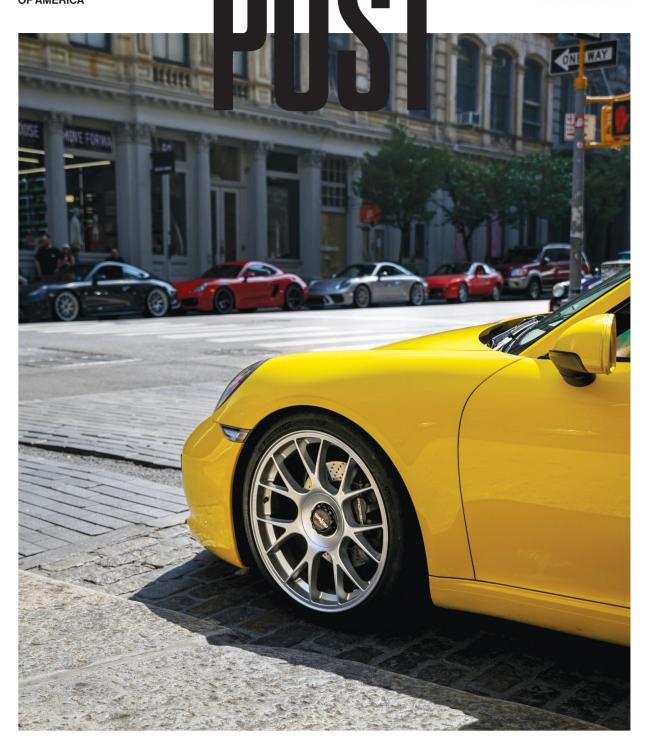
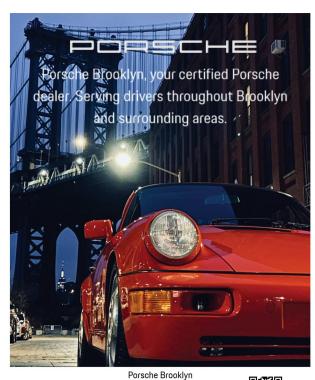
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#### **Metro NY Region Calendar of Events**



#### September

#### 26-27 Driver Education (Lightning) New Jersey Motorsports Park

28 Cars & Coffee Redford Hills NY

#### October

07 Driver Education (Unmuffled) Lime Rock Park

#### 12 Trek #5

12 Cars & Coffee

24-26 Driver Education (with NNJR) Virginia International Raceway

#### November

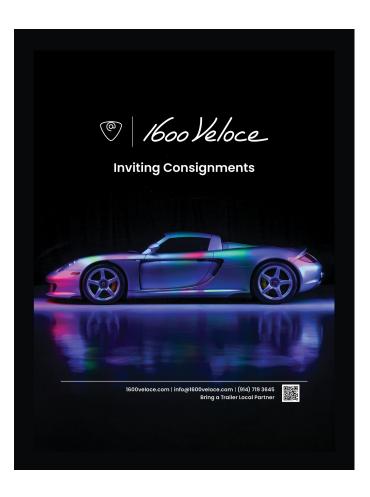
#### December

07 Holiday Cocktail Party Royalton Mansion Roslyn Heights NY

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can be found on zone1.pca.org and pca.org.



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## President's Page

As summer winds down, I've been thinking about an intern we hired a few years back for July and August. A bright young kid in his first year of college, he was eager to learn business and the world of finance. His resume checked off all the right boxes, and his enthusians was contaigious. There was one catch. he didn't drive. "What? You are 19...almost 20, and you don't drive? Don't have a (learnes?" I asked. How could that be? He lived on Long Island, a place not known for having the greatest mass transit network, actually, probably one of the worst in the country. "I haven't had a chance to get it yet," he replied, "my mom will drop me off on the way to her job." So, for 8 weeks, Anthony, we will call him, had his mom forp him off and pick him up each day for his internship, always on time, never missing a day.

As you are green."

mssing a day.

As you can guess, I was not only mystified by all of this, but I was slightly outraged. How could a 19-year-old American teen not have any interest in getting his license and begin exploring the open road? This was totally alien to me, a guy who had the good fortune to be born on Christmas day..one of the few days that the DMV was closed and had to wait the extra day until December 26th to get his learner's permit. Oh, the agony! Yes, Mom did drive me that cold morning to get to the DMV at the Mid Island Mall behind the Korvette's when they opened at 7:30 a.m., but there was no way she was driving home. I was getting behind the wheel. Truth be told, I had been getting some 'unofficial lessons' from my cousin and jumped on any opportunity to drive. It didn't matter if it was my cousin's green Pinto, Mom's big Buick Electra, or Dad's station wagon; if it had four wheels, a steering wheel, and gas in teach, I was game.

Fast forward some 40 years, and the thrill of the drive is still there. Sure, the cars are quite a bit more exciting, and the drives, well, considerably different. Cruising down "the turnpike" or "231" has been replaced by Sunday morning drives to the beach and to cars and coffee. "Road trips" to visit friends attending schools

upstate or out of state were replaced by Treks/Tours and DE/track events, filling the void once occupied by some pretty unsafe street activities.

I realized after my time with Anthony the intern how, as car enthusiasts, we have some real work ahead of us cultivate the next generation and to get folks involved in what we do and fire up the passion to drive. As some dyou may know, Billy Riehl, who has run our Trek/Tour program for the past 4 years, will be stepping down to focus on his business in the Carolinas. I want to take a moment to thank him for his hard work volunteering and running a successful and safe driving program that so many of our members have enjoyed. Without volunteers like him, our club would not be able to function. As Trek/Tour chair, he spent many hours planning driving routes, making test runs of the routes, and booking final destination dining plans. It was and is a lot of work.

In the coming months, as we search for a replacement for Billy, we will be working on reinventing the program in an effort to broaden it scope and get more of our members out participating in an event that gets us behind the wheel in a safe and enjoyable way. If you are interested in helping and being part of the Trek/Tour program, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the executive board. We would welcome the chance to have you as part of the team.



PAUL CELENTANO
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### From the Editor



On behalf of the entire team at Metro, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who picked up our debut issue, read our stories, shared your feedback, and helped us celebrate this exciting new feedback, and helped us celebrate this exciting new beginning. Launching our new magazine was no easy task. However, we believe that great stories, honest voices, and meaningful content are at the heart of the Post. This first issue was just the beginning. As we grow, so too will our coverage, graphics, photography, contributors, and the Metro community.

