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TRIDENT TECH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Don't forget to mark your calendar. Saturday, April 25th is the date to remember. Help support a great scholarship program for automotive students by bringing out your Porsche to the car show. In the past Porsche has had its own category and we will again have our own category this year. You can pre register online or also register the day of the show. If you want further information please contact Cliff Hudson regarding the show. This is a show and shine show, so no worries as to having to have your vehicle Concours ready, but do remember you are competing for a trophy so show that Porsche a little love.



PORSCHE-CORVETTE CHALLENGE Veterans Victory House Car show

Okay folks. Listen up. We really need to get that trophy back into Porsche hands. It's been gone too long. So mark your calendar for Saturday, May 9th! Remember the Corvettes normally bring in at least 20 cars to this show so we need to make our Porsche Presence Known this year! The voting includes Best in Show and trophies to the Top 50. This event supports the Veterans Victory House Nursing home. It is an event that these men and women look forward to every year. It's one of the highlights of their year, so bring that Porsche out. Support those that have made it possible for us to enjoy the freedoms we have. Make a Vet's Day (A Veteran that is) with your Porsche.

Make sure to arrive early in order to be parked with the other Porsches. Last year we topped the 200+ total car count and most cars had already arrived by 9:30. Hope to see lots of Porsches this year and to bring that trophy back to the best sports cars in the world.



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Lowcountry Recipe of the Month

HOPPIN' JOHN

(South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism)

Since this month's Something German was about festivals and a few to be found in Stuttgart, Germany as well as numerous ones in South Carolina this month's recipe is from *The State Hometown Cookbook Series: South Carolina Hometown Cookbook*. This cooks book also has all the different festivals that occur in South Carolina. Enjoy.

Traditional Preparation of Hoppin' John: Tradition says that eating Hoppin' John, collard greens and cornbread on New Year's Day will bring a year filled with good luck. Made of black-eyed peas and rice, seasoned with ham hocks, onion, green peppers, and spices, the origin of the name is unknown, but it's thought to be a slave dish from the colonial era. *New Southern Cooking* author Natalie Dupree said that the black-eyed peas are said to represent each Confederate soldier who died for the South during the Civil War.

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup chopped onion	1 tablespoon bacon drippings
1 cup chopped cooked ham	3 cups hot cooked rice
¼ teaspoon ground cayenne pepper	Salt to taste
2 (16-ounce) cans black-eyed peas, slightly drained, or about 3 cups cooked black-eyed peas	
Sliced sweet onion (optional)	

PREPARATION:

In a large saucepan sauté onion in bacon drippings until tender. Stir in black-eyed peas, ham and cayenne pepper; simmer 10 minutes. Stir in hot cooked rice and salt. Serve Hoppin' John hot with sliced onion and cornbread.



CARMINE'S DRIVE AND DINE

The rain wasn't enough to keep 13 Porsche's from traveling to downtown Walterboro on Saturday, February 28th for our drive and dine. Two of those Porsches came all the way from the Myrtle Beach area to dine at the "The Best Restaurant in Colleton County". Yes, folks, you heard that right. The Charleston area voted this distinction to Carmine's Trattoria. As many of you know Ken and I have been claiming that for years. We also celebrated two member birthdays that night, Ms. Carol Aldridge (February 28th) and Richard Boxx (March 1st) with a homemade cake. Both were surprised.

If you love Italian food like I do and haven't had the chance to visit Italy then make this short drive to the best Italian food around. Buon Appetito!!!!!! A little bit of Italy in South Carolina.



