APRIL 2012

President’s Message
Frank Hood

Senses Working Overtime
I have lusted over the Porsche 356 Speedster since the first time I saw one as a child back in the mid 70’s; however I never had the chance to fully experience one until the Gathering of the Faithful 5. Although I have driven A, B and C coupes along with Notchbacks, Roadsters, Cabriolets and even a Convertible D, I had yet to drive or even ride in a 356 Speedster until I hitched a ride with our pal Charlie Fizer this past February. I felt like a bit of a traitor showing up to the Gathering without a 356 but by the time I left our spectacular weekend, I was on top of the world thanks to Charlie and his Red Speedster.

The first thing I noticed about Charlie’s Speedster was the color RED...red trimmed with tan leather interior. Some may argue there are better color combinations for a Speedster but for me on this beautiful day there wasn’t anyone, anywhere who could have convinced me otherwise – not even Jack Kasmer. The simple, unassuming yet perfect lines of the Red Speedster could have brought a smile to Stevie Wonder’s face. The way the fenders curve and nuzzle the headlights that are just as stylish as they are functional blend perfectly into the cowl panel where the Speedster’s iconic low chrome windshield lives. It’s then that you notice another Speedster trademark, the Speedster Spears, just a bit of polished aluminum running the length of the Porsche. These spears help create an even lower and longer presence to the already streamlined automobile.

As we climbed into the Speedster Charlie took the controls while seated snuggly in the sporty Speedster seat which reminded me of one a fighter pilot might have used in an era gone by. I lowered myself into the passenger side which was fitted with a coupe seat presumably situated to provide a bit more comfort to the lucky passenger. Inside the Speedster you could smell the leather interior mixed with German square weave carpeting, a familiar scent we have all grown to love. When Charlie fired up his baby his smile grew a little wider but I’m guessing not quite as WIDE as mine. The sound of the air-cooled flat four coming to life was truly music to my ears. The Speedster’s engine sounded more melodic than any other 356 I have ever heard... something about the sound coming up, over and into the passenger compartment un-baffled by a Coupe’s roof or Cabriolet’s top is more intoxicating than any stein of German brew. Then we were off... accelerating, running through the gears, braking, downshifting, turning into a long sweepers then accelerating again – oh what excitement even from the passenger’s seat. The sounds coming from this 55 year-old car were nothing short of a symphony. The smells you experience in a Speedster are just as magnificent too. It’s a bit like waiting to have Thanksgiving dinner at your Grandmother’s house but instead smelling of turkey and mashed potatoes, it’s a mixture of high octane fuel and rubber, the smells that will make any gear-head's mouth water.

As we pulled back into the parking lot of The Terrace Hotel I thanked Charlie profusely and thought to myself, “what an absolutely fabulous experience!” For the next several hours I was riding high, high on a little Red Speedster! I always knew the Speedster was special but never imagined it could be as special as it truly is. Thanks for the ride, Charlie!

FOG Business
I would like to welcome our new FOGlight editor, Stacie Rennick. Stacie and her husband Craig have been members of FOG since 2011 and have quickly become active members of the club. Stacie has graciously volunteered her time and expertise to produce the FOGlight so please reach out and thank her the next time you see her at an event. She’ll be easy to spot in her ivory Convertible D.
I would also like to publicly acknowledge Mike Davis, our former President, business manager and webmeister for all his "behind the scenes" work. When Mike stepped down from his role as President he continued to maintain the website along with handling the day- to- day business operations of the club. Mike is truly a great guy and we extend our heartfelt thanks for his commitment and service to FOG, which helped shape the club into what it is today.

With Mike now enjoying his FOG “retirement” we are looking for a few good men and/or women to fill the roles of FOG business manager and webmeister. If you are interested in becoming more active with FOG please contact me.

Thanks,
Frank

Gathering of the Faithful, People’s Choice Concours
Rare 356: Dutch Police Vehicle   Photo by Stacie Rennick
FOG – Gathering of the Faithful  
2012 – Lakeland  
Lee Payne

It’s going to rain during the day on Friday, but hopefully it will clear up by Saturday morning for the People’s Choice Concours. No, it’s going to rain Friday night and the concours field is going to be wet and muddy Saturday morning. No, it’s going to rain Saturday during the concours and the driving tour, and ruin everything. No, it’s not going to rain at all, and the weather and conditions are going to be perfect for the entire weekend.

