".

Gold Country Wildlife Rescue – 356CAR Beneficiary

by Bob Murray



The GCWR is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that rehabilitates and releases (when possible but otherwise cares for on their premises) injured, orphaned and sick Wild Animals. Located in Auburn, CA GWWR accepts, evaluates, transfers and cares for at-risk Wild Animals from across Northern California and Nevada, free of charge – while relying on donations to defray costs.

As recently as 2018, GCWR took in more than 3,000 animals from 185 species (mostly native to our region) and fielded over 12,000 calls from community members noting Wild Animals needing assistance. In each of 2019, 2020, and 2021 the needs and the services rendered have grown considerably.

“We are the only second chance for our wildlife in need,” said GCWR Board President Sally Sue Stein. And “Most of what has happened to them is caused by human impact.” GWWR feels a strong sense of responsibility to help those Wild Animals hurt and who otherwise would suffer terribly and most likely die from their injuries and neglect.

Founded in 1991 by Stein, GCWR began as a group of volunteers learning about and caring

for needy wildlife in their homes. Eventually, GCWR expanded to a small office space in Loomis, but then by March 2017 grew into new digs in North Auburn. That year Placer County and GCWR formed an alliance which included a move to the Former Animal Shelter located at 11251 B Avenue, Auburn Ca. This much larger, and purpose built, facility allowed GCWR to greatly increase their visibility, rescue, and specialized

providing excess garden produce, nuts, and fruits to help feed the animals, and in giving periodic cash donations to help defray the constant costs of keeping the facility open and capable of saving lives. During our 356CAR meetings we have raised funds through our “Clothesline Auctions” of Porsche related apparel, and with fund raising auctions of Porsche books and memorabilia at monthly meeting of our members.



care efforts. As of November 2021, they have cared for over 5000 animals.

356 CAR has been an active and interested supporter for over 10 years, including guided field trips to the GCWR facility, 356CAR members

This year, the 356CAR Board voted to focus our annual 356CAR Christmas Party cash donation requests to benefit the GCWR. We collected \$1191!!! But to put our largesse in perspective ... it will buy about a week's supplies. GCWR was, and continues, most appreciative of our support.

Christy Berger and Greg Grimm, of GCWR, joined us at this year's 356CAR Christmas Party, accompanied by 2 Ambassadors, a Black Raven, and a Red Shouldered Hawk – both very impressive birds, often seen in our local skies but seldom up as close as we were afforded at the party. It was very informative and

fun for our members to get up close to the Ambassador Birds and to learn specifics about each bird and more about GCWR's incredible efforts to help injured wildlife from the two volunteers.

The latest received animals are three (3) California Black Bear cubs needing every bit of a mother Bear's love and support but being left behind due to a series of unfortunate events in their young lives. We have all seen pictures of Black Bears "dumpster diving" at Lake Tahoe, and many of us have wondered about the safety of humans being near and living amongst a Mother Bear and Cubs, but rarely do we see shots of Black Bear Cubs peacefully subsisting on berries, their primary food in the wild. It is unclear how long and well GCWR will be able to support the Black Bear Cubs and how GCWR will handle them as they become ever bigger and hungrier but knowing that GCWR is eager to try to save these Native Californians and amending their facility to meet the growing needs of our natural neighbors gives us all another perspective on our wildlife co-inhabitants and our shared stewardship of their basic needs.

A Spring 2022 356CAR Drive and Tour of the GCWR newly enhanced facilities is being planned. Stay tuned for more details.

GCWR sends a most heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all 356CAR for this year's Christmas 2021 GWWR Donation and for all of our efforts and past donations to Gold Country Wildlife Rescue.

"This is truly a wonderful cause and Organization"
 – **Bob Murray**



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Bay Area Drive – San Juan Bautista, CA

by Steve Douglas



We had a spectacular fall day, driving over great backroads, with a visit to a 108-year-old Blacksmith shop, then a stop at the San Juan Bautista Mission, and finishing with a Mexican lunch on the patio. In all it made for a memorable 356 Tour put on by Susan Burnett. She started the trip in Los Gatos, and then collected more members as we drove to South San Jose, rounding out our number to 13 cars in all. We continued south to Gilroy and then onto 101 for a short distance to Dan Vermilyer's blacksmith shop.