Calendar: Upcoming Events in our Region and Beyond

For more information and event listings go to: <http://www.pcapalmetto.org/index.php>

	Tue, Mar 10 7:00 PM	Monthly Social	Easterby's, West Ashley
	Join us at Easterby's in West Ashley (2388 Ashley River Road) for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.		
	Fri, Mar 13 Sun, Mar 15	Amelia Island Concours D'Elegance	Ritz-Carlton, Florida
	The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is all about having fun and enjoying the elegance and excitement of the automobile. Tickets are now available for the 20th Annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. The three-day event at the Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island Resort leads to the centerpiece, Concours d'Elegance, on Sunday on the Golf Club of Amelia Island. The field opens at 9:30 A.M., remaining open until 5:00 P.M. More info here: https://www.ameliaconcours.org/		
	Sat, Mar 14 11 am - 3 pm	Coastal Empire Region Cookout	Woodman Tires, Beaufort, SC
	Coastal Empire Region PCA and Bob Woodman tires will be hosting a cookout serving hamburgers, hot dogs and brats, free to all club members and immediate family. Besides a great day of socializing, live music, prizes, and plenty of good eating and refreshments. To help facilitate our preparations and ensure we have plenty of food and drink for all, we will need an accurate head count. Please RSVP at your earliest convenience, with name and number of immediate family members. Please send your timely response to Tracy Goucher at sunkenparadise@yahoo.com or call (843) 252-6369 mailto:activities@hcp-pca.com . We can caravan from Sunflower Cafe after breakfast.		
	Sun, Mar 15 11:30 AM	Drive & Dine	Myrtle Beach Area
	Monthly Drive & Dine from the Myrtle Beach Area. We will gather at Ollie Bargain Outlet, Carolina Forest (2100 Oakheart Rd, Myrtle Beach) at 11:30, drive starts at noon.		
	Sat, Mar 21 10:15 AM	12 Hours of Sebring	Sebring Int'l Raceway, FL
	The 63rd Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by "Fresh from Florida" takes the green flag at 10:15 am on Saturday, March 21st. Gates open Wednesday, March 18, 2015 and remain open 24 hours a day through Saturday. More info here: http://www.sebringraceway.com/		
	Sat, Mar 28 10:00 AM	Scavenger Hunt	Charleston Area
	Save the date, details to come.		
	Tue, Apr 14 7:00 PM	Monthly Social	TBD
	Join us at TBD for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.		
	Sat, Apr 18 10 AM - 4 PM	Walterboro Wings-n-Wheels	Lowcountry Regional Airport
	Save the date for the annual Walterboro Wings-n-Wheels event.		
	Sat, Apr 18 Sun, Apr 19	Driver's Education at Roebling Road	Florida Crown Region PCA
	The Driver's Education program provides a safe, structured, and controlled learning environment for your high performance auto. Track near Savannah, GA. Register at www.clubregistration.net .		
	Sat, Apr 18 TBD	Myrtle Beach Area Cars & Coffee	TBD
	Save the date, still reseaching options in the Myrtle Beach area.		
	Sat, Apr 25	Trident Tech Car Show	North Charleston, SC
	Save the date for the Trident Technical College Annual Spring Spin-Off Car Show to benefit Auto Program Scholarship Fund. Info and registration here: http://www.tridenttech.edu/academics/divisions/iet/iet_autospin.htm		
	Sat, May 09 10:00 AM	Veterans Victory House Car Show	Walterboro, SC
	Save the date for the Annual Veterans' Victory House Charity Car Show sponsored by the Walterboro Cruisers.		

Breakfast with Dr. Bob, Sunflower Café, West Ashley, 8 am.

Monthly Social, Second Tuesday of each Month, Location TBD. Check website for details.

Note: Calendar events in bold type earn points toward the Palmetto Region Competitor of the Year Award.

For additional information and events outside of the Palmetto Region go to: <http://www.pcapalmetto.org/calendar/>

Turn 9

By Joe Mills

The beginning of each year tends to be the off season in the DE track world. This is the time that we tackle those annual routine maintenance items and those little projects that kept getting put off during the year. With no track events to talk about, I thought I would detail three different events that may be of interest to motoring enthusiasts. The three events are summarized below with details from their respective websites plus Palmetto PCA member insight on the One Lap event.

Coker Tire Challenge

Coker Tire Company is deeply involved in the antique car market, and promotes its own rally event, known as the Coker Tire Challenge. The event consists of antique cars driving to various checkpoints located throughout the Tennessee Valley, and sometimes into the mountains of Georgia and North Carolina. A field of mostly vintage cars attempt to keep on pace with each stage's pre-determined time allowance, so with the twists and turns of back roads comes a major challenge of staying on time. Going too fast or too slow penalizes the rally racers, so lots of math and figuring goes into dialing in the correct speed and sticking to the route.

