

The 356 Registry has a long-standing tradition of volunteer efforts to keep the club functioning to benefit its members. Over the years, many people have given their time and energy to organize and take part in local tours, meetings, dinners, tech sessions and other get-togethers. Others have done the same on a grand scale - as Holiday organizers. Many regional groups have newsletters and websites that help keep the connection strong, and creating all of those are 356ers who put their enthusiasm to work. 165 issues of *356 Registry* magazine have featured the contributions of hundreds and hundreds of members sharing their expertise, and our website and talk list allow members access to a forum of other enthusiasts numbering in the thousands. It's a big 356 world out there, and it keeps growing thanks to the work of Registry volunteers.

A few years ago, the 356 Registry trustees decided to revive a means of recognizing members whose work for the club was especially beneficial; the Spark Plug Award. It was originally given to Bob and Ginny Gummow at the very first Holiday in 1975, but had been more or less forgotten over the last many years. I'm happy to say the newest recipient is Robin Hansen, who so deservedly received the award for his work in creating 356registry.org and 356talk.

Another award was created by the trustees to recognize people who have contributed to the club over the long term, who have held positions as officers, or who have taken on leadership roles in guiding and growing the organization. That the club ranks have continued to expand and that we have many great opportunities for enjoying our cars indicates that their efforts have been successful. We are where we are today because of these people, the recipients of the 356 Registry Hall of Fame Award.

356 Registry Hall of Fame Award

Below left: Bob Gummow, left, presents the Spark Plug Award to Jerry Keyser for organizing the 356 Registry. Below right: Ginny and Bob Gummow, and Jerry Keyser (right) received Hall of Fame awards at the Charleston Holiday in 2002. Right: Jeff Gamble designed the beautiful award.



Above: Tom Oerther receives his award from Chuck House at the Asheville Holiday. Below: Vic and Barbara Skirmants. Far left: Brett Johnson in his '51 coupe awaiting restoration (the car, not Brett.)

Members of the 356 Registry Hall of Fame

Jerry Keyser - 2001
Victor Skirmants - 2001
Bob & Ginny Gummow - 2001
Bill Durland - 2002
Joel Horvitz - 2002
Jim & Brenda Perrin - 2002
Tom Oerther - 2003
Brett Johnson - 2003

Jerry Keyser started with an idea and a *Road & Track* classified ad in 1974, and turned the results into a 7500 member organization. Jerry served many years as club president, a trustee and editor/publisher. After a decade of inactivity with the club, he returned to the forefront by organizing, with his wife Kathleen, the East Coast Holiday in Asheville this year. The Keyzers will also host the East Coast Holiday in 2004 at Historic Williamsburg, Virginia.

Vic Skirmants responded to Jerry's ad and from the club's beginning has worked tirelessly as an officer, trustee, president, columnist and resident transmission and engine expert. His wife Barbara has spent ten years as Membership Chair and her efforts have resulted in steady club growth.

The team of **Bob and Ginny Gummow** hosted the first Registry Holiday in their hometown of Rockfish, Illinois. Bob served many years as a trustee and among other things, the pair were the Registry's semi-official representatives at the European meetings. They can always be seen at an East Coast Holiday and as a writer/photographer team for *356 Registry* magazine they are without peer.

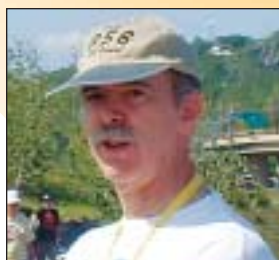
Bill Durland's credentials include charter member, club secretary, membership chairman, trustee and a few years as president in addition to chairman for the 1979 East Coast Holiday. He is a regular at Holidays and always shows up with exotic 356s, the latest an A Carrera coupe he used to lead the tours at Asheville.

Joel Horvitz, another Holiday chairman (1983), was club treasurer and accountant for many years and was instrumental in producing the video "Made by Hand." Joel's beautiful Carrera Speedster was regularly seen at Holidays until it was replaced by an early 550 a few years ago. A perfect illustration of Joel's generosity were the numerous rides he gave in the blue, all-original Spyder at the Charleston Holiday.

Jim and Brenda Perrin have played an important role of supporting cast in the club since the beginning. Brenda was chair of the 5th Holiday, was club secretary for several years and for two decades in the pre-computer era compiled classified ads for the magazine. Jim is the club's first and only historian, and has over the years been an important advisor on club affairs. His encyclopedic knowledge of Porsche has benefitted the club and countless individuals in many ways.

Tom Oerther spent several years as the club's membership chairman in the pre-computer era, a daunting job that was acknowledged only when things went wrong. He is an original member (he still has Jerry's letter about a new club forming) and was chairman of the second Holiday in Cincinnati. He was one of the organizers of the 356 bull session in that city for over a decade.

Brett Johnson has written his Registry column since volume 2, number 3 in 1976. He was also a trustee, but Brett's activities outside the club have perhaps benefitted 356 owners more than anything. His parts company, Tweeks, was one of the first to offer owners a good selection of 356 parts and his Authenticity series and other books have been an important reference resource for all 356 owners.



Top: Jim and Brenda Perrin at the Sebring vintage Races, March 2003. Below that is a Ginny Gummow photo from the first Holiday showing Brenda presenting an award to Mike Robbins as Bob Gummow looks on. Above left: Joel Horvitz in the late '70s and at the 2002 Holiday showing Mike Duck what a vintage 550 can do.

Top left, Bill Durland is shown in a photo from 356 Registry magazine, circa 1985. The editor apologizes for not having a current photo of the beautiful 356A Carrera he brought to Asheville (or the beautiful silver GT coupe or the other great cars Bill has owned), but here's Bill at the North Coast Holiday in 2002.