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It was once just a dream!

By: Jackie Dasen

Owning a Porsche was once only a dream. In 1987, recently graduated from college and working full time a new car was on top of my list of things to get. Back in the '80s certain car names were only had by the rich and well to do. Porsche was one of them. Along with BMW, Mercedes, Jaguar and Ferrari. I don't even think I'd ever heard of a Lamborghini, a Lotus or a Bentley. I used to see a red Ferrari when I traveled to downstate New York to visit my relatives. I'd purposefully take the back roads because I knew there was that one area that I might be lucky and spot it. And the times that I did oh, what a treat.

I don't know when it was that I first saw a Porsche. I'm sure it had to be a 911. But when I laid eyes on the 944 I fell in love. There was something about the look. Maybe it was the cars lines. Or maybe it was just the overall body style. So when I began my new car hunting and I came across the '87 Toyota Celica I had to get it. It looked the most like the Porsche I could only dream of owning. I'll now confess that nearly every time I drove that car I pretended I was driving a Porsche.

Well time went by and so did the cars. From Pontiac's to Dodges to Fords to Nissan's and even a BMW for a very short period of time I still never dreamed I'd ever be able to own a Porsche. Over the years BMW, Mercedes and Volvo's have all become a familiar sight on the roads today. You still see few Jaguars but more than in the past. But a Porsche? Stop and think for a moment about how often you do actually see one. And don't include the one you drive. I bet if you eliminated your own car, that of other Porsche owners and the times at the meetings you might be lucky to see one in a month's time, depending on where you live of course. But still, it's not a car you see all the time.

So when I found out Ken was bringing home a Porsche 924 home and for only \$500 I was a little skeptical. Especially when it was towed into the driveway. We soon discovered there was a *little more than just a battery* that needed replacing. After about a year with it still sitting in the driveway we decided it was time for it to go away. I can't say I was too disappointed. It was a Porsche after all, and for \$500 I just knew something wasn't right. Who in their right mind sold a *Porsche* for that low.

Then in 2006 Ken told me he'd found a Porsche in town that he wanted me to go see. My first question was "Does it run? I mean can you get in it right now and drive it? It doesn't just need a battery does it?" Being told it was drivable I drew in a deep breath and said "okay" I'd go look at it. So it was then that I first laid my eyes on a 928. Never saw Risky Business so had no idea this car even existed. So needless to say I had no idea that there 968's, 356's, 914's or Boxster's out there, all made by Porsche.

After looking at this red, excuse me Guards Red, monster of a car I told Ken that if he really wanted this car he had to do all the legwork; insurance, loan, taxes, etc. And guess what? The very next day he was telling me figures. So I sat and looked at our finances and after careful thought and consideration we made the decision that we'd have to wait. That hopefully the seller would still have the car in another six months. The day after we made this decision we received the news that my grandfather had passed away. We didn't get to tell the car owner that we'd have to pass at the present time because it was off to New Jersey. Sometimes fate has a funny way of bringing things into our lives. As we drove back down I-95 coming home I made the decision. We were getting the car. There wouldn't be any more dinner, movie or golf outings for the next 6-12 months but we were going to own a Porsche.

Although I was sad at the passing of my grandfather I do believe that he had a hand in us getting our first Porsche. If he hadn't passed, we would've passed on the car. This *Porsche* has brought some of the best people in the world into our lives. I can't thank God and grandpa enough. This might sound a little corny but everything I ride in this car or even just look at it sometimes I think of my grandfather. So in a sense he hasn't really left. He is still here with us only in the form of a car that I had only ever dreamed I'd own.

Owning a Porsche is a great thing. It's an accomplishment that I'm truly proud of and to be honest it's nice to be envied. But it truly is the people that make owning one so wonderful.

And I never in my life did I think I'd own two. Three if you count our parts car. So drive your Porsche. Enjoy the stares it brings. Enjoy owning a car still considered an elitist. Enjoy the people you'll meet. Enjoy those you've already met. ***Appreciate it. Love it. Cherish it. They are one of a kind.***





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The Prez's Message,

June has begun and summer is definitely here. With June in mind I want to remind everyone it is our Anniversary month. We will be meeting for our 41st party at the wonderful home of Herman and Michelle Porter. Please plan on attending the event and remember you must pre-register for this event. The deadline to register is June 21st and unless you do so there will not be food for you. Our great caterer Mark at Southern Occasions is cooking up some barbeque and fixins to go with it, but he has to have a firm count the week before. So pre register if you are coming. You can sign up on the website and prepay or mail your checks into Tuggy at the address provided on the web site.