Racers come from all across the country to compete in the Coker Tire Challenge, and it is not limited to vintage cars, although modern cars are given a penalty based on the production year. The Coker Tire Challenge is a three-day event, with every day starting and ending in the same general vicinity, so participants can stay at the same hotel all three nights of the competition. Thursday is all about event Registration, while Friday, Saturday and Sunday are days of competition. It's a great event that never fails to show the beauty of the Southeast, and it gives car guys a good excuse to get out and drive their vintage machines! This year's event will take place in September. See <http://www.cokertirechallenge.com/> for more details.

One Lap of America

In the early 1970's Brock Yates, senior editor of Car and Driver Magazine created the now infamous Cannonball Sea-to-Shining-Sea Memorial Trophy Dash; a flat out, no-holds-barred race from New York City to Redondo Beach, California. Setting out to prove that competent, well trained drivers can indeed safely navigate the American highways at speeds somewhat in excess of the posted limits, Mr. Yates created a spectacle reminiscent of the days of the barnstorming pilots. But after five successful events with none of the slaughter and mayhem predicted by the safety nazis; five events where the continent was ultimately traversed in 32 hours 51 minutes, Mr. Yates decided that he had made his point and it was now time to cash in with writing the screenplays for Cannonball Run and Smokey and the Bandit II. (And, to be honest, Yates recognized that it was only a matter of time before some militant, safety-crazed prosecutor would bring him up before a grand jury.)

Brock then set out to create a motorsports event that was accessible to the average Joe while capturing the excitement, lunacy and romance of the Cannonball without the threat of being called to testify in front of a Senate sub-committee. And so, in 1984, the first Cannonball One Lap of America was run with the start/finish in Darien, Connecticut. That year, the format was simple: circumnavigate the lower 48 United States and "guess Brock's mileage." The team that came closest to Brock's distance won. Brock is the first to admit that this format had its flaws and expected 1984 to be the first and last One Lap. To his dismay, he was flooded with inquiries requesting entry in the following year's event. A kinder, gentler successor to Cannonball had been born.

From 1985 through 1991 *One Lap* was run as a series of Road Rallies while lapping the U.S. Under this format, competitors were scored on the basis of following a set of precise instructions defining both route and speed. Thus there was a perfect time for each car to be at any given point throughout the Rally sections. A competitor was penalized for being either early or late to a Rally check point. Lowest score (fewest penalty points) won. Increasingly, Brock would also throw in a couple of autocrosses. These moderate speed events were run against the clock on courses set up in parking lots or on race courses with rubber pylons judiciously placed to keep the speeds down. Feedback from the competitors was enthusiastically in favor of more and faster speed events. Said Yates, "If these idiots had their way they'd be driving three abreast at Charlotte!"

Idiots or not, Brock listens to the One Lappers and starting in 1992 put the Cannonball One Lap of America on the format it uses today: Nearly twenty-four hours a day driving with competition taking place as time trials on race tracks throughout the country. The event, as it always has been, is foremost one of endurance and vehicle preparation. No support crews are allowed. The tires that are used on the street are the same ones that are raced on (one set per team). Although scoring is based on performance at the race tracks, the vehicles and their drivers must survive over 5000 miles of driving interspersed with the finest meals available at gas station convenience stores. Personal hygiene takes a holiday and friendships (sometimes marriages) are stretched to the limits as these competitors battle fatigue, weather, traffic and the demands of high-speed competition with both unknown amateurs and seasoned professional drivers like Parnelli Jones, Price Cobb, John Buffum, Elliot Forbes Robinson and Hurley Haywood.

What does it take to run in the **Tire Rack One Lap of America**? A car of course (and there's a competition class to fit every automobile). The entry fee (\$3000). A minimum of two drivers who have each had some racing experience (and/or two drivers' schools). And, the willingness to confirm your parents' suspicion that there was always something wrong with you. See <http://www.onelapofamerica.com/> for more information.