Your kind words, enthusiastic responses, and genuine support have meant the world to us. There's nothing more rewarding than seeing our work connect with readers in meaningful ways – and knowing that you've enjoyed what we've created makes every late night and deadline worthwhile.

What an incredible journey this has already been!

It was with great excitement and pride that we presented our inaugural edition of The Post-a labor of love, creativity, brainstorming, writing, and designing. Our mission is simple: to create a magazine that informs, inspires, and connects with you. Whether you're here for fresh perspectives, in-depth features, or a spark of curiosity, we hope you found something within the pages that spoke to you.

Each article you read – whether insightful, entertaining, or thought-provoking – was made possible by you, our members, Chairs, and Coordinators, who generously shared their time, expertise, and unique perspectives with us. Their dedication to quality storytelling, design graphics, and meaningful content is the heartbeat of our magazine.

We invite you to join us on this journey. Share your thoughts, share your story, send us your photos, tell us what moves you, and help us shape what the Post becomes. Thank you for turning these pages with usl Here's to many more issues together and follow us on social media.

LINDA ANNICELLI-RUDTNER

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# Membership Update

#### Metro NY Region Membership

Active Members Affiliate Members 1.067

TOTAL Members 3,633 Download your digital PCA card I am available for any questions you might have regarding your membership and events, I can also direct you to the right person in the club for any special interests you might have, such as track, social events, cars & coffee, drives etc. Please feel free to reach out, I would love to hear from you.



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#### 15 Years

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#### 5 Years

#### METRO NY WELCOMES OUR NEW MEMBERS TO THE CLUB

e's a list and some photos of our new members this month

NICOLE SHAPERO New York 2023 911 Sport Classic RAYMOND KALAW East Meadow 2025 911 Carrera



PETER GOLDSTEIN Rye Brook 2025 Carrera GTS

LEE COSTELLO Brooklyn 1999 911 Carrera

JENNIFER CHOI Commack 2024 911 Turbo S

ALEX TRZEBUCKI Sleepy Hollow 2007 Cayman

PROSPER VIGNONE Bronxville 2017 911 Carrera GTS

CHRISTOPHER LEVINTOW Greenport 2006 911 Carrera 4S

JOSEPH JACKSON New York 2023 718 Cayman GT4 RS

JOSEPH PAGANO Melville 2022 718 Spyder

ARTHUR RUBIN

Port Washington 2022 911 Turbo THIAGO FLORES

Baldwin 2015 911 Carrera MICHAEL SODANO

Oceanside 2001 911 Carrera 4

HONGSHENG ZHANG Long Island City 2021 911 Carrera



JAVIER DIAZ Scarsdale 2006 911 Carrera S

JEREMY SLONIM Jericho 2022 911 Carrera 4S FAISAL RAHMAN Brooklyn 2022 718 Cayman GT4

PAUL MALUS New York 2025 Cayenne GTS

MARK KATZ Plainville 2024 911 Carrera S



JUSTIN WILLIAMS Mount Vernon 2021 Cayenne

MISHA LOGVINOV Pound Ridge 2025 718 Cayman GTS

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JAMES MCCARTHY Chappaqua 2015 911 Turbo S

JOHN RENDANO East Meadow 1986 911 Carrera

PHILLIP ABOOKIRE Larchmont 2001 911 Turbo

DEBLIN ORTEGA Bohemia 1999 Boxster

RORY BULOVAS Medford 2017 911 Carrera 4S

RONALD CRANE Great Neck 2020 911 Carrera 4S

ADAM STOPEK New York 2024 911 Carrera S



FUNG NGAI New York 2019 911 Turbo S

ELOIT RABIN New York 2012 911 Carrera S

DONNA TERASA Arverne 2020 Macan S

WILLIAM RAGUSIN South Hampton 2009 911 Carrera S



ROHAN MANKIKAR Garden City 2022 Cayenne

MANOJ RAJWANJ Old Bethpage 2019 Cayenne S

CRAIG BALDENHOFER Brooklyn 1973 911T Targa DANIEL MILETIC Roslyn 2023 911 GT3

RICARDO RIOS Freeport 2002 911 Carrera 4

WOJCIECH JASZCZUK Bayville 2003 911 Carrera

GIUSEPPE BACARELLA New York 2015 911 Carrera GTS

JONATHAN SHEMMA New York 2025 718 Cayman GTS

SYED RAZA Valley Stream 2006 911 Carre

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SLAVIC SHVARTS Merrick 2021 718 Cayman S

ANDREW CHONG Smithtown 2021 911 Carrera

ANDREW INFANTE Rye 1988 911 Carrera

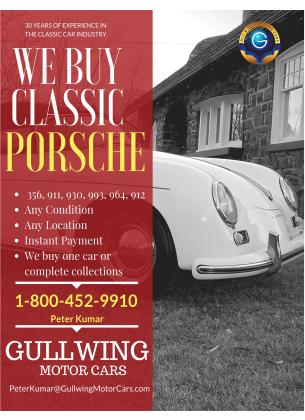
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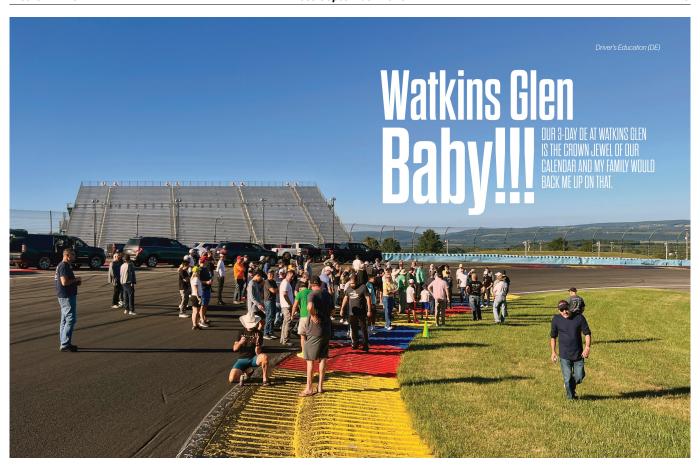
MARC RADOSA Hampton Bays 2024 911 Carrera

DEREK BURGESS Brooklyn 1987 944

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very year, my wife Samantha and our two boys, Logan (10) and Aiden (9), can't wait to head up there. Watkins Glen has something for everyone.