Most of us involved in putting on the 2012 FOG Gathering would have bet strongly on any one of those scenarios except the last one. But that’s what we got. The bad weather waited for Sunday, raining out the Daytona 500 for the first time ever.

The 5th Annual Gathering of the Faithful of the Porsche 356 Florida Owners Group was held on February 24 – 26, 2012, at the Terrace Hotel in Lakeland, Florida. The GOF was chaired by Trustee/Event Coordinator Mark Koorland, who put on a fantastic event that exceeded all expectations, except for several hotel related items not under his control. And, although Kathy and I were the registrars for the event, and we can’t tell you exactly how many people eventually attended with all of the late registrations and people showing up on Saturday to join FOG and register and what not, we know we had well over 100 attendees for the event. And who cares anyway since we are a club for enjoying the cars and camaraderie and not focused on silly boring statistics (thank goodness). The fact is we had a record crowd with attendees from as far away as Knoxville, Tennessee, and Savannah, Georgia – one of whom took home a concours trophy.

The Venue. The Terrace Hotel is located on beautiful Lake Mirror in downtown Lakeland. This setting adds immensely to the charm and ambience of the weekend experience. But most importantly, it provides a superb display area for a concours.

The People’s Choice Concours. The People’s Choice Concours was held Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 am on the grass of the amphitheater surrounding Lake Mirror.

The event was chaired by Trustee Bob Ross who did a great job, even given the rash of late registrants, as it appeared to go off without a hitch. We ended up with 38 Porsche 356s on display including a record eight Speedsters.

It was really difficult to make the choices we had to make, but the well-deserved results were as follows and are posted with pictures on the FOG website:

'A' – Pre ‘A’ Coupe:  
Russell Clarke – Savannah, GA – ’58 Silver Coupe

'B' – Pre ‘A’ Open:  
Jim Doughton – Archer, FL – ’53 Cab

'B' Coupe:  
Pete Bartelli – Venice, FL – ’63 Yellow Carrera 2 Coupe

'B' Open:  
George Word – Savannah, GA – ’63 Black Super 90 Cab

'C' Coupe:  
Steve Bamdas – Lighthouse Point, FL – ’64 Red Coupe

'C' Open:  
John Reker – Winter Park, FL – ’65 Yellow Cab

356 Outlaw:  
Jon Askins – Maitland, FL – ’57 Black ‘A’ Coupe

Speedster:  
Tom Pisello – Winter Park, FL – ’57 ’A’ Speedster

Overall Winner:  
Dr. Harry Bopp – Lakeland, FL – ’57 Silver Carrera Speedster

The Tech Quiz. After the Concours, everyone was invited to participate in the tech quiz, with instructions not to “Google” the answers. Frank Hood and Renee Bergman designed this devious little mind-bender. Many of the questions were ones that we should really know but some of us don’t – like “What was the total number of 356 Speedsters manufactured by Porsche?” The overall winner of the Tech Quiz was Mike McNabb. The winner in the women’s division was Janis Croft.

Editor Quick Tip:  
See page 8 for Tech Quiz questions & answers!
The Driving "Tour". Again this year, luckily Jan Reker was responsible for the driving tour. It was a gorgeous drive through the wetlands and oak hammocks of "old Florida" in and around the Lakeland area. But it had a special thrill for me. As usual, since Kathy and I don't have a running 356, we followed behind on the tour in our Mercedes CLK 320. Normally, that affords us a great view of the myriad of 356s in front of us and around the sweeping turns of the drive, and that was true this time as well. The added "interest" was that John O'Steen was in front of us – alone - in his wife's Carrera C4S. How many times do you get to follow a professional Porsche racing driver when he is at play? And was he ever at play. John would hold back on turns through the orange groves and deserted back roads, and then he would be gone around the apex with dust flying, the rear end just slightly slipping, and the car launching toward the next turn - with us right behind. Remarkably, I never saw his brake lights come on unless we were coming to a stop sign. I stood on mine many times – wonder if those cows had ever smelled burning brakes before?

Normally I have a very patient and understanding wife. And as I struggled to keep up with John in his endeavors to straighten out the rural roads of Polk County - us with a car that was underpowered and a driver that was underskilled - things got a little hairy a few times. She let me play for a while but then politely suggested that I perhaps reevaluate my continued aggression lest one of us would walk back – and I'm pretty sure it wouldn't have been her.