We had a great meeting and turn out in May at Autometrics Motorsports. The Friedman's had the shop open to tour, the race simulator to play on and some nice food and drinks to enjoy. Hats off to them and the crew there for staying over and making the evening enjoyable for all. We did Dyno my quiet Boxster S for fun and it put down a respectable 238 H.P. to the wheels. Now I have a baseline to work from when I can afford to start adding on more power. And as for power be sure to turn your tubes on starting Saturday the 12th to SPEED channel for the 24 hours of Lemans. As noted on the website Josh's place is set to be the spot to hang for some of the race and if someone has an enclosed vehicle that can hold an interior door I'll bring my HO slot track over to play on. Porsche should still have a strong contingent of GT cars including Flying Lizards Motorsports. I suspect there will still be some privateer Spyders in LMP running too.

In July our meeting will be on a Friday at the Duck's place to watch footage he will be bringing back from seeing Lemans live and to enjoy some Brats and Beer. I hope you all will join us for these and the other upcoming events and thanks again to all the Club members for making this Palmetto Region a great Porsche Club to be a part of.

Enjoy the summer and drive them hard,
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2010 TAIL OF THE DRAGON RUN

We are in the process of working out the details of this year's Dragon trip. We had planned to join along with the Florida Crown region, but there dates and details have drastically changed. When we get the details worked out, we will let everyone know...



2011 PORSCHE PARADE

The 2011 Parade is going to be practically in our backyard. Savannah, GA has been chosen as next years Parade sight. This is a great opportunity to go see some great cars, participate in great events, spend time with great people and meet even more great people. As with most Parade's volunteers are going to be needed I'd really like to see our region offer it's help. As more information is available we'll provide it to you.



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PORSCHE RACING PRESS RELEASE

Long, Bergmeister, Lizards Triumph in Six-Hour Squeaker at Laguna in Porsche 911 GT3 RSR; Muscle Milk Porsche RS Spyder Second Overall

Monterey, CA – May 23 – Four Ferraris, two Corvettes, two BMW's and two Porsches, all running within ten seconds of each other during much of the six-hour American Le Mans Series Monterey race at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca yesterday, continue to provide fans at the track a national TV audience the finest sports car racing ever seen in North America. With nine minutes and 20 seconds left in the endurance event, Patrick Long (USA), driving the Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, overtook the factory BMW on the re-start after a late yellow flag to score a three-tenths of a second GT class win – the team's second-straight victory. Long, and co-driver and fellow Porsche factory pilot Joerg Bergmeister (Germany), overcame an eight-place grid position after a troublesome qualifying session to gain the season points advantage over their rivals. The pair won



five races in a row last year en route to the GT class championship....

....The other Porsche in the GT field, the Flying Lizard Motorsports entry with Seth Neiman/Darren Law/Timo Bernhard was forced into the pits twice during the events to fix damage from on track incidents, and finished 11th in class. While this exciting battle was raging in the GT class, a smaller, but just as intriguing competition was taking place for the overall race win. The Muscle Milk Porsche RS Spyder, with Klaus Graf/Sascha Maassen/Memo Gidley aboard, led the race overall at several junctions, and looked like they would compete for

the overall win when bad luck struck. Memo Gidley, the last-minute substitution of car owner Greg Pickett, spun the car during his first lap out in the middle of the race, going through the gravel trap. A small piece of gravel had lodged itself behind the shift paddle, causing the car to stay stuck in gear. Once the American was towed back to pit lane, the crew immediately assessed the problem, but had unfortunately had fallen seven laps down to the leaders, and to 18th place overall.

In the ALMS GT Challenge class for matched Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars, Black Swan Racing, in only their second race with their new 2010 race car, went flag-to-flag with Tim Pappas, and Dutch brothers Jeroen and Sebastiann Bleekemoken to score an impressive win over some serious competition...

....The Black Swan Porsche led all six hours and ended up a lap ahead of TRG's Porsche of Andy Lally, Rene Villeneuve and Henri Richard. The class points leaders, the Car Amigo/Mission Foods Porsche of Butch Leitzinger/Juan Gonzales/Rudy Junco, Jr. finished third.

