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## PORSCHE PRESS RELEASE Rolex 24 at Daytona results

Porsche Power Succeeds at the Rolex 24 at Daytona as Action Express Racing Porsche Riley Wins Overall; TRG Porsche 911 GT3 Cup Entries Second and Third in GT

Mechanical problems, bad luck, and on-track incidents push Porsche 911 GT3 Cup teams off the top step of the Rolex GT podium; Broken driveshaft, engine ills ruin Brumos Porsche's chance to repeat

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida - January 31 - Using a veteran driver line-up including Ryan Dalziel, Mike Rockenfeller, Joao Barbosa, and Terry Borcheller, and support from a veteran team, Brumos Racing, the Action Express Racing Porsche-powered Riley upset the pre-race favorites to win the 48th running of the Rolex 24 at Daytona.

The engine is a Porsche Cayenne-based V8 built as an independent project and mated to a Riley Chassis.

Pre-race favorites BMW Riley, Ford Riley, Ford Dallara, and last year's winner, the Brumos Porsche Riley, all led the race at various times during the day and night, but mechanical gremlins and miscues on the track derailed those efforts, and the Action Express team came away with the win.

In the Rolex GT class, it looked like a Porsche 911 GT3 Cup victory was in the works once the leading Camaro broke overnight, but the leading TRG Porsches lost their advantage in the last four hours of the event.

First, the #71 TRG Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, with NASCAR star Bobby Labonte at the controls, ran out of fuel on the course and had to be towed into the infield, where the TRG crew met the car, gave it a dump-can of fuel, and got it back on the track. However, Labonte had to circle the track again, and then come in for a full fuel stop and driver change under green, and lost the three-lap lead the team had built in the GT class. Only seven minutes later, the new leaders #67 TRG Flying Lizard Porsche 911 GT3 Cup of Seth Neiman/Johannes van Overbeek/Joerg Bergmeister/Patrick Long came into the pits with a broken front shock. The team replaced the shock, but it put them five laps back, and opened the door for the #70 Speedsource Mazda to take the lead - a lead they never relinquished.

The #71 car, with Labonte, Romain Dumas, Timo Bernhard, Spencer Pumpelly and Tim George, Jr., later broke an axle and ended up ninth in class. The #67 car finished second, and third place went to the #66 TRG Porsche Ted Ballou, Kelly Collins, Wolf HENZLER, Andy Lally, and Patrick Flanagan.

The #59 Brumos Porsche Riley, although many laps down in eighth place, had an emotional moment at the end of the 19th hour as five-time Rolex 24 winner Hurley Haywood stepped out of the car for the last time as he had announced that he would retire after this race.

"I would have liked to finish this with a win, but we gave it a good effort, and I am proud of our entire Brumos team," said Haywood, who added that he thought about his retirement a little before his last stint, but once he was belted in and out of the pits, it was 100 percent racing.

Other top Porsche 911 GT3 Cup finishers in the Rolex GT class included the Magnus Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup team (John Potter, Craig Stanton, Jerome Bleekemolen and Richard Lietz) - fifth; the Foametix/Battery Tender Alex Job Racing Porsche (Claudio Burtin, Jack Baldwin, Mitch Paggerey, Martin Ragginger, Dominik Farnbacher) - 12th; and the Bullet Racing Canadian Porsche (Kees Nierop, Darryl O'Young, Steve Paquette, Sean McIntosh and Ross Bentley) - 13th.





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## The Prez's Message,

As I write these notes the State of the Union address is over and let's all hope our Country's health improves this year. As far as our Club's health goes I can say it is pretty Darn good at the moment.