Dan started his business in 1986, first with run of the mill blacksmith work, but he soon branched out to include artisan iron work, custom gates, railings, and ornamental structural iron pieces. His business is located on his family's ranch, where he grew up, and occupies some 100-year-old buildings while using blacksmithing machinery from the 1920s and techniques from earlier times. Dan gave us a great demonstration of artisanship.



Then we headed for San Juan Bautista, to tour the 15th of Father Junipero Serra's Missions. Mission San Juan Bautista was founded in 1779, and although nearly on an earthquake Faultline, the mission is still serving the surrounding public and is providing a glimpse into our very earliest California history. As such and being a beautiful weekend San Juan Bautista was crowded with tourists, but we were able to gather our group

for a most pleasant Mexican lunch on the patio.

Thank you, Susan, for another 356CAR Bay Area drive.

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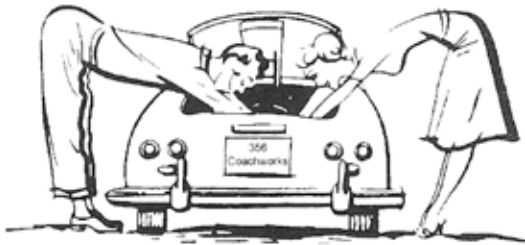
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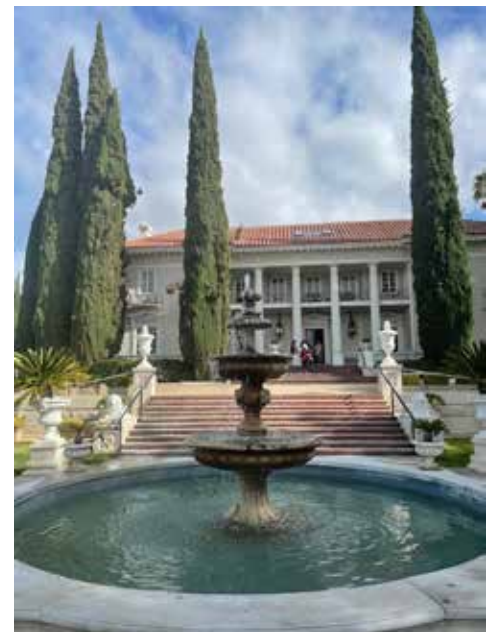
by Jimmy Olson & Steve Douglas



95 356CARs had a Wonderful time was this year's GoF 2021 as we returned to the fabulous "Grand Island Mansion" in the Sacramento Delta near the town of Walnut Grove. The 4 story, 24,000 sq ft Grand Island Mansion, once a private residence, was built in 1917 and features 58 rooms. It is now a venue used for weddings and other special occasions. Our club has met there twice before this year, in the mid-90s and again in 2013. It is an ideal destination location

for a large group event with many miles of 2 lane winding roads, from both the Sacramento and Bay areas, all through beautiful agricultural country and perfect for 356s.

The weather clear, but crisp, and of course the Sacramento River Levees ideal for keeping one's eyes on the road and the best driving techniques at the ready.



The preparations for this year's coagulation were chaired by the indomitable pursuer of delicious and decorous – Elaine Cannon. But your intrepid C(I)ub Reporter would be amiss & remiss if he did not tip his PRESS hat to her able-bodied Clark Kent, Superman of detail and decorum – Bob Cannon. The reservations were taken, and counted more than twice, so that we did not exceed the House Rules of 100 for our private



event, while those of tardy decision processes were detailed to a Wait List in hopes of making up any slack in reservations up to the 100 allowed. Of our allotted 100 seats we settled out as follows, if you can follow the numbers. We paid for 95 at brunch / luncheon. We arrived in 41 356s, which when doubled for Pilot & Co-pilot would lead you to believe that we might have had 82 folks attending, but then there were the “strap-hangers” in SUVs and other modern conveyances who plussed up our numbers to the 95 “paid participants” ... I think. But then there were some “no shows”, some “early departures”, and some “late cancellations”, so we did not use all 100 seats ... I think. The attendees came from all 356CAR claimancies of the Greater Sacramento Area to the Bay Area and the South Bay, so we had a very good cross section of 356CARs, all renewing friendships that for so long had been cast into the shadows of “I remember you ...” as we sat down to bottomless Mimosas and Coffees to await President Kim’s event program.