John was kind and said that he was surprised I kept up with him as well as I did a few times. So was I. What fun! While I'm sure no such things were going on ahead of us with the 356s, it just shows that the boys and girls in the back can enjoy the drive too. So if you don't have a 356, or like us, it is not available, come anyway and bring the Crown Victoria. Who knows what adventure you might find on one of Jan Reker's happy trails.

The Banquet. Prior to the banquet on Saturday, there was the usual cocktail party with the usual expensive drinks. It was on the schedule, but most of us didn't know where it was going to be held. Some of us asked, and others just figured they would find it on their own. How hard could it be? After the driving tour and the beer bash, the majority of us went back to our rooms to shower and change clothes for the banquet. One of our group did the same and when it came time to find the cocktail party, he walked outside on the front veranda and noticed a gathering across the street where there was food and drink and a nice band playing. After getting his drink and a plate of food, he noticed everyone was really dressed fancy and had no FOG name badges. Yes, one of us is a wedding crasher.

Surprisingly, the Terrace Hotel let us down this time on the banquet location, shifting us at the last minute from the more intimate ballroom setting we had contracted for, to a divided venue in their Terrace grill area. The food was fine, but the division caused the wait staff and drink service to be severely lacking. Although difficult in a two-room setting, the presentations were made for the concours, the tech quiz and the annual driving contest. The winners of the Drive Those Cars Contest are provided in John Reker's column in this issue. I don't think you will see FOG back to the Terrace Hotel for another Gathering anytime soon.

The Annual Meeting. Our previous President, Mike Davis, sitting in for Treasurer Karim Rahemtulla, advised us that the club's finances were in great shape – actually too good as the object of the club is not to make money. Since the funds are mostly the members' money he reiterated the goal is to use them for member benefits. I suggest providing wine at the banquet tables next time – just sayin'.

The highlight of the Annual Meeting was the wonderful talk by John O'Steen about his racing career and friendship with Kirk Stowers. John's laid-back story-telling style and great sense of humor kept us riveted on the podium and wishing he would go on for hours. His wife Judy was delightful and showed no impatience in stories we are all sure she has heard many times before. By now though, I'm sure she is wondering why she needs a new set of tires on her C4S.

All around a great weekend.--------

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Personal classified ads are free to FOG members and members of other regional 356 clubs. Commercial classifieds: contact editor for ad rates.

We will run the ad as many times as you wish, but you must request each renewal. Otherwise, we will assume the item has been sold.

No Ads Were Received Since Last Issue

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Friday Reception

People’s Choice Concours

Beer Bash
With the addition of the new members below we have passed a new milestone on membership. **We now have over 250 members** – 256 to be exact! Please welcome these enthusiasts:


**Gerhard and Patricia Moll** live in Naples and have a 1963 B Coupe 1600S. Contact at 239-431-5317.

**Chris and Gaby Brehme** live in Fort Myers during the winter, but are home based in Germany where they have a Baliblue 1965 C Cabriolet. Telephone 239-332-7754.

**Mike and Charlotte Tinsley** join from Tarpon Springs. They have a 1963 356 B Coupe 1600 S. Contact at 727-934-6841.

**Jim and Laurie Melton** live in Lakeland and have a 1960 356 B Roadster 1600. Telephone 863-687-4586.

**Alex and Danna Dearborn** live in Osprey during the winter, Maine in the summer. They have a 1962 356 B Roadster S 90. Phone 978-590-5079.

**Carlos and Cassandra de Quesada** join from Tampa. He is with Alegra Motorsports. Contact at 813-884-4875.

**Jason and Abigail Hiler** join from St. Petersburg. He and Jason Lee (below) own Heritage Motorcar, a restoration and service shop. Contact at 727-623-9993.

**Jason Lee** also joins from St. Petersburg and can be reached at 727-623-9997.

**Randy and Rebecca Morgan** live in Dunedin and have a 1958 Speedster 1600 N. Telephone 727-474-5950.

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**Delray Beach Tech Session**

Gary Resnick

On March 31 a second tech session was held at German Auto World in Delray Beach, Florida. We had some 8-356ers out to see if their car was the one chosen to be worked upon. One of the fellows (Russ) had a problem with the fuel gauge/fuel sending unit. So that was the session. Joe, the shop owner was so pleased with our first tech session that we had back in December that he wanted to do it again. And so we did! Joe is very knowledgeable on our models but does work on many other types of cars. After the session we went on our many ways back home. Day well spent!!