Our first meeting this year was held at The Crab House in Mt. Pleasant. We had a great turnout of 34 members. I passed out a hundred member applications to let all of us seek out some more like-minded Porsche owners. We spoke of some events coming this year and again if anyone in the Club would like to host or help with activities please let us know. Beth Knobe is looking into our need for some more club hats and once we get the order going we will let everyone know the price and when they will be ready. Our main sponsor and local dealer Porsche of Hilton Head will be hosting the next driving event coming up February 20<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to drive down on a poker run as a group and visit them to see the latest Porsche has to offer. We'll also have lunch down there before returning later in the afternoon. Keep an eye out on the website and in the e-mailed newsletters for more events. The 24 hours of Daytona is minutes away as I write this, and many club members are braving the weather to be down there live. I'm glad we decided to stay put and watch it from home! Cory Friedman had to make a quick return and give up his slot in the number 14 Porsche as his wife Shannon is expecting any moment. I wish them the best of luck and the Autometric's team as well. I hope to see you at the upcoming meeting at Teppanyaki Grill on the 9<sup>th</sup> or at the drive to Hilton Head on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Drive your cars like they were meant to be driven, Scott



# History of Rolex 24

(from: Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

The Rolex 24 at Daytona often referred to by its historical title, the 24 Hours of Daytona is a 24-hour sports car endurance race held annually at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, FL. The race takes place on a 3.56-mile combined road course utilizing portions of the NASCAR tri-oval and an infield road course. Since its inception, it has been held the last weekend of January or first weekend of February as part of Speedweeks. It is the first major automobile race of the year in the US.

The race has had several names over the years. Since 1991, the Rolex Watch Co. has been the title sponsor under a naming rights arrangement, replacing Sun Bank (now SunTrust) which replaced Pepsi in 1984. Winning drivers of all classes receive a steel Rolex Daytona Watch.

## The Beginning

In 2006, the race was moved one week earlier into January to prevent a clash with the Super Bowl, which had in turn moved one week later into February a few years earlier. In effect, these two major events switched dates.

In 1962, a few years after the track was built, a 3-hour sports car race was introduced, the Daytona Continental, which counted towards the World Sportscar Championship. The first Continental was won by Dan Gurney, driving a 2.7L Coventry Climax powered Lotus 19, dubbed the Monte Carlo after Stirling Moss bringing Lotus first Formula One win at Monaco in 1960 despite being a factory driver for Porsche at that time. Many Porsche 718's were driven by privateers, but these 1600 cc cars were considered rather underpowered for a relatively short and fast race despite having won the twisty Targa Florio and the tough 12 Hours of Sebring.

In 1964, the event was expanded to 2000 km (1200 miles), doubling the classic 1000 km distance of races at Nurburgring, Spa and Monza. The distance amounted to roughly the half of the distance the 24 Hours of Le Mans winners covered at the time and was similar in length to the Sebring 12 hour race, which was also held in Florida a few weeks later in the year. Starting in 1966, the Daytona race was extended to the same 24-hour length as Le Mans.

## 24-Hour History

As in the Spa 24 Hours (introduced in 1924) and the 24 Hours Nurburgring (1970), the purpose of the event is to determine which team of drivers can take their sports car the farthest in a fixed time period rather than the shortest time over a fixed distance as in most conventional auto races.

Unlike the Le Mans event, the Daytona race is conducted entirely over a closed course within the speedway arena without the use of any public streets. Most parts of the steep banking are included, interrupted with a chicane on the back straight and a sweeping, fast infield section, which includes two hairpins. Unlike Le Mans, the race is held in wintertime, when nights are longest. Lights are installed around the circuit for night racing, although the infield section is still not as well lit as the main oval. The stadium lights are turned on only 20% similar to the stadium lighting set up at Le Mans, with brighter lights around the pit straight, and decent lighting similar to street lights around the circuit.

In the past, a car had to cross the finish line after 24-hours to be classified, which led to dramatic scenes where damaged cars waited in the pits or on the edge of the track close to the finish line for hours, then restarted their engines and crawled across the finish line one last time in order to finish after the 24 hours and be listed with a finishing distance, rather than dismissed with DNF (Did Not Finish). This was the case in the initial 1962 Daytona Continental (then 3 hours), in which Dan Gurney's Lotus had established a lengthy lead when the engine failed with just minutes remaining. Gurney stopped the car at the top of the banking, just short of the finish line. When the three hours had elapsed, Gurney simply cranked the steering wheel to the left (towards the bottom of the banking) and let gravity pull the car across the line, to not only salvage a finishing position, but to actually win the race. This led to the international rule requiring a car to cross the line .....