It's home to one of the most beautiful state parks in the country, with countless waterfalls. As you travel around this beautiful town, you can find breathtaking views of Seneca Lake, vineyards, and wineries. The town embraces its racing heritage, checkered flag crosswalks, historic storefronts, and that "race week" energy year-round. And for us, no trip is complete without a stop at Nicke's BBQ — mouthwatering food, great live music, and a laid-back vibe that always hits the spot.

Oh, and how could I forget? The Track. Watkins Glen International is the KING of the Northeast. A 3.4-mile ribbon of asphalt with 120 feet of elevation change, wrapped in listory and adrenaline. Driving there is an honor every single time.

Aiden looking at the falls in Watkins Glen State Park.



As a dad, I always try to include my family in the things I love. That way, what could be a selfish hobby becomes something that brings us closer. My boys share my love for cars and racing – and that makes me proud beyond words. As track chair, part of my job is giving the morning driver's meeting speech. My boys have heard it enough times to recite it, and this year, they asked if they could help.

Now, I don't know about you, but speaking in front of 250 people at that age? No thanks. But not my kids. Aiden, my youngest, stood right there and said, "This is High Performance Driver's Education, where all passes are done in a controlled manner with a point-by." Hearing him say that into the mic was one of those "Dad moments" I'll never forget.

So this year, I asked them to share-in their own words-what they love most about Watkins Glen:

"I love to go to Watkins Glen. The best part was seeing the cars go really fast through The Esses! Another thing I like is Turn 11 because the cars are really loud under the bridge. I love going to the track with my dad!"

- Aiden Tasso



Watkins Glen is a special place – filled with beauty, history, and yes, a little bit of danger. This is when we're most alive. If you're stitlen of the couch thinking, "I wish I could do that," my question is... what's stopping you? Weten NY PCA has some of the best instructors around who will help you learn to drive your car on track—safely, and with a grin on your face. Sure, track days can be selfish if you keep them to yourself. But trust me — bring the family. It makes it unforgettable. Until next time, see you at the track!



BRANDON TASSO DE Chair



"Watkins Glen is the best! I love it because of the loud cars. The cars are so loud I can't think straight! I love racing my Papa Joe to the grandstands. I also really liked speaking at the driver's meeting lol."

- Logan Tasso



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# Autocross reMarks



Rich Wayne, Ryan Wayne, Jo Ann Fucci, Dan Fishkind, Louie Abejar, Nick Inzerelli, John Bird, Mitch Hackett and Tim Mehta.

#### Results

e are on a roll and enjoying some good weather events. Despite the "Good Weather Autocross" not being such good weather. It have been such good weather at the "Midst of Summer Autocross" was a different story. We had near-perfect weather, coupled with a great course and great competition. Rich Wayne has a knack for setting some fantastic courses. I don't know how he does it. Each time, as he approaches his black-top caravas, I think to myself, "He can't do it again," but he does not disappoint and lays down another masterpiece. All forty participants horoughly enjoyed driving the course. I have neglected to mention hat we have had a few old timers return to the autocrossis quiswer suctorossing when I started twenty years ago, and for some reason or another, took some time off. It's nice to see John Ragals. time off. It's nice to see John Ragals, Demetri Mirissis, and Dave Lucci come back into the fold. I hope we

will be seeing them at future events will be seeing them at future events. John and Demitri are excited to have their kids get involved, and it's great to see young autocrossers take a liking to the sport. I must also mention that autocross focuses on car control, something that is ben-eficial and will help on the streets efficial and will help on the streets during everyday driving. If you have never autocrossed and have a son or daughter that you think might be interested, this is a great activity to come out and do together. If you are interested, please reach out to me, and I will help you get involved.

As I mentioned before my digres-sion, The Midst of Summer Auto-cross was a great success. Forty drivers came out to enjoy the day and have some healthy competition.

In S2. Corinne L. took top honors In S2, Corinne L. took top honors in her 2001 Boxster with a time of 46.347 seconds, edging out David L. in his 2008 Boxster at 46.672 seconds, followed by Manuel G. in a 2002 Boxster S at 49.235 seconds. S5 featured just two entries, with Joe C. claiming first in his 2019 911T at 43.921 seconds. In S6, Vaino N. topped the three-driver field in a 2016 Boxster Spyder at 42.720 seconds, ahead of Tom A's 2023 911 Targa 4S at 46.367 seconds.

Among the production classes, P2 saw Andre C, solo to a 43.08-9. Sha P3 shad Richard W, take first in a 2000 Box-ster at 41.752 seconds, followed by Nick I, in a 2007 Cayman at 42.482 seconds, P3 five driver battle went to Dan F. in a 2006 Cayman S with a 42.800-second run, narrowly over Mark H, at 42.865 seconds and Mitch H, at 42.945 seconds and Mitch H, at 42.945 seconds in his 2014 Cayman S, while P6 had Among the production classes, P2

Hender A, posting 48.247 seconds in a 2016 GT4.

In the Improved class, Blake L. led the way in a 2015 BT1 Turbo at 39.963 seconds, just ahead of 16 br. and the Fastest Time of the Day and the Fastest Time of the Day and the Fastest Pax Time of the Day Congratulations Blake also earned the Fastest Time of the Day Congratulations Blake Led the Tax Day and the Fastest Pax Time of the Day Congratulations Blake Led Tax Day and the Fastest Pax Time of the Day and

In our X-Classes, X1 saw Graham M. first in a 1990 Viper JR at 43.681 seconds, ahead of Allen C. at 50.411 seconds and Mark M. at 54.640 seconds. In X2, Mark M. claimed victory in a Miata at 41.532 seconds, followed by Michael J. at 44.995 seconds and Ryan W. at 45.381 seconds X35 too spot went to Jose seconds and Hyan W. at 45.381 seconds. X3's top spot went to Jose A. in a 2016 STi at 41.134 seconds, with Anthony H. second at 41.805 seconds and Barrington H. third at 42.967 seconds.