Kim Nelson, 356CAR President was our Master of Ceremonies and he presented some of our more active members with some very nice awards and certificates of appreciation for their continuing service to 356CAR. The outstanding bill o’ fair, allegedly their “regular”, was fantastic with a broad selection of pastries, many salads, cooked veggies, oven roasted potatoes, quiche, eggs benedict, and roasted beef, all surmounted with a desert tray to roll your eyes back to the cravings of youthful days when indulging was de rigueur, and the off-loading of any accumulated avoidupois was merely a wish away and done. I heard exclamations that this was our “Best Ever GoF”. Again, hat’s off to the coordinated efforts of Elaine & Bob Cannon.



356CAR Member Recognition Awards

by Kim Nelson, President 356CAR



356CAR President, Kim Nelson, first took Center Stage with Gen Patton like authority to begin his diatribe of howgozits of the club and presentos, ably assisted by his partner in all things gracious and creative, Rachel. Pres Kim acclaimed our members and co-members as devoted “Keepers of the Faith” and proceeded to award a select few for their past two years of service “beyond the routine call”. He also offered mic time for brief predictions of events to come in the next year by Jenny Derich (NmS 2022) and Barney Speckman (356CAR Events Chair). The presentos were well made and the quality of each hand-made award impeccably executed by Rachel Nelson, such that all recipients went home well pleased if not unsuspecting of such public accolades for their service to our greater 356CAR club of members.

Larry Anderson - During the Pandemic Larry arranged for several Bay Area 356CAR get togethers at Jack’s Restaurant in Newark. This required developing events that adhered to the ever-changing local Covid regulations and meeting the 356CAR Board related rules and safe practices. Since June, the 356CAR breakfast at Jacks has returned to somewhat normal. Larry also organized the July 2021 “Drive To The Coast”.

Terry Taylor - Terry organized a drive along the Hwy 50 corridor through Diamond Springs, Plymouth, and Fiddletown.

Tom and Kristi Besemer – Tom & Kristi organized a drive tour along the Hwy 80 corridor through the Sierra Foothills.

Tom and Kathy Sansone – Tom & Kathy hosted a “Drive Your 356 Day - Backyard Breakfast”.

Susan Burnett – Susan organized a drive to and tour of the Lost Forge on Saturday, October 9th, 2021, with 356CARs from Los Gatos plus others gathered in South San Jose, to Gilroy and onto 101 and some back roads to visit a 108-year-old Blacksmith shop, and then on to Mission San Juan Bautista and a Mexican patio lunch.

Bob and Elaine Cannon – Bob & Elaine hosted a June Backyard Breakfast.

Joy Fifer – Sacramento Area Events Coordinator

President’s Awards

Diane Morrill – 5th Saturday Breakfast. Diane started a breakfast meeting for 356 members in the Carmel, Monterey, Pacific Grove area about 20 years ago. It was first held at Sticks Restaurant in Spanish Bay overlooking the water. Diane is given this award because she saw a need for members in her geographic area to meet and she took the lead to make it happen.

Sally Biersdorf – Hollister Breakfast. Sally was recognized for her long-time contribution to arranging and hosting the monthly Breakfast gatherings in Hollister at the San Juan Oaks Golf Course. Sally and her late husband, Jack, were critical to holding these breakfast events for over 20 years and as a result they were instrumental in the strong 356CAR club presence in the Hollister area. During this same period, they organized and hosted two large successful events that are now known fondly as the Gathering of the Faithful.