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After having lost in 1966 both at Daytona and at Le Mans to the Fords, the Ferrari P series prototypes staged a triumphant 1-2-3 side-by-side parade finish at the banked finish line in 1967. To celebrate the victory over the rival at his home race, Ferrari named its V12-powered road car Ferrari Daytona after the race.

Porsche repeated this show in their 1-2-3 win in the 1968 24 Hours. After the car of Gerhard Mitter had a big crash caused by tire failure in the banking, his teammate Rolf Stommelen supported the car of Vic Elford/Jochen Neerpasch. When the car of the longtime leaders Jo Siffert/Hans Herrmann dropped to second due to a technical problem, these two also joined the new leaders while continuing with their car. So Porsche managed to put 5 of 8 drivers on the center of the podium, plus Jo Schlesser/Joe Buzzetta finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with only Mitter being left out.

In 1972 due to the energy crises the race was shortened to 6 hours. In 1974 the race was cancelled. In 1982, following near-continuous inclusion on the World Sportscar Championship, the race was finally dropped as the series attempted to cut costs by both keeping teams in Europe and running shorter races. It did continue on as part of the IMSA GT series. In 1970 the regular teams were expanded to 3 drivers. Today there are often 4 to drivers. In 1997 the winning entry saw 7 drivers taking turns in the cockpit.

### **Grand American & Daytona Prototypes**

After ownership problems with IMSA in the 1990's, the Daytona event aligned with the Grand-Am series, a competitor of the American Le Mans Series, which uses the same regulations as the Le Mans Series and 24 Hours of Le Mans, though Le Mans 24H itself is not on the ALMS calendar. The Grand Am series, is instead closely linked to NASCAR and its focus is on controlled costs and close competition.

In order to make sports car racing less expensive than elsewhere, new rules were introduced in 2002. The dedicated Daytona Prototypes use less expensive materials and technologies and the car's simple aerodynamics reduce the development and testing costs.

Specialist chassis makers like Riley, Dallara, Lola and Crawford provide the DP cars for the teams and the engines are branded under the names of major car companies like Pontiac, Lexus, Ford, BMW, and Porsche. The vehicles are designated "Engine-Chassis" at Daytona (ex. "Lexus-Riley"), as the chassis makers are relatively unknown and do not sell road cars.

### **Daytona GT's**

The Gran Turismo class cars at Daytona are closer to the road versions, similar to the GT3 class elsewhere. For example, the more standard Cup version of the Porsche 996 is used, instead of the usual RS/RSR racing version. Recent Daytona entries also include BMW M3's and M6's, Porsche 911's, Chevy Camaro's and Corvette's, Mazda RX-8's and Pontiac GTO.R's.

In an effort for teams to save money, GT rules have now changed to permit space-frame cars clad in look alike body panels to compete in GT (for example the new Mazda and the forthcoming Infinity G35). These rules are somewhat similar to the old GTO specification, but with more restrictions. The intent of the space-frame clad cars is to allow teams to save money – especially after crashes, where teams can rebuild the cars for the next race at a much lower cost, instead of having to write off an entire car after a crash or at the end of a year.

Porsche has the most overall victories of any manufacturer with 22, scored by various models, including the road based 911, 935 and 996. Porsche also won a record 11 consecutive races from 1977-1987 and won 18 out of 23 races from 1968-1991. Porsche saw wins in '68, '70, '71, '73, '75, '89, '91, '95, '03, '09, and 2010. Porsche makes that won are: 907LH, 917K, Carrera RSR, 935/77, 935/79, 935J, 935 K3, 935 JLP-3, 935L, 83G, 962, 962C, K8 Spyder, 911 GT3-RS, MkXI

## Porsche Trivia Fun

**February Question:** How many Rolex 24 hours at Daytona races has Porsche won the DP and GT class in the same year?

January 2010:

**Question:** How long was the Porsche 356 produced and what were the production years?

**Answer:** Production was from 1948 to 1965, 17 years

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# MONTHLY GERMAN RECIPE Bavarian Potato Dumplings

(by Jennifer McGavin – About.com: German Food)

In Southern German cuisine, the Potato Dumpling is a beloved actor. Old-fashioned comfort food, its springy, chewy consistency soaks up gravy and pan juices. You may find them pre-made online, or in a box on the market shelf, but the truly devoted will make their own.