Along the lines of traveling auto-cross events, at the time of this mailing, Metro NY Autocross drivers will be participating in the Zone 1 Autocross at Moore Airfield in Ayer,









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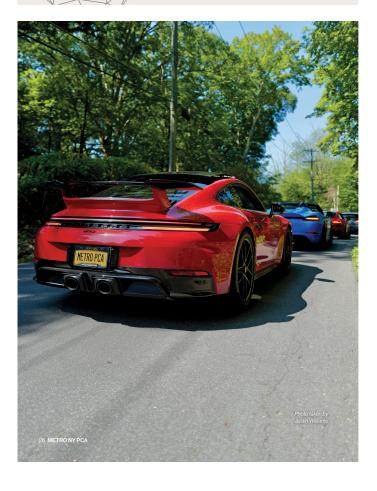








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# Chasing Curves

our 3 took place on Sunday, August 10th, and ended at our favorite Italian Restaurant, Abatino's Pizza and Pasta in White Plains, NY. We had only 47 members attend the Tour, as many of our regular attendees were on vacation. However, we did have eight new and first-time members attend. I hope all the new members enjoyed this Tour. We chased the curves on the backroads of Greenwich, Stamford, and New Canaan, CT, then headed into the eastern and western parts of Westchester County, winding through the roads around the reservoirs. It was just a perfect sunny day for a 105-mile P-car drive.

As many of our members may already know, Tour 3 was the last event of my tenure as Trek Chair. Janice and Iwould like to thank all the members who attended these events over the last three and a half years. We have developed many great relationships with the members who try to participate in every event. We deeply appreciate all the heartfelt thanks and well wishes we have received from the members for always putting on a magnificent event.

I also want to thank our volunteers for this Tour, who included Jim Clark, Amy Clark, Frank DeRubeis, and Michelle DeRubeis. The Club could not run these events without the help of its Leaders and Sweepers.

Please stay tuned for details on Tours 4 and 5, which are in the process of being developed and will be determined shortly. Please check for event details on our Facebook page, Metronypca.org website, and



BILL RIEHL Trek Chair



#### TOUR REGISTRATION

The registration process begins by visiting the website at clubregistration.net. All members who are not familiar with Club Registration and do not laready have an account set up should visit the website at clubregistration.net/login to create an account. This will make the registration process smoother when you are ready to register for the Tour or any other Metro NY PCA event. We will be providing detailed email instructions shortly on how to register as a Driver and how to register as a passenger. Each person attending the event must be registered and paid for separately.

When searching for tour events to register for, start by searching by the event host, which is Metro NY PCA. Then, also include the other search box by event type, which is "Tours". He tis search. This will take you to the location to register for the event.

Please be on the lookout for event details on our Facebook page, Metronypca.org website, and email blasts.

Registration for each event will open approximately 20-30 days before the event date through Clubregistration.net. Register early, as each event will be limited to 39 cars.

We look forward to Chasing Curves with you.

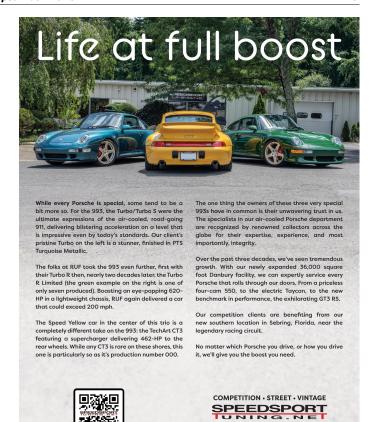
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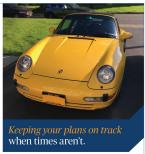






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n fall 2022, Seth Feingersh was on the hunt for a car. He'd been eyeing BMW E36s and E46s, but prices pushed him elsewhere—until a friend suggested the Porsche 944. "I always thought most Porsches were out of my budget or too hard to maintain." Seth says. "But the 944 ticked every box—affordable, fun, great community support, and something loculd wrench on." His wife had just one non-regottable: airbags. "She was serious," Seth laughs. "It's a 36-year-old car, but hey—they still work!"

After joining Metro NY PCA, Seth turned his attention to the finishing touch: license plates. Vanity plates were tempting, but he kept noticing vintage cars sporting original New York "Liberty" plates from the late '80s and early '90s. "As a native New Yorker and child of the '90s, those plates just felt right," he says.

Here's how Seth registered his vintage plates in New York: a 6-step process requiring the car to be over 25 years old, used only as a collector's item, and fitted with original NY plates from its model year.

#### Step 1 Hunt Down Your Plate

- Start on eBay or collector forums.
  The plate must be:
   Original (no reproductions)
   Legible and in decent shape
   From the exact year your car was made
  Seth found his gem for \$30: "PNP 944."

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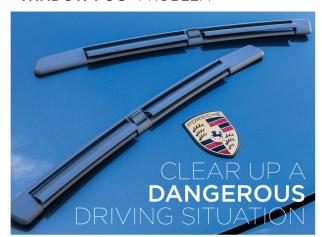
Once approved, the DMV mails you: Your updated registration - A window sticker - Written authorization to mount the plate

Step 6
Show It Off – Within Limits

For Seth, the plates were about authenticity – "Seeing them on the 944 completed the look, like it rolled straight out of 1988," he says.

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#### THE SOLUTION TO THE PORSCHE "WINDOW FOG" PROBLEM



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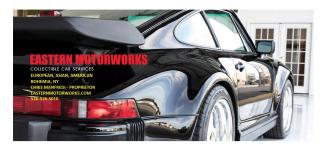
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Member Columnist



ast month's contribution focused on some of the Porsches I've owned over the years and the different methods I used to acquire them.

The most recent acquisition was a 1980 911SC Weissach Edition, a standard SC with special paint and a few other special options. The Weissach' was built in 1880 to honor the Porsche Motorsport team working in Weissach, Germany. There were 485 built specifically for the US market, and they were split between two colors: Metallic Black and Platinum Metallic. Ours is Metallic Black. The interiors were all covered in Doric Grey Leather.

The Porsche 911 Weissach Edition Registry lists 143 known survivors (61 in Black Metallic and 82 in Platinum Metallic). Some sources estimate that only about 200 of these models still exist on the road. With every Porsche that I've acquired, I have personally done a complete paint decontamination and a paint correction regimen. The purpose of the chemical decontamination process is to remove any iron deposits, acid rain, or any other particulates that may have embedded themselves in the paint.

