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As present and past board members and officers of the Midwest 356 Club, we wish to record our endorsement of Patrick Yanahan for election to the Board of Trustees of the Porsche 356 Registry. We would also like to acquaint Registry members outside the Midwest with Pat's record of service to the Midwest 356 Club over the many years of its existence.

Pat's contributions to our club draw on his detailed knowledge of the 356 itself, his broad base of personal contacts in the Porsche world, and the trustworthiness and generosity of his character. These have combined to give us a number of uniquely rewarding shared experiences, including:

- A group trip to Zuffenhausen and Gmünd in 2007, which Pat organized on his own initiative and which took a group of over 20 Porsche enthusiasts to such places as the factory museum, the Weissach test track, Porsche's own restoration shop, and Helmut Pfeifhofer's Porsche Museum in Gmünd. Pat's account of this trip, illustrated with photographs taken by the participants, is available for you to see on our club's website, at <http://www.midwest356.org/Germany2007>.
- A series of workshops, hosted by Pat in his own garage, where he presented and demonstrated the tools, techniques and materials he uses to bring the paint job of a 356 to a concours-winning level of perfection. These workshops have proven so popular that Pat has repeated them several times as paint technology has changed and new members have come into the club. See <http://www.midwest356.org/PastEvents/Paint2009>.
- Visits to, and presentations by the craftsmen of, several high-quality body, trim and restoration shops in the Chicago area that cater to the needs of 356 owners.
- Joint ventures with the Porsche Club of America Chicago Region, including historical displays of 356s at PCA events. See <http://www.midwest356.org/PastEvents/Potters2008>. Pat's involvement with the PCA over the years has also included serving as a concours judge and training other enthusiasts to become judges themselves.
- A second Europe trip, just this year, to the 24 Hours of LeMans race, bracketed by a visit to the Morgan factory in Britain and a weekend in Paris.

In addition to his own initiatives on behalf of our club, Pat has been a valued member of the club's leadership since its inception, serving as a board member, Vice President, President and honorary advisor over the years. All of us who have worked with Pat have come to know him as a dedicated, congenial, knowledgeable and hardworking person whose contribution to our club is immeasurable. We are sure that he will bring these same qualities to the Porsche 356 Registry Board of Trustees, and we recommend him to the voters without reservation.

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