Our very own Herman Porter will be competing again in this year's event with his nephew Chris Porter. They are the three time Vintage Foreign returning champs in their "special" Porsche 944 affectionately known as White Trash....Continued next page





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Herman and Chris' fourth One Lap event will begin in South Bend, Indiana and head west to Iowa, Denver & Pueblo, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, then back east to Kentucky, ending back at South Bend. It is a little over 3,200 miles and 19 events in 7 days (a day shorter than the past events). It starts May 2nd in South Bend, but for a first time they are going to drive White Trash with the tag-along trailer the 650 miles from NC to the start. The Porter's have covered their prior One Lap experiences via a blog that will probably be up and running during final prep and testing around the first part of April.

The Great Race

The Great Race is an antique, vintage, and collector car competitive controlled-speed endurance road rally on public highways. It is not a test of top speed. It is a test of a driver/navigator team's ability to follow precise course instructions and the car's (and team's) ability to endure on a cross-country trip. The course instructions require the competing teams to drive at or below the posted speed limits at all times.

Each day the driver and navigator team receives a set of course instructions that indicate every turn, speed change, stop, and start that the team must make throughout the day (usually 220 to 250 such instructions per day). Along the course route there will be from 4 to 7 checkpoints recording the exact time that the team passes that point. The objective is to arrive at each checkpoint at the correct time, not the fastest. The score for each team is the result of the team's ability to follow the designated course instructions precisely. Every second off the perfect time (early or late) at each checkpoint is a penalty point. This format is much more mentally demanding than a flat-out cross-country race. Also, GPS or computers are not permitted and odometers are taped over. This is a test of human mental agility and endurance as well



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as classic car endurance, rather than programming capability. The course avoids timed segments on interstate highways, opting instead for scenic local, county, and state highways whenever possible through some of the prettiest country in the United States.

The route changes each year and last year the Great Race made a stop in Charleston. This year it will begin in Missouri and end in Santa Monica, California. For more information, visit <http://www.greatrace.com/>



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Porsche News

Reading, UK – February 27, 2015: Porsche is proving it is the benchmark sports car manufacturer once again, with the announcement today of two of its latest models being recognized as “best-in ‘class”. At the UK Car of the Year Awards 2015, the Boxster GTS won “Best Open Top Car” while the Macan took the trophy for “Best SUV.” The Boxster was launched with a GTS version for the first time last year to great acclaim. Joining other current Porsche models wearing the highly-revered ‘GTS’ nameplate – the Cayman, 911, Panamera and Cayenne – this benchmark roadster is even more dynamically focused than other Boxster models.

Boasting 330 hp, the GTS is the most powerful Boxster to date, enabling a 0 to 62 mph time in 5.0 seconds and a top speed of 174 mph. Despite this strong performance, through the philosophy of Porsche Intelligent Performance combined fuel consumption is a respectable 31.4 mpg. “Simply the best all-rounder – fast, comfortable and useable every day,” said Paul Hudson, one of the expert judges, while another, Al Suittie, said “sensational handling, performance and steering provided in a sleek drop-top so you can hear that amazing engine more clearly.”

The Macan launched in 2014, entered a new market segment for Porsche – the premium compact SUV arena. Porsche has an objective to offer the most dynamic vehicle in whichever segment it competes in, and with the Macan the UK’s motoring experts have judged it has achieved this goal. “I’ve never driven an SUV that handles better,” said David Motton, while fellow motor journalist Craig Thomas added: “...it combines all the comfort of a high-riding mid-size 4x4 with Porsche’s sports car-like driving characteristics.” Launched in 2014, the UK Car of the Year Awards is judged by 27 of Britain’s most-read motoring journalists. Each judge uses their expertise to pick out the top performer in 12 vehicles categories, before deciding the overall winner from their favorites in each class.

The UK Car of the Year Awards (UKCOTY) is a wholly independent set of awards, designed to highlight and advise on the best new cars on the market specifically for British customers. Customers will be able to explore the potential of their new Porsche, and further develop their own skills behind the wheel, by participating in a complimentary course at the Porsche Experience Center, Silverstone.