Steve Douglas (2) – 2020 NMS, 2020 Watsonville Event, 356CAR Mentor. Steve’s contributions to 356 CAR over the years have been many as noted in his previously awarded “Life Time” Membership in our club. This President’s award is for some of Steve’s contributions the past 2 years. Steve chaired the still born 2020 NMS and Steve also put on a driving tour and picnic to his friend’s estate ranch just east of Watsonville in July of 2020.



And as noted in a Member Recognition Nomination from a new 356CAR member about Steve – I bought my dream 356C about a year ago. But the car was a wreck and didn't run. I looked up 356CAR and reached out for help from a stranger named Steve Douglas. Without hesitation, Steve came from afar and helped me fire up my dream and Steve has been my new found friend and a great mentor ever since. Steve is an example of what a car club is ... friendship ... lending an eager helping hand when in need ... and all without reservations or hesitation. Thank you, Steve, for all you do.

The Jimmy Olsen 356CAR C(lub) Reporter Award

Lou Fifer – for seven years as 356CAR Newsletter Editor.

Life Membership

Barney and Nancy Speckman – for many years of dedicated work on behalf of all 356CARs.

In all GoF 2021 was an “out of the park” home run enjoyed by all 356CARs in attendance. And it was a wonderful way for old friends to reunite despite Covid restrictions. With this as a teaser, we are all looking forward to 2022's full schedule of events.

Aside: While cleaning up after the event a waiter summed up the event when he said, “You people are way better than the Ferrari Club”.



Barney and Nancy Speckman 356CAR's Newest Lifetime Members

by Kim Nelson, President 356CAR



At this year's Gathering of The Faithful Barney and Nancy Speckman were recognized for their many years of contribution to our club with Lifetime Membership Awards. This award recognizes those exceptional individuals who have demonstrated significant and sustained contributions to the Club for a minimum of 10 years, while with their shown leadership and demeanor which reflect a dedication to and a positive reflection on the Club.

Past years' club members awarded Lifetime Memberships, include: Ted Blake, Bob and Elaine Cannon, Steve Douglas, Michael Hodos, George & Alexis Selland – an august group of 356CAR.

Some of Barney and Nancy's contributions over the years include:

- Barney's 20 years of continuous service on the 356CAR Board including: 2 terms (6 years) as President, and 4 terms (12 years) as Events Chair.
- Barney and Nancy were co-chairs of the 2002 North Meets South.
- Barney with Steve Douglas organized the first "Four Peaks Tour".
- In 2011 and 2019 Barney and Nancy co-chaired the Gathering Of Faithful at the Blackhawk Country Club.
- Barney organized the "Peaks and Valleys" drives in 2018 and 2019.
- Over the years Barney and Nancy have put on multiple local drives and tours.
- They have been consistent contributors to our 356CAR Newsletter.

With this kind of dedication to 356CAR, Barney and Nancy were nominated and unanimously approved for Lifetime Membership in our club. Please join me in welcoming Barney and Nancy Speckman into our club's most exclusive group – 356CAR's Lifetime Members!



Christmas Tree Decorating Party at the California Auto Museum

by Kim Nelson



This year's Christmas Tree Decorating Party at the California Auto Museum was a lovely event with over 100 car enthusiasts coming together to help decorate the Museum for the Holidays. Because of the Pandemic, the Museum decided not to have the traditional potluck but just ask the different member car clubs to decorate the Museum for the Christmas. The two trees 356CAR decorated

this year are beautiful with one located in the entryway of the Museum and the other one by the Car Club Cavalcade. Several of our club members were lucky in winning some nice gifts during the raffle.

If you missed the event this year, I hope you will join us next year – it is always the Sunday after Thanksgiving and a great way to start the Holiday season with your friends. If you haven't

been to the California Auto Museum lately, you will be intrigued to know they frequently rotate their exhibits and thus have many interesting displays to see.

Come join us at any time during the year and remember that as an active member of 356CAR you will receive one free admission to the California Auto Museum each year.

Bay Area 2021 - Christmas Toys for Tots

by Barney Speckman



On a beautiful day, 20+ 356CARs gathered in Newark at Jack's Restaurant and Bar for a holiday get together. After kicking tires and catching up in the parking lot we repaired to Jack's for breakfast during which 10+ toys and \$200 were donated to the USMC Toys-for-Tots program. After breakfast, Santa's Elf stuffed the toys (and cash) into his

ruby red sleigh and delivered them to the Contra Costa County Fire Station 7 in Walnut Creek for the USMC pick-up..