To confirm that this step was necessary, I would run the back of my hand against a body panel, and I could feel a "crunchiness", not a technical term, but

an indicator that something was "living" in the paint. I use a pressure washer with a spray bottle that distributes the pH-balanced soap to break up some minor impurities on the surface of the car. I will agitate the soap with a wool wash mitt and wash down the car, from top to bottom.

The next step is to remove the wax from the surface using stripping prep soap. You know you've succeeded when you notice the water coming off the car in sheets. We now have a car ready for the final chemical step. Although iron remover doesn't have a pleasant fragrance, it's very effective in removing the contaminants we mentioned earlier. If you have a white car, you will notice a purple thic coming off it. However, dark colors are impossible to see.

It may surprise a few of us, but new Porsches have these issues, from sitting on the dock to the normal delivery process. Are you ready for the next step in increasing your car's value and getting to know your Porsche? The 1980 Porsche is ready for the Random Child Dicklet.

Why? As I've mentioned earlier, every Porsche, new or old, will have swirl marks, from improper drying to surface scratches and water spots, to mention just a few issues. Now you may begin to understand why

detailed shops charge so much; if done correctly, there are quite a few hours invested in raising the appearance of your car.

The first step, for me, is to assess the condition of The first step, for me, is to assess the condition of the surface of the car. If you look at the car with your eyes only you might say, the paint is in good shape. I use a paint inspection light in my unit garage and like an X-ray, I can see the true condition of the paint. I can see swirl marks, small scratches, and other imperfections that I could not see without the aid of the paint light.

You may wonder, when you are being judged at the Vanderbilt concours, why the judges don't use a paint light. Good point, however, if you or a shop didn't perform proper chemical and mechanical detailing, the underlying issues would compromise the paint's surface, preventing it from achieving its deepest shine.

I've finished looking at each panel and can now guesstimate which paint correcting compound and pad that I should use. I say "guess" because the true test is using a few different material paint correcting pads and a couple of different compounds on a panel and determining what works. I will use Griot's Fast Correcting Cream, Jescar Correcting Compound, or Sonax Perfect Finish on the 1980 Porsche, depending on what works best on each problem panel. I will match the compound with either a Rupes D-A fine foam polishing pad or a micro-fiber pad. If I must cut deeper into the surface, I use several dual-action car polishers. polishers.

In correcting the 1980 Porsche, I opted for a multi-step process because, although the paint initially had a decent shine, the car did not appear to have undergone a thorough multi-step correction. I found that the Griots correcting cream did most of the work on the deeper swirls and scratches. Working in small sections, I completed this step. The paint light revealed that further corrections needed to be made. I then went to Sonax Perfect Finish, panel by panel, and was satisfied with the result.

I was fully aware that this is a forty-year-old classic and not to expect a perfect finish, but good enough. I was now ready for the wax process. The objective is to add an application that will enhance the paint 

The following day, I will apply Collinite 845 in a very thin coat using a Hex foam applicator. The concept here is to get the sealant to bond with the paint, then the wax to bond with the sealant. Waxes and sealants don't always chemically play well together, but this and the 845 wears away, you'll be 845 wears away, you'll

well together, but this and 845 are great together. As the 845 wears away, you'll still hopefully have the base layer of Power Lock Plus holding out for more longevity.

You might not need to do a multi-stage cosmetic detail on your car; two levels might do the job. I realize many of us have the desire to detail our P-cars but lack the time. However, if you have your card detailed by a professional, you will be better prepared to ask the shop to give your car the "light test" to determine what needs to be done.

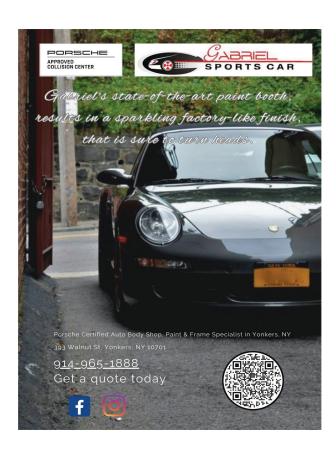
Well, as they say, "that's a wrap".

If you have any questions, you can send a note to peternyy@verizon.net. Next month, I plan on covering some basic detailling ideas on how to prepare for the Vanderbilt Concours in October.



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# IKAUK BLINGS

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote that:

#### "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds."

The keyword, as I interpret it, is "foolish," meaning that you have a little mind if you insist on holding an erroneous opinion despite the actual facts and circumstances. Emerson wrote those words in 1851, so he certainly wasn't thinking about track driving, but they can apply to our track activities. What he is saying is that we can have an incorrect belief and continue to hold it in splite of the facts proving otherwise – and that would be a "foolish consistency", but he is also saying that we can develop habits which are not ideal and stick to them because we don't know to challenge them, and that absolutely is relevant to track driving.

I recently sat in a student's car and noticed that he would often creep away from the outside of the track as we approached the turn-in-point. (This is a common error, often called "crabbing.") He didn't realize he was doing it. Of course, he wanted to use the entire width of the track, but he wasn't, and he didn't know that he wasn't. That was a "foolish consistency."

Since he didn't know he was doing it, unless someone pointed it out to him, he couldn't possibly correct he error – and that is why it is beneficial to have an instructor ride with you occasionally, (and/or have video in the car which you study) so that your "blind spots" have light shined on them. Additionally, instructors can likely provide you with valuable suggestions based on their greater experience than

Think about this, please

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Corvette Models	Cost	Horsepower
StingRay	\$70,000	495
Eray	\$107,000	655
Z06	\$112,000	670
ZR1	\$226,000	1064

Data obtained from current GM and Porsche websites

Today's inflation-adjusted price for the current 992 model 911 is almost twice as costly as the 1965 model.
It's no wonder that sales are down in the current
confused worldwide economic picture. (China had
been Porsche's largest market in recent years, but
sales have seriously dropped there lately, bringing
the USA back into its #1 export area, even with the
reduced USA volume.)

Also, the Corvette is a serious challenger to the 911 with its wide range of mid-engine models. Compare the costs and power: Entry-level Vette with 495hp, \$70K; Entry-level 911 with 388hp, \$132k. Want 500 horsepower? Corvette gives it to you for \$70k; for Porsche, that costs \$175k. Want approximately 650? Vette is \$107k; Porsche is \$238k.

My feeling is that what Porsche needs today to invigorate the sports car side of the business is to create a current '914' or Milata-like car - a light, agile, much less expensive car even than the Boxster/ Cayman line, whose entry-level cars cost \$75,000!