Photo of the month

Michelle Porter getting some last minute pointers from her husband Herman before heading out onto the track during January’s DE at Roebling Road Raceway in Savannah.

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SOMETHING GERMAN

(By Jackie Dasen)

Germany like many other places has lots of different festivals throughout the year. Of course the most common are the famous Oktoberfest. Festivals abound in all areas of Germany. There are beer, music, film and theater festivals. Stuttgart, home of the Porsche factory and museums hosts two festivals: The Cannstatter Volksfest and the Stuttgart Spring Festival

The Cannstatter Volksfest is an annual 3-week festival. It is sometimes also referred to by foreign visitors as the Stuttgart Beer Festival, although it is actually more of an autumnal fair.

Locals to Stuttgart variously refer to the festival as the Cannstatter Wasen or just Wasen. The Volksfest takes place from late September to early October, spanning a period over 3-weekends, ending the second Sunday in October. It's held on an area called the Cannstatter Wasen. The extensive Wasen area is located in the Stuttgart city district of Bad Cannstatt, near the Neckar River.

The Stuttgart Spring Festival is a small variant of this festival. The festivals offer a variety of attractions ranging from booths to roller coasters, carousels, roundabouts and fairground rides. One of the largest attractions at the Cannstatter Volksfest is the world's largest mobile Ferris wheel which measures 60 meters in diameter. Some of the festivals other features are 73 stands ranging from shooting galleries to raffles, 95 food stands and Chandler's market with 60 market stalls and a boxing show and beer tents.

South Carolina also features many different festivals throughout the year and throughout the state. You might be familiar with some of the more local ones, like the Yemassee Shrimp Festival, the Beaufort Shrimp Festival, Walterboro's Colleton County Rice Festival, Hampton's Watermelon Festival, and The Hilton Head Island Seafood Fest. Mount Pleasant hosts the Lowcountry Oyster Festival as well as the Lowcountry Strawberry Festival at Boone Hall. And of course the Southern Living Taste of Charleston held in October.

Here are a few Festivals' in South Carolina you might not

be aware of but might be of some interest. At least it'll provide a day spent in your Porsche going to and from the festival. The South Carolina Pelion Peanut Party, is held in Pelion the 2nd weekend in August. This festival celebrates South Carolina's Official State Snack, the Peanut. This 2-day festival includes, festival food, crafts, a car show, softball contest, talent show, exhibits, parade, Princess Pageant, cooking contest, amusement rides and country/rock and roll entertainment. For more information visit: www.scpeanutparty.com.

Another festival of interest is in Columbia, the South Carolina Cornbread Festival, held the 1st weekend in April. This festival includes, 5K Run/Walk, Cornbread Cook-Off, Children's Cook-Off, Little Miss Muffin Pageant, live music and much more. Visit: www.sccornbreadfestival.com.

On the 2nd Saturday of October, Darlington hosts the South Carolina Sweet Potato Festival. This festival attracts more than 25,000 visitors with a wide variety of food, craft vendors, live entertainment, antique car show, door prizes throughout the day and of course lots of sweet potatoes. Visit www.darlingtoncounty.org for more information.

If you are an Okra lover go check out the Irmo Okra Strut Festival, held the last weekend in September. Visit www.irmookrastrut.com for more information. Collard lovers might want to plan a visit to Gaston and enjoy the Collard and Barbecue Festival, held the 1st weekend in October. Visit gastonsc.org for more information.

So if you want to do something different one weekend and enjoy time in your Porsche or even just time with the family that doesn't require a lot of planning and is relatively inexpensive locate one of the numerous festivals that are going on throughout South Carolina all year long. Those listed above are only a small handful of the festivals going on in and around the state. There is bound to be something for everyone. So get out, enjoy



SCAVENGER HUNT - March 28

We will be starting our scavenger hunt from the Sears Parking Lot at the Citadel Mall. The Hunt does involve you taking pictures for proof that you found the location and/or items so bring along a digital camera or use the camera in your modern phone. If you don't have a camera for this contact Roger Knobe or Ken Dasen and we will make some arrangements for you. This was a lot of fun a few years ago and expect it to be the same. Check the calendar for the updated start time. We'll post it soon.