If you'd like other tech sessions, getting together for a breakfast or a drive please contact me at garyr356@aol.com and we can do it. This is YOUR club so please get involved!!
This is the fifth year for our Drive Those Cars contest. Another year of many miles for many people. We had over 20 people report in their miles every two months during the year 2011 to compete for one of the Top Ten prizes for most miles the whole year. The winner, Sid Wilde, racked up 12,850 miles. Note that six people had over 7,000 miles. Tough competition.

Here are the 2011 results and congratulations to all ten winners.

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Tech Quiz – 2012 Gathering of the Faithful

1. The first 356 Cabriolet was built in?
   D. 1949

2. In what year did the 10,000th 356 roll of the assembly line?
   A. 1956

3. The "D" in Convertible D stands for?
   D. Drauz

4. The correct color code for Togo Brown is?
   C. 6411

5. Engine type 616/16 designates what type of engine?
   D. 1600 SC

6. The 1500 Super engine introduced in 1952 produced
   A. 70hp DIN

7. The bolt pattern for a 1965 C Cabriolet wheel is?
   B. 5 X 130

8. How many 356 body styles were available for the 1962 model year?
   D. 4

9. How many cams does a 356 Carrera 2 have?
   C. 4

10. Where did the first sports car to bear the Porsche name win its first race?
    D. Innsbruck

11. In 1944 where did Porsche KG move their offices to?
    A. Gmund

12. Who urged Porsche to make a stripped-down 356 model for the American market?
    D. Max Hoffman

13. What is the name of the official Porsche factory magazine?
    B. Christophorus

14. Dr. Ing Ferdinand Porsche was born in?
    A. Maffersdorf

15. Porsche built its first hybrid automobile in?
    C. 1900

16. 356-001 had its engine located in the?
    D. middle

17. The last 356 was produced in?
    C. 1966

18. Exhaust valves on a 1964 C should be adjusted to?
    D. .15 mm

19. Where is the Porsche test track located?
    A. Weissach

20. What is the total number of 356 Speedsters manufactured by Porsche?
    B. 4144

Tie Breaker: When and where was Ferry Porsche born? September 19, 1909 in Wiener Neustadt, Austria
Double Tie Breaker: When and where was the first 356 homologated? Kärnten, Austria, June 8, 1948
License Plate Gallery. FOG members with specialty or "model year" license plates are encouraged to send a digital photo to kristinserio@costadevault.com for inclusion on the License Plate Gallery page of the FOG website. Feel free to include a description or information regarding the plate.

Message Board. Want to communicate with fellow FOGies? Post or respond to the Message Board on our website: list items for sale or wanted, ask questions, request advice, share 356 information or resources, etc.

Membership. Recently meet a 356 enthusiast that isn't already a FOG member? Encourage them to visit our website, where they can download the New Member Application and learn more about our group!

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Local Events and Tours

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

Central Florida (Orlando area): Lunch tours more or less monthly, but not on a fixed schedule. To receive email notice of these, please send an email to John Reker at jreker@cfl.rr.com or call John at (407) 629-0248.

Northeast Florida (Jacksonville area): First Saturday of the month, October through May; location varies. Contact Jon Meets at (904) 501-4346.

Northwest Florida: Looking for a volunteer to organize local events. Please contact Mark Koorland at koorland@stpt.usf.edu

Southeast Florida: Looking for a volunteer to organize local events. Please contact Mark Koorland at koorland@stpt.usf.edu

Southwest Florida (Sarasota area): Last Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at First Watch Restaurant at the Publics Plaza located on University Parkway, just east of I-75 (exit 213). This draws FOGies from Naples to Tampa. Contact Bob Ross at (941) 492-5214 or at bobross517@gmail.com
My FOGlight Was Late!
Stacie Rennick

Why was my April 2012 edition of The FOGlight late, you ask? An understandable and appropriate question! While attending my first Gathering of the Faithful this year (which was FANTASTIC!) Frank Hood and I discussed the need for a new FOGlight editor. Given the new return address on the newsletter, and the fact that I’m sharing this story with you, you’ve probably already deducted that I said I would do my best. I apologize for the delay to the April edition. I, like Frank and Renee for the February 2012 edition, hope I can make Rich proud.
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Jon Askins at the People's Choice Concours next to the Outlaw he and his dad, Jon Askins, built
Photo by Stacie Rennick