The American Le Mans Series takes its tradition mid-season break for team who participate in the 34 Hours of Le Mans (June 12-13), and returns on July 11 to Miller Motorsports Park in Salt Lake City for round #4.



SOMETHING GERMAN

(Source: Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

Baden-Wurttemberg is one of the 16 states of Germany. Baden-Wurttemberg is in the southwestern part of the country to the east of the Upper Rhine, bordering Alsace (France) to the west, Switzerland to the south, Bavaria to the east and northeast, Hessen to the north, and Rhineland Palatinate to the northwest.

Most of the major cities of Baden-Wurttemberg straddle the banks of the Neckar River, which runs centrally through the state (downstream-from southwest to the center, then northwest) first to Tübingen, then Stuttgart, Heilbronn, Heidelberg, and then Mannheim). It is the third largest in both area and population among the country's sixteen states, with an area of 13,800.1 square miles) and 10.7 million inhabitants (both almost equivalent to all of Belgium). The state capital is Stuttgart.

The sobriquet *Landle* (Low Alemannic and Swabian German dialect for "small land") is sometimes used as a synonym for Baden-Wurttemberg.

History: The area used to be covered by the historical states of Baden, the Prussian Hohenzollern and Wurttemberg, part of the region of Swabia.

The Romans occupied Wurttemberg in the 1st Century AD who defended their position there by constructing a (limes) rampart. Early on in the 3rd century the Alemanni drove the Romans beyond the Rhine and the Danube, but in their turn they succumbed to the Franks under Clovis, the decisive battle-taking place in 496. It later became part of the Holy Roman Empire.

After World War II Allied forces established three federal states: Wurttemberg-Hohenzollern, South Baden (both occupied by France), and Wurttemberg-Baden (US-occupied). In 1949 these three states became founding members of the Federal Republic of Germany. Article 118 of the new German constitution however had already prepared a procedure for those states to merge. After a plebiscite held on 9 December 1951 four different regions, of which three approved the merger (South Baden refused, but was overruled as the result of total votes was decisive), the three states merged on 25 April 1952 into Baden-Wurttemberg.

In 1956 the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany ruled that the plebiscite was unlawful because it had disadvantaged Baden's population. The plebiscite was held again within the area of former Baden in 1970 resulting in a majority of more than 81% for the new state.

Geography: The Rhine forms the western border as well as large portions of the southern border. The Black Forest, the main mountain range of the state, rises east of the Rhine Valley. The high plateau Swabian Alb between Neckar, Black Forest and Danube is an important European watershed. Baden-Wurttemberg shares Lake Constance (Bodensee; the border with Switzerland is the middle of the lake) with Switzerland, the foothills of the Alps (known as the Allgau) with Switzerland, Bavaria and Austria (Vorarlberg forms part of the southeastern bank of Lake Constance, but doesn't border Baden-Wurttemberg over land).

The Danube River has its source in Baden-Wurttemberg near the town of Donaueschingen, in a place called Furtwangen in the Black Forest.





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Porsche Trivia Fun

June Question:

What were the production years for the 968?

May 2010:

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Answer:

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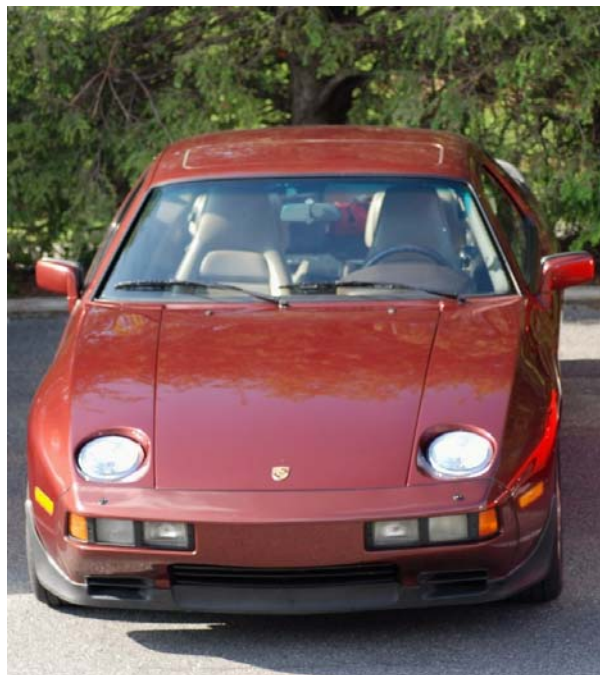
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PORSCHE 997

(Source: Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

The Porsche Type 997, simply called the 997 is the current version of the 911 sports car built by the German manufacturer. Production of the Carrera and Carrera S coupes began in early 2005. The all-wheel drive Carrera 4 and Carrera 4S version began shipping in November 2005. The Turbo and GT3 derivatives went on sale in late 2006 and the 911 GT2 in 2007. In addition to the coupe and cabriolet versions, Targa versions of the Carrera 4 and Carrera 4S are available. These two designs carry on with the "glass canopy" roof design used on all Targa 911's since the Type 993 Generation 911.