EDISTO BEACH PHOTO DINE AND DRIVE - April 18

This event will start off with a drive to Edisto Beach. Upon reaching the beach we'll get some individual photos of your cars at a few different locations at the beach before eating an early dinner on the beach. Watch the web and the newsletters for more information on this upcoming event.





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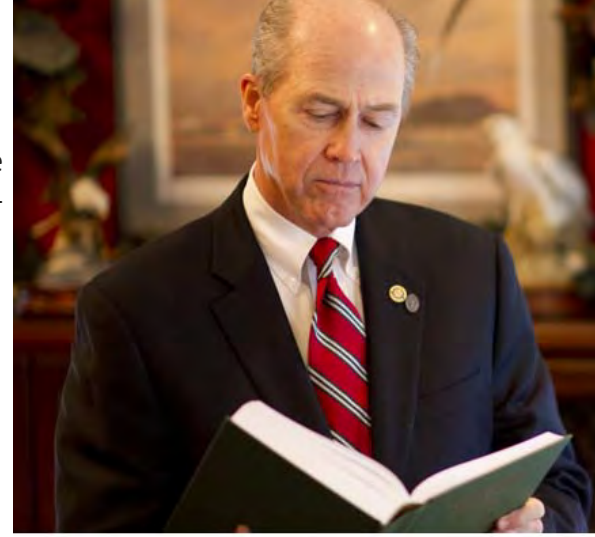
Feature Member

(By: Jackie Dasen)

This month's Feature Member is Elliott Barrow. He is married with 2 children, a son and a daughter. Elliott joined the PCA in 1975. His first Porsche was a 5 speed 1971 914 w/fuch's alloys, with an appearance package and after-market driving lamps. Elliott's current Porsche is a 6 speed 2009 black 997 2S with GT2 Seats, RSS toe links, control arms with 11.5 x 19 and 8 x 19 wheels. His dream Porsche is the 918.

When he isn't working at his law firm he enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and reading and of course like all of us spending time with Porsches. Elliott enjoys traveling and his most memorable travel trip was a tour of the West.

Some of the things Elliot enjoys by being a member of the PCA are being able to socialize with other members, participating in auto-crossing and taking trips. Elliott is a regular member on our Tail of the Dragon trips along with his son Elliott, Jr, as it is one of his favorite trips. They are always a delight to have along on the trip. Elliott would like to see the club become involved in some more autocrosses.



PALMETTO PORSCHE CLUB MINUTES

February 10, 2015

Meeting was held at Southerlys Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant S.C. with 31 in attendance.

Al Trego reported 4 new members: Berlinsky, B. Molbry, Bruce Robinson and Alexander Overton (?)

Dr. Joe gave a report on the Daytona event. Reminded all to log into website to enter a free raffle for a 2015 Porsche.

Dr. Bob, Josh and Dr. Joe are working with Cummings to build a BMW and a 944 to help children at the Orphans Home , Park Circle, North Charleston. There are approximately 50 kids working on this project. Would be a great opportunity for our club to get involved. Need donations of spare 944 auto parts.

Jackie asked all to complete a Feature Member questionnaire for our newsletter.

Feb. 18th is wine tasting in Summerville.

Trident Car Show last Saturday in April .

Victory car show in May.

Check website for future events.



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FROM YOUR ZONE REP:

Marty Barrett sent the following up-date on the Pinehurst Concours, May 2nd.

We have 32 Porsches registered for the 40 spots(most Carolinas members) in the Fairway Club display at Pinehurst Concours D'Elegance on May 2. Fairway Club parking & display includes eight car clubs from the surrounding 100 mile radius who expresses an interest in the event. Porsche and Corvette were limited to 40 spots....the most spots allocated to any marque.

There will also be Paddock Club parking for car club cars that are not in the Fairway Club. Paddock is sort of a corral, but the clubs must make all arrangements to park together....no reserved areas will be designated.