Makes: 15-20 dumplings

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

## INGREDIENTS:

6 T. butter, divided	1 c. dry white bread crumbs
2 slices fresh white bread, cut into ½ inch squares	½ c. all-purpose flour
½ c. regular farina, not quick-cooking	3 tsp. Salt
1/8 tsp. Ground nutmeg, freshly grated if possible	1/8 tsp. Ground white pepper
3 ½ c. cold, rice potatoes, about 4-5 med. potatoes (Russets, or other baking potatoes)	
2 eggs, lightly beaten	

## PREPARATION:

Brown bread crumbs in 4 tablespoons butter. Remove from pan, add other 2 tablespoons butter and brown the bread cubes. Drain both on paper towels.

Place the rice potatoes in a large bowl. In a small bowl, mix the flour, farina, 1 ½ teaspoon salt, nutmeg and pepper. Add the mix in three or more portions to the potatoes, beating after each addition. Add eggs and mix well. If mixture is too thin to hold together in a ball, add flour a little at a time to mixture.

Bring 4 quarts of water and remaining salt to a boil in a 6-8 quart pot.

Lightly flour your hands and shape each dumpling into a 2-inch ball.

Press a hole into the center of the ball, place 2-3 croutons into it and reform the ball around the croutons.

Drop all of the dumplings into the boiling water and stir gently, so they don't stick to each other. Reduce heat and simmer for 12-15 minutes, or until dumplings rise to the surface. Cook for 1 additional minute. Remove with a slotted spoon and place on a preheated platter. Sprinkle with toasted breadcrumbs and serve immediately



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## SOMETHING GERMAN

## “German Potato Varieties”

(by Jennifer McGavin – About.com: German Foods)

Potatoes are a large part of German culinary culture, even though they didn't appear on the German table until 1716. Their earliest introduction was a half-century earlier in Bavaria, and thought to be poisonous, so the peasants wouldn't adopt them until Karl V ordered them to grow and eat potatoes or have their noses cut off.

Countries each have their own specific potato varieties, which are very popular and grow well in their climate. There is also a concern about various blights and other potato diseases, which makes the dissemination of potato varieties difficult across borders. Add to that the fact that new varieties of potatoes must be registered in Germany to be grown there, and the registrants then have an exclusive, 30-year license to sell their seed potatoes, and you understand why we can't find German potatoes in the stores. North America does have some very nice varieties and, especially at farmer's markets, you should be able to locate some specialties outside of the grocery store, which have characteristics you want for cooking.

By law, German groceries are required to state where each type of produce originated (Israel, Spain, etc) and are encouraged to state the exact variety of vegetable. In contrast, US stores only list a generic name (yellow potato, red potato) and often, the origin is unknown. And this, although there are hundreds of potato varieties, some of which have agreeable characteristics, while others are better being mass-produced and have little flavor. But they all look alike.

German stores do label a potato as to whether it is “festkochend”, “vorwiegend festkochend” and “mehlig”, which we describe in order as waxy, medium or primarily waxy and flour-y, or starchy.

**“Festkochend” – Waxy** – These are potatoes with low starch content, which hold up well after cooking. They are good for salads, salt potatoes, “Bratkartoffeln” or fried potatoes, and casseroles and soups. In Germany, the varieties you might see are named Cilena, Linda, Nicola, etc. Here is a partial list of German varieties. In the US, the waxy types are mostly red potatoes, including **Chieftain, Red La Sota and Klondike Rose**. **Fingerlings** are also waxy. Try waxy varieties in *Hot German Potato Salad with Bacon* or *Schwaebische Potato Salad*.