During 2009 Porsche made comprehensive changes to the 997's line-up included small styling changes and increases in engine displacement across the board. Gasoline direct injection and the introduction of the company's new "PDK" Dual clutch transmission as well as other mechanical changes were also made. As a result of these changes the 997 models are faster, lighter and more fuel-efficient than the outgoing versions and have somewhat better handling. A comprehensive re-tuned all wheel drive system with an optional "torque vectoring" system was also part of the upgrades package the Turbo 997 received.



In an October 2009 preliminary review, Car and Driver magazine estimated that when equipped with the PDK transmission, the updated Turbo should be capable of going from 0 to 60 miles per hours in 3.0 seconds flat. As of December 2009, the 911 GT2 was the only 997 variant not to have received any changes or upgrades.

The 997 has been the most commercially successful 911 of all time, selling 100,000 units between its introduction in 2005 and July of 2007. It has also received mostly positive reviews from the worldwide motoring press; even British motoring journalist Jeremy Clarkson, a known detractor of Porsche vehicles, noted that the 997 will "make love to your fingertips and stir your soul."

FIRST GENERATION (2005-2008)

Design: While the exterior styling is changed-in fact, the 997 Carrera S and Carrera 4S models share only their roof panels with their predecessor, the 996-it is again more evolution than revolution, typical of Porsche and the Carrera. Jeremy Clarkson has often voiced the opinion that Porsche had "the laziest" design team in the world" due to the almost unnoticeable changes in external appearance between the 997 and earlier models. The most notable differences between the 997 and its 996 predecessor is the return of the circular headlights, like those of pre-996 Carreras, with separate indicator units. The interior has been almost entirely re-invented and all the controls are new; however, it is more reminiscent of classic 911 interiors than of the outgoing 996. The body in general remains low profile with a drag coefficient of 0.29 for the Carrera and .30 for the Carrera S. Visually the rear bodywork is a total of 88mm wider.

Performance: The base Carrera has essentially the same 3,596cc flat-6 (Boxer) engine from Type 996 Carrera. The Carrera S uses a new 3,824cc flat-6 engine. The X51 Power kit is available for S, 4S and Targa models, increasing engine power.

According to testing carried out by several American automotive publications, the Turbo model can accelerate from 0 to 100km/h (63mph) in about 3.7 seconds with an automatic transmission and 3.9 with the manual. The Carrera S model is capable of going 0 to 60 mph in 4.7 seconds, and carries a top speed of 190mph, while the base Carrera model has 0 to 60mph acceleration in 4.8 seconds, with a top speed of 180mph. However those figures contradict the conservative official Porsche figures.

The viscous clutch all-wheel drive system (997.1) sends between 5% and 40% engine torque to the front wheels as needed.

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QUARK CRÈME – QUARKSPEISE

(Source: About.com – German Food)

Not a pudding, not a custard, there is no good translation for *Quarkspeise*. If you can purchase the quark, a cross between yogurt and sour cream, do so, otherwise you can try this recipe with yogurt cheese.

Quark Crème is a dessert with many variations. The whipped cream can be omitted to save calories, but certainly tones down the tart flavor. This dessert is related to the English “Fool”.

Prep Time: 15 minutes Total Time: 15 minutes

Ingredients:

1 lb of quark or yogurt cheese, about 1 ½ cups (see below)
 2 Tbsp milk
 1/3 cup sugar
 ½ cup whipping cream, whipped
 1 oz. grated chocolate
 Your choice of fruit (optional)

Preparation:

Stir quark, milk and sugar together until smooth. Fold in the whipped cream and grated chocolate. Refrigerate until dessert. Serve with fruit.

Yogurt cheese:

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18th Myrtle Beach Drive- Lunch at Longbeard's
24th Rally- details TBA on web



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