Porsche Models	Cost	Horsepower		
	\$132,000	388		
	\$155,000	473		
GTS	\$175,000	532		
Turbo	\$204,000	572		
Turbo S	\$238,000	640		
GT3	\$230,000	502		

If they introduced a \$50,000 car with approximately 300hp, it would appeal to a much wider audience than the current models can, and it would shore up the sports car side of the P-car line.

Continually raising prices can't be a winning strategy for Porsche. Ferrari can get away with it, but their sales are less than 5% of Porsche's, and their appeal is for the ultra-wealthy, while Porsche's is more for the merely ordinary, relatively affluent.

As always, I'd like to hear from my readers. This month in particular, I'd appreciate your thoughts about Porsche's current direction. You can reach me at fhp911@gmail.com.



#### FRED PACK

I'll see you at the track, and feel free to contact me at fhp911@gmail.com. Over the last few months, I have fielded questions from a few readers, and I am always very glad to help.

#### Porsche 911 over time

Generation	Model Variant	Price (At that time)	Price (Adjusted for inflation)	Price Growth	Horsepower	Weight (Lbs)	LB/HP	Length (Inches)	Length Growth	Weight Growth
1965 911	911	\$6,400	\$65,000		130	2370	18.2	164		
911 (1984)	911 Carrera 3.2	\$32,000	\$95,000	46%	200	2662	13.3	169	3%	12%
964 (1989)	911 Carrera 2	\$55,000	\$136,000	109%	250	2970	11.9	169	3%	25%
993 (1994)	911 Carrera	\$60,000	\$121,000	86%	272	3014	11.1	169	3%	27%
996 (1998)	911 Carrera	\$65,000	\$120,000	85%	300	3124	10.4	174	6%	32%
997 (2005)	911 Carrera S	\$82,000	\$136,000	109%	355	3124	8.8	175	7%	32%
991 (2012)	911 Carrera S	\$96,000	\$126,000	94%	420	3179	7.6	177	8%	34%
992 (2019)	911 Carrera S	\$113,000	\$139,000	114%	443	3333	7.5	178	9%	41%
992.2 (2024)	911 GT3 Touring	\$183,00	\$183,000	182%	518	3119	6.0	179	9%	32%

#### Porsche – where is it going?

I see the ever-rising prices of our beloved P-cars, and I worry about Porsche's future in the sports car business. A base-level 2025 911 with no options costs \$132,000, and each year the prices increase.

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If you read Bob Rassa's column in the PANO, you'll know that Porsche sales in 2025 versus 2024 are down overall, and you'll also see that Porsche sports car sales (Ti/8/11) in Q2 2025 were 9000 units and that non-sports cars (Macan/Cayenne/Panamera/Taycan) were 29,000.09 versus 29,000 lift the trend remains overwhelmingly in favor of the non-sports cars, the stratospheric and constantly increasing costs of the 911 line (and to a lesser extent of the Boxster/Cayman) may serve to diminish sports car unit sales further. Will that lead to Porsche reducing its commitment to its sports car line? Also, is Porsche about to commit an own-goal by eliminating the gas-powered 7lic cars and replacing them with EVs? Why not offer both?

I'm also concerned about the cars' weight gain, so I got information on the 91 since its inception and analyzed it. I used ChatGPT to gather the numbers and then massaged them in Excel. (There may be minor errors in the ChatGPT numbers, but I am confident in the overall picture I am presenting.)

I also saw a recent quote in which Oliver Blume, the worldwide Porsche CEO, acknowledges that the company's business model "no longer works in its current form."

Above is my 911 information. The price growth column shows the inflation-adjusted price increase in 91 costs, relative to the original 1865 81, and the weight growth column is also relative to the 1965 911. Admittedly, some (much?) of the weight growth is due to government safety regulations, but 1 have to wonder if Porsche could be putting the cars on a better diet and producing lighter, more agile cars. They have done a great job in the horsepower and hy/lb areas, but the numbers also show how the 911 has lengthened by 9% over the years.

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# **East** Region Update

Back-to-school time already? Yikes! We have had a busy summer at Metro PCA. A cornucopia of events. Here's a recap for August with Metro East.

On August 10th, we visited the historic Bayport Aerodrome. Great turnout. 45 Porsche cars, about 75 people. I've never seen 50+ bagels disappears oo fast! Thanks to Metro member Robert Mott for organizing the event. He is a pilot there and Cayman owner. His help was vital to get this off the ground. Pun intended. We were blessed with VFR weather, Visual light rules? so airplanes were flying. Several Metro members went up in a cool biplane, flown by a commercial pilot. They loved it! The kids were fascinated. The staff there was fantastic, all offunctions. They were most accommodating, and they all were happy to tell stories about their vintage aircraft. The first person I net at the gate was Yogi, riding a bicycle. He is in his 90s and still growing strong, He piloned the Aerodrome in 1952! They want us to come back, and we will!







On August 16, Metro attended cars and coffee, sponsored by Bampan Motors. They restore vintage 91s and Mercedes automobiles. 38 Metro members registered and attended, Plus, assorted Ferrari things, and lesser sports cars! Of course, I'm joking, please don't take offense. There were more than 50 cars at the event. Thanks to all who attended. I meet new people at every event. Always fun. Thanks to Metro President Paul Celentano for the recommendation! Both events above benefited our charity, General Needs. Thank you!

Of interest to Metro members in September is the Bridgehampton cars and coffee on September 14. Starts at 9:00 am at the Bridgehampton Museum. This is a huge gathering of exotic cars, sport racers, and unique automobiles. Free for spectators to attend. This year, it is hosted by Bring a Trailer and 1600/veloce—my advice: Get there early. There is a large field to park, but it fills up. Note to our lady members: Leave the high heels at home! Enough said. Many Metro events are planned for September. The new members meeting, Autocross, Trek, and Drivers Ed! Come out and enjoy them.



MITCH HACKETT East Region Director

Events

# West Region Update



#### SOHO CARS AND COFFEE

ew neighborhoods embody timeless design quite like SoHo. Its cast-iron facades and cobblestone streets carry the weight of history, while its boutiques, galleries, and lofts pulse with a modern rhythm that always feels current. That same balance –heritage refined through evolution – is what makes the Porsche 911 so enduring.