Don't forget that the Carolinas Region Sommerfest, with its concours, will be held in the same geographical area toward the end of May. More information on this one coming soon. **Vic Rola**

**Monthly Member Meeting is
March 10 @ 7 pm
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(West Ashley)**

991 GT3 RS 4.0 specifications leaked

By Damon Lowney

Porsche's internal standard equipment specifications list for the new 991-generation Porsche GT3 RS Euro model have been [leaked/revealed on FerrariChat.com](#) (must be registered to view), and the draft PDF document confirms it's another RS 4.0. The document also states sales of the Euro model start on March 3, 2015.

Though it shares the same 4.0-liter displacement and 500 horsepower as the last RS 4.0, [the naturally aspirated flat six is all new](#). As of now, the spec sheet indicates it will come with a short-ratio seven-speed PDK automatic (no mention of a manual), a new, wide body, and feature lightweight materials and features.

The empowered, widened, and lightened GT3, standard in either White or GT Silver Metallic paint, is identified with an aluminum decklid badge displaying "RS 4.0". This is a changeup from past GT3 RSs, which had sticker badging to save a little weight.

Lift up the decklid and you'll find the new engine, the architecture of which will be used in the upcoming all-turbocharged 911 Carrera lineup. It has direct fuel injection, and because this version's atmospheric, it makes its peak of 500 hp somewhere near the 8800 rpm redline. Torque tops out at 339 pound-feet, the exact same as the last RS 4.0. Dry-sump lubrication with a separate oil tank keeps the engine properly lubricated in high-g corners, and an "on-demand electronically controlled oil pump" is also fitted, according to the spec sheet, a feature usually reserved for race cars.

Also usually reserved for race cars are "Pit Speed" buttons, which limit their speed to what's mandated by the track for pit lane. The RS 4.0 has one of those too.

Big, 380 mm front and rear brake discs are clamped by six-piston front calipers and four-piston rears. The electric parking brake remains. The body has 50 millimeter wider fenders up front and 30 mm wider at the rear compared to the GT3. The fronts are fitted with wheel housing vents covered with black plastic vanes, which improve aerodynamics and reduce front-end lift. A front lip spoiler, underbody paneling, rear diffuser, and massive carbon-fiber rear spoiler balance out the aero package. The GT3 RS 4.0 now has integrated side air-intake openings, similar to the 911 Turbo. The hood is carbon fiber as well as the decklid. The roof is magnesium. And the spec sheet says the front and rear side windows are polycarbonate, though we're not sure if those will be equipped on US market cars.

The adjustable chassis has been thoroughly revised to increase performance, responsiveness, and we assume driving fun. Ball-joint chassis bearings will make steering and throttle inputs sharper, and 36 mm wider front track (compared to GT3), an integrated auxiliary spring in the rear multilink suspension, lower ride height, and front and rear anti-roll bars should keep the RS 4.0 cornering flat and stable. Speed-sensitive electromechanical steering makes its first appearance on a GT3 RS model with the 991-generation 4.0, aided by sport-tuned rear-wheel steering and a torque vectoring system. Adjustable PASM dampers feature sports tuning, and if you're feeling up to exploring the 4.0's assuredly immense capabilities on your own, the Porsche Stability Management system can be turned off in two stages.

The RS 4.0 rides on 20- and 21-inch forged alloy wheels with central locking. Up front, the 20s are 9.5 inches wide and wrapped in 265/35 ZR-rated rubber. At the rear, the 21s are 12.5 inches wide with 325/30s.

Inside, carbon-fiber race buckets with seat faces covered in leather and Alcantara are standard, and include electric height adjustment and manual levers to slide them forward and backward. Alcantara is used generously, covering the door grab handles, door panel armrests, center console lid, rear center tunnel trim, and the roof lining including the C-pillars. The lightweight door panels have door-opening straps in GT Silver.

Also questionable for the US market is the optional Clubsport package listed, which equips a bolt-in rear roll cage, battery disconnect switch preparation, six-point harness for the driver, and a fire extinguisher mounted to a bracket.

Please note that this draft of the 991 GT3 RS 4.0 standard specifications list is just that: a draft. This specifications list is subject to change until it's finalized.

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