**“Vorwiegend Festkochend” – Primarily waxy**, or middle levels of starch. These are your all-around workhorses and do well in mashed dishes as well as gratins or potato salad. In the US, these include the yellow and white-fleshed varieties, such as **Yukon Gold, Cascade, White Rose and Yellow Finn**. In Germany, you may see Christa, Granola, or Laura. Experimentation will lead you to your favorite varieties for each recipe. This is the most popular variety in Germany and can be used in almost any recipe. Try them in *Bratkartoffeln* or *German Potato Pancakes*.

**“Mehlig Kochend” – Floury or starchy** potatoes. These potatoes bake up light and fluffy, mash and puree easily, and break down in soups to give it a broth body. The quintessential potato in the US is the **Russet** and its offspring. **Blue potatoes** are also starchy and can be baked or micro waved with success. In Germany, they are also used in potato dumplings and include varieties like Adretta and Likaria. Try starchy types in **Homemade German Potato Dumplings or Himmel und Erde**.

**“Fruhkartoffeln” – New Potatoes** can be any one of the three types of cooking potatoes. They are harvested and sold without curing the skin for storage. They are considered a great delicacy in Germany, served boiled in their jackets with butter and dill. They are available from May until August and are mostly grown in warm countries like Egypt and Spain. You don't usually peel new potatoes but scrub them and eat the skin.



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| Feb 20 - Porsche Poker Drive               | Jun 25 - Welcome Home Party  |
| Feb 28 - MB drive to Little River          |  |
| Mar 9 - Monthly Meeting                    | Jul 3-9 - Porsche Parade   |
| Mar 13 - Porsche Photo Drive & Dine        | Jul 13 - Monthly Meeting   |
| Mar 20-21 - Jekyll Island                  | Jul 18 - Safety Tech Session at APEX Performance (Murrell's Inlet) |
| (Overnighter) Lunch w/FL Crown PCA         | Jul 24 - Rally - TBA   |
| Mar 21 - MB St Patty's Day drive           |  |
| Apr 13 - Monthly Meeting                   | Aug 10 - Monthly Meeting - TBA                                     |
| Apr 17 - Shine & Show at Walterboro        | Aug 22 - MB Drive to Wrightsville                                  |
| Apr 18 - MB BBQ at Huntington Beach        | Aug 27-29 - Tail of Dragon (Tentative)                             |
| May 2 - Charity Course at Barefoot Landing | Sep 14 - Monthly Meeting - TBA                                     |
| May 8 - Veterans Car Show                  | Sep 19 - DRIVE YOUR PORSCHE DAY                                    |
| May 22 - Winery Tour                       | Sep 19 - MB Picnic at Santee Cooper                                |
|  | Oct 9-10 Oktoberfest in Myrtle Beach                               |
| Jun 5 - Blind Rally                        | Nov 9 - Monthly Meeting - TBA                                      |
| Jun 8 - Monthly Meeting                    | Nov 14 MB drive (Carolina Forest)                                  |
| Jun 13 - MB BBQ w/Hurricane Region         | Dec 11 - Holiday Party   |



# Upcoming Events

**February**  
 9<sup>th</sup> Monthly Mtg - Teppanyaki Grill Supreme, N Charleston  
 12-14<sup>th</sup> Winterfest by Tennessee Region  
 20<sup>th</sup> Porsche Poker Run to Porsche of Hilton Head  
 20<sup>th</sup> Great Porsche Show Off - Smoky Mountain Region  
 20-21<sup>st</sup> DE @ Roebing Road Raceway by FL Citrus PCA  
 27<sup>th</sup> BMW-Porsche SWAP Meet, Matthews, NC

**March**  
 9<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting-To Be Announced  
 13<sup>th</sup> Porsche Scenic Photo Drive  
 20-21<sup>st</sup> Jekyll Island Tour & Brunch w/ FL Crown PCA  
 31<sup>st</sup> Myrtle Beach St Patty's Drive (Little River)

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**Be sure to check the web for the latest details on all the upcoming events !!**

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