For decades, the 911 has honored its original form while refining every detail, remaining unmistakable even as it evolves. Set against SoHo's textured streetscape, the car doesn't just blend in – it belongs, its curves echo the iromork, its quiet confidence reflects the neighborhood's effortless style.

That harmony makes SoHo the perfect backdrop for gatherings like cars and coffee. These mornings aren't just about showcasing machines; they're about celebrating them within a living canvas of culture and community. It's a reminder that cars like the 911 are more







than drivers' machines. They are pieces of design meant to be appreciated in the right light – and best enjoyed when shared together.

We're excited to bring this spirit to life again at our next Members' Cars and Coffee in SoHo, NYC, this September (date to be announced soon). We hope you'll join us for another morning of remarkable cars, great company, and the singular energy that only SoHo provides.



DUANE WILSON West Region Director

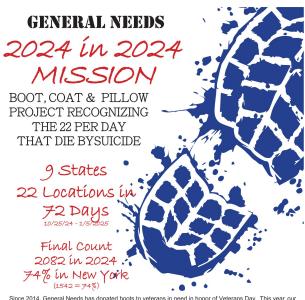
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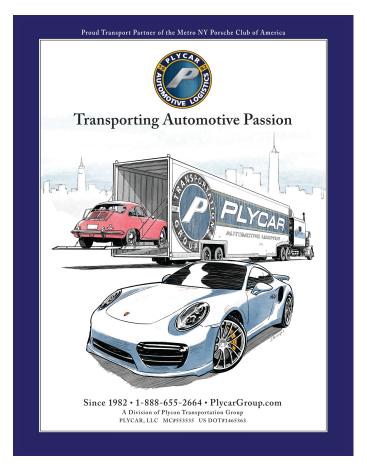
Since 2014, General Needs has donated boots to veterans in need in honor of Veterans Day. This year, our mission is to call attention to the 22 veterans per day that will lose their life to suicide. We're planning the General Needs Road Trip from Maine to DC to distribute 2024 boots, coats and pillows in October. November and December. There are 92 days x 22 veterans per day equals 2024 veterans that will die by suicide during these months. For every successful suicide, there are 25 attempted suicides or 550 attempted suicides per day nationwide. Let's raise awareness, provide prevention and support our veterans in needl







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# Vintage Rally



What an incredible day! The annual Vintage Rally through the North Fork to Osprey's Dominion Vineyard was a huge success, and everyone had a fantastic time. The scenic drive through Long Island's beautiful North Fork offered perfect summer views. Some enjoyed the fun and engaging questions that turned the drive into a playful scavenger hunt — a true highlight for many. Some others preferred a more relaxed pace, simply touring to the vineyard was a wonderful option as well. The drive was enjoyable and allowed everyone to soak in the stunning countryside and vineyard landscape at their own pace.



It was a day filled with camaraderie, stunning scenery, and of course, outstanding wines from Osprey's Dominion Vineyards, whose wines were on full display.

Thanks to everyone who joined us — your passion and spirit made this year's Vintage Rally unforgettable. We can't wait to do it all again next year!

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# Full Throttle at Palmer Experiencing the track and the Beauty of New England

his past weekend, I had the absolute pleasure of attending Metro's HPDE event at Palmer Motorsports Park—better known as Whiskey Hill Raceway—in Palmer, Massachusetts. Nestled in the heart of New England, this track is more than just asphalt and curves; it's a testament to vision, passion, and the spirit of driving.

Back in the late 1990s, the New England Region Sports Car Club of America (NER SCCA) dreamed of creating a flagship track. Years of dedication led to the acquisition of over 500 acres, and in May 2015, Palmer Motorsports Park officially opened. The result? A 22-mile circuit with sweeping views into New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont, and New York. Road & Track even named it one of North America's top 10 tracks to drive. One of our members described it as "autocross turned into a race track" – and honestly, that says it all.

I signed up late, tossed my gear in the car, and braved five hours of traffic. But that's the price of adventure, right? The promise of a new experience always outwelghs the hassle of escaping the city. Arriving Saturday morning, the drive from the hotel to the track was pure gorgeousness—30 minutes of winding, wooded roads, sunlight filtering through the trees, and serene lakes guiding the way. It's the kind of drive that reminds you why you love cars.





Palmer is a driver's track through and through. It's slower, more technical, and deeply immersive. The elevation changes are breathtaking – literally. Blind track-outs and sweeping descents reveal mountain vistas that tempt you to pause and take it all in. But you can't. You're here to drive, and the track demands your full attention.

And then there's the community. That's what truly makes these events special. Everyone shows up with the same spark—the excitement of driving Palmer for the first time. The camaraderie is real. Drivers helping drivers, volunteers giving their time out of pure passion, and a shared love for the sport that binds us all together.

If you get the chance to go this year, don't miss it—especially during fall foliage season. I can only imagine how stunning the track looks surrounded by red and gold leaves. If not this year, put it on your calendar for next. Palmer is a place every enthusiast should experience at least once.

Hope to see you there!



JULIE REIMANN Social Chair

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# Compression Versus Leakdown

ollowing an alleged missed shift and subsequent over-rev on a 964.36 race engine, the car chugged into the paddock, popping through the exhaust. Back in the workshop, I recalled a debate with a respected and eminently experienced technician over the ments of compression vs. cylinder leakage (aka leakdown) tests. I've long believed that cylinder leakdown is a more comprehensive and accurate test, with the compression test being a 'quick and dirty method of assessing cylinder performance petential. With that conversation in mind, I decided to take this opportunity to perform both tests on this engine.

this test, the battery should be fully charged, spark plugs removed, ignition system disabled, and throttle held wide open. It's also a good idea to disable your fuel pump (on fuel-injected models) to prevent the introduction of unnecessary fuel.

After inserting the gauge into the spark plug hole crank the engine (with transmission in neutral and brake set) using the starter motor, ensuring the same number of revolutions for each cylinder. Five is usually a good number. Observe the gauge and stop cranking when maximum pressure is reached. Recore the reading and compare across all cylinders. These numbers should be fairly similar and will vary among different engines, depending on the compression ratio. Our subject engine yielded the following compression readings:

psi 150 psi

These are not ideal, but not terrible. This engine wa able to build compression in five rotations and would run poorly. Ideally, these readings would be versimilar, indicating acceptable cylinder balance.