North Meets South April 28th – May 1st, 2022

by Jenny Derich with Jimmy Olson

Grab your coolest Hawaiian shirts and join your 356 Porsche 'OHANA' (which in Hawaiian means FAMILY ... and FAMILY means that nobody gets left behind). For longtime attendees of North Meets South, you know the drill, but to the uninitiated, this annual gathering of 356 Owners and Guests was started over 30 years ago as a way to get our Northern (356CAR) and Southern (356Club) members together for a long weekend of fun and 356-centric events at a mutually convenient location. Thus, we have had North Meets South events at many locations up and down the Central California Coast as our two clubs have alternated the hosting of the event, with the South (356Club) taking the odd years and the North (356CAR) the even years. 356CAR are now preparing for NMS 2022, to again be at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo.

We will begin with great caravans of 356s, departing from various locations around NorCal, all driving to our special and magical gathering spot in SLO. The area and accommodations are excellent for our annual event. You will enjoy the rolling hills, many of the best wineries on Earth, and drives over gorgeous mountain tops to savor views of valleys and the lovely coastline, and perhaps explore interesting destinations like the nearby Hearst Castle and Pismo beach. And if we are lucky, we may see the annual migration of the endangered Monarch butterflies as they fly between Latin America and Canada.

You should prepare for balmy weather in the 70's with plenty of sunshine but given the extraordinary impact of the COVID-19-19 pandemic, we are going to focus on the safest way to enjoy each other, with first all participants required to be fully COVID-19 vaccinated, and then we will emphasize outdoor activities, taking advantage of the great weather. We will also offer various "choose your adventure" excursions on your own or in small groups to local historical highlights, wineries, nature viewing, beautiful vistas ... and just perfectly fun 356-esque driving experiences along the Central Coast.

If you are new to NMS and have never been to the Embassy Suites, in SLO, you are in for a treat! Not only does your room reservation include a daily custom made to order omelet plus many other types of hot and cold breakfast items, but every evening the Embassy Suites provides a complimentary Happy Hour for us while we gather and share stories of our days' activities and plans for the upcoming events.

In keeping with our Hawaiian Theme for NMS 2022, we will have Hawaiian appetizers for Thursday night, while continuing our traditional "Pizza Friday" night, with our last night a Hawaiian Luau Fanfare and Stand-up Reception for our "People's Choice – Concours Awards" presentation by 356 class.

And speaking of our Concours, we have made a few changes in accommodation for the COVID-19 concerns. But we are not changing the terrific Laguna Park venue, which is just a couple of blocks from the Embassy Suites. However, balloting for the People's Choices by Class will be online via your mobile phone, which will minimize the handling of paper ballots and will allow for a running tally and immediate results with minimal member and event staff exposure. And also due to requirements meted out by the city of SLO, we will provide a list of recommended takeout / lunch spots for individuals and small groups to get your own picnic lunches vs. us putting on a large group lunch or BBQ, as we have had in the past. During the Concours, we will have bulk water containers available for filling your own bottles, but please understand that the City of SLO no longer allows single use plastic water bottles and/or plastic cups at the park in keeping with their efforts to SAVE OUR OCEANS.

On another note, we are encouraging the mingling of old 356CAR and 356Club members to seek out first timers and to develop a dynamic and fun way of getting to meet and to know better the new people from both the Northern and Southern clubs. We already have so much in common with our shared love of streamlined primary and pastel colored Jelly Belly road warriors ... and we all have great stories from the provenance of our cars, mostly true ... that NMS offers a great opportunity to relish all the good times and share fun with our neighbors. We often have our own groups of like-minded individuals that we comfortably hang out with, but this event is as the name says a "North MEETS South" socializing event – so let's work on "getting to know you" and explore other interests like – Volunteer Workers – Dog Lovers – E-Bicyclists – RV'ers – Hikers – Mountain Lovers – Beach Cruisers – Cat Aficionados – Wine Gourmets – Foodies – Bridge Players – 356 Techies – European/or ?? Travelers – Geocachers – Skiers – Boaters ...?