If there were a catastrophic failure, you'd find one or more cylinders would read zero, or close to it. In many overhead valve engines, you can introduce oil to the cylinder to temporarily seal the rings. This is called a "welt' compression test. This can help diagnose worn rings or cylinder walls (e.g., bore societing) versus leaky valves. The wet test doesn't work well with dual-opposed "boxer" style engines because the cylinders are positioned horizontally, and the oil will tend to collect in the bottom of the combustion chamber. A compression test may also reveal valvetrain issues like a broken rocker arm or worn cam lobe. If air intri entering the combustion chamber, it can't be



Had I not proceeded with the cylinder leakage test, I could have thought this engine was relatively sound and looked further for fuel or ignition system issues. 911 engines are known for bending valves on an over-rev, so while the spark plugs were removed, I thought to bore-scope the engine to see if there were any obvious flaws. A bore scope is a tiny camera that may be inserted into the combustion chamber via the spark plug hole. This inspection was inconclusives.

A cylinder leakage test uses compressed air to pressurize the combustion chamber. Battery condition, ignition status, and throttle position are not important for this test. Each piston must be positioned precisely at its Top Dead Center (TDC) on the compression stroke (valves closed). If not, the engine may rotate when compressed air is introduced. There are two paired gauges used in the cylinder leakage test. One is the "control" pressure - the pressure in the cylinder leakage test. One is the cylinder leakage the cylinder leakage are of 0%). Unlike the compression entry of the air introduced. The second gauge measures the cylinder leakage is zero (0%). Unlike the compression est, a zero reading is a good thing. It means no air is leaking from the combustion chamber. Zero leakdown is also quite rare in real-world conditions.

Our subject engine % of cylinder leakage was:

51% 67% 289

more than 10% leakage, you can listen to the Intake orhusts and/or crankcase or you can use semice they you observe air escaping through any of those, you can assume there's a problem with an intake you can assume there's a problem with an intake you can assume there's a problem or the construction of the problem of the

In our subject engine, air was heard leaking from the exhaust primarily on cylinders 1 and 3. Having already measured valve clearance and finding it within spec, this engine was removed and form down. Several

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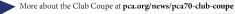




## New Porsche 911 Club Coupe celebrates 70 Years of PCA — 70 cars for 70 members

The Porsche Club of America is proud to announce the third 911 Club Coupe, a collaboration with Porsche AG to celebrate our club's 70th anniversary. As with the 50th and 60th anniversary Club Coupes, this Club Coupe contains many unique features that one cannot not find on other Porsches. 70 units will be produced and exclusively offered for sale to PCA members through a raffle system.

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# **Porsche**

**Market Update** 

uly kept pace with June's strong performance, matching its 74% sell-through rate while coming in just shy of dollar volume at \$38,10,1964 from 63.5 Porsches offered. That is a healthy increase from July 2024's 66% and \$30.5 million, showing the market resilience even as a certain segments cooled. This was a month where rare and limited editions took center stage, with cars we have not seen in some time crossing the block including a Black G13 RS 4.0, multiple 911 S/Ts and Sport Classics, and a unique one-of-one 993. While these headliners drew plenty of attention, the several high-profile million-dollar contenders failed to find new homes.

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It was not just S/Ts making headlines. Two 992 Sport Classics also foundnewhomes. A standard-spec, 258-mile car one came with an even rarer twist. Finished in Black, a color not seen at auction for this model since a 1000-mile example sold for \$885,000 back in August 2022, this 842-mile 2011 car locked every bit the collecto-grade example it was. Expectations were high after a low-mileage White RS 4.0 crossed \$1 million and the special production of the sp



Arrow's Amelia Island sale in March. This time, it surged past that mark to \$550,000, making it the third-highest Sport Classic auction result to date. If there were an award for the rarest Porsche to hit the market in 2025, this 1996 911 Carrera Coupe 6-speed would be a front-runner. Built by Porsche Exclusive as a pre-production Carrera S press vehicle, it featured a collection of one-off touches rarely, if ever, seen together. These included Turbo-style front and rear spoilers on a narrow-bodied car, Turbo S front and side intakes, and Porsche's XSI power kit. It sold for \$275,000, a price that felt entirely justified for something this unique, and in doing so set a new all-time auction record for a 993 Carrera Coupe.

The 356 market was active in July, with 25 cars crossing the block for a total dollar volume of \$1,837,212, though the self-through rate was a modest 60%. One standout was a 1957 3568 Speedster that broke through a ceiling we have seen hold firm this year. Until now, only one 356A Speedster had crossed the \$300,000 mark in 2026 despite nearly a dozen examples coming to auction. Finished in Black over Tan, this car sold for \$325,000, besting its \$300,000 high estimate. While it did feature a replacement engine, the unit had been rebuilt during a 2023 refurbishment, with the seller providing detailed photos of the work. In this case, great condition and thorough documentation carried the day.

While July offered some truly special sales, the upper end of the market also had its share of notable no-sales. Leading the list was a 2015 918 Spyder finished in Paint-to-Sample Grey Black over a striking Leather-to-Sample White interior. Showing 5,000 miles, it carried \$7.000 in Custom Tailoring but lacked the desirable Weissach Package that often commands a premium. The last non-Weissach 918 to sell was an 887-mile example that brought \$2,355,000 all-in at Amelia Island this past March. This one carne close, but ultimately fell short, failing to sell at a final bid of \$2,305,918. Also failing to find a home was a 911 Speedster by Gunther Werks, which stalled at \$959,911 despite a recent run of million-dollar-plus results for other Gunther Werks builds.

With sales holding strong over the last few months, the stage is set for an exciting Monterey Car Week. The combination of rare, high-quality consignments and a market that continues to show resilience suggests could see some standout results when the gave falls in August.



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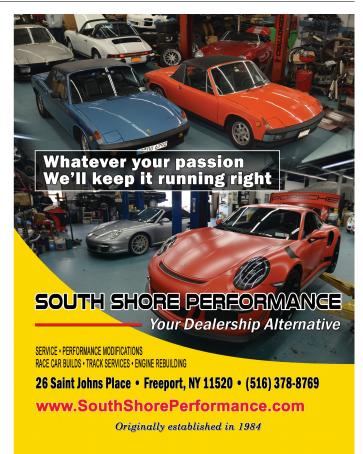
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