And another change is that we are planning a 356 Swap Meet at 8:00 am, most likely on Friday vs. our way too early 'O DARK THIRTY Sunday mornings just before departure – YOU'RE WELCOME!

But there is one word of caution, in that I am afraid of running out of hotel rooms at the Embassy Suites, even despite the difficulties with our COVID-19 Pandemic and possibly further restrictions in the coming year. We need to predict attendance, not only for the hotel's information but also for the many details of preparation that attend a big event like this. In past years we have had 250+ attendees and some folks were forced to book at other hotels and motels in the area. That alternative is still available, and may or may not be needed, but every NMS is

most fun if we have everyone together for all the events.

We will send out word when both the Event Registration and Hotel Reservation details are ready so standby for further information, as you dust off your 356s and get your fun Hawaiian duds ready to wear.



Who's That?

by Jimmy Olson

In preparation for Christmas' past, we have as a club identified various hospitals, and specifically their children's wards, as beneficiaries of our 356CAR Christmas Party Toy Collection. As many of you know from attending this year's event, we changed our beneficiary to the Gold Country Wildlife Rescue (GCWR) in Auburn, CA, and in response they brought a couple of their birds under care, a Raven, and a Red Shoulder Hawk plus a couple of their Volunteers to answer questions and to introduce the birds during our Christmas Party. It was a great event as described in Bob Murray's article in this 2021-4 edition of the 356CAR Newsletter.

However, during our run-up to the holidays one of our previous hospitals, and specifically the Sutter General Hospital Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit staff asked us if one of our members might dress up as Santa and help with their gift distribution to the children that will be shut-in the slammer during the holidays. Your NL Editorial staff, and a couple of Santa's elves got together, and we were able to squeeze some time into the Big Guy's busy schedule and we even got Mrs. Claus to go along and help. Take a look at the picture of a couple of your 356CAR members and see if you can identify who stood up in costumes with all the right stuffing in the correct proportions and locations.

The first to correctly identify our festive couple will be awarded a FREE 356 Oil Change & Lube (Labor only) at Jimmy Olson's Garage. Let us know your guesses.



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Please submit articles as a Microsoft Word document or in plain text format. Most articles should run about 1 to 3 pages of double spaced text. We will reformat and edit your article anyway, no matter how pretty it looks, so don't sweat the details.

Note: Article copy & photos must be to Lou Fifer, Copy Editor no later than the first day of the quarterly publication month, i.e.: 01Mar for the 1st issue; 01Jun for the 2nd issue; 01Sep for the 3rd issue; and 01Dec for the 4th issue. With articles and photos submitted on these production deadlines will insure that we will be able to publish our 356CAR newsletter at the end of each quarter: 31Mar, 30Jun, 30Sep and 31Dec.

Photographs add significant quality and interest to most articles. We would like to have a number of your photographs to accompany your articles, although space limitations and editorial decisions may not permit all of them to be published. For any photograph, it must be in the largest size (with the most pixels) possible! This means the actual size as it comes off your camera, computer, phone, iPad or whatever. If you email it to us from your computer or phone, use "actual size" for emailing, not photos which have been downsized for quick email transmission. Photographs taken off of a website generally won't work for our print publication because of their small size. JPEG, TIFF or Photoshop (PSD) formats are all OK

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Please note the cost of a hard copy newsletter is now \$25/yr. If you are using a membership form from an old newsletter, you will need to adjust the amounts.

356CAR Club Badges

Club name badges with magnetic attachments are available to each active member and one additional driver for \$9 per badge plus \$2 mailing. Badges are normally mailed within 30 days of payment receipt.

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356CAR Logo Apparel

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.)



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California Automobile Museum

356CAR board of directors have decided to again support the California Automobile Museum in Sacramento. For our members this means that you will have a one-time yearly free admission to the museum located at 2200 Front Street in Sacramento. Just tell them you are a member of 356CAR and enjoy the museum!



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