

Annual Oktoberfest Concours and BBQ

This year's Space Coast annual event took place at the picturesque F. Burton Smith Park in West Cocoa and mother nature delivered an absolutely beautiful day. Located on SR-520 just east of the St John's River, it is the perfect venue for this event and I think it was unanimous by all present that we should plan a return for next year. We teamed up with Florida Citrus this year to expand the attendance and we were rewarded with over 110 members, affiliates and guests from as far away as Ocala and Tampa. Shay and Monica Rowe of Porsche of Melbourne delivered us an absolutely stunning new GT3RS for us to drool over. Rumor has it David O'Neal ordered one of those GT3RS's as well. First dibs on the checkout ride! Jennifer Barrows, our Zone 12 representative was present and once again took home some hardware, more on that later.

30 cars, in four classes, participated in the concours. We split the judges into two teams, one taking the newer cars and the other taking the more vintage cars. Special thanks go out to the head judges Ralph Fritsche and Greg Barrows for their knowledge and leadership. The other judges John Reker, Ron Menck, Mike Masters and Alfred Marino of Marino's Margin of Excellence also did a great job and by having that many knowledgeable judges, allowed us to accelerate the process and keep us on schedule. We continue to tweak the classes based on prior experience, splitting the older and newer cars into two classes and the 911 based cars and the non-911 cars, which we call Sport Class. This event had more of the older 911's than prior years, which was a great change of pace. We did have a couple of 356s in attendance, an ever present reminder of how it all began.

Another wrinkle to this year's concours that we started last year and worked out extremely well, was that the awards that were provided start out generic in acknowledging the class and the place of finish. We then update the award with a photo of the winning car and customized acknowledgment of the winners and their specific car and present them at the Year End Holiday Party. Of course, you must be present to receive your update, so if you have not, please go to clubregistration.net to register for this year's annual year end event.

Numerous members brought tons of Porsche memorabilia, posters, parts, back issues of Panorama and Excellence, plus other unique offerings to the Swap Meet. Shelby Goode even brought an authentic RSR rear lid and front spoiler available. Gary Stratton brought over a few of his world famous duck tails. There were calendars and those rare coins that are hardly ever seen for sale. There was also a huge collection of scale cars, some extremely rare, available for sale. The swap meet alone was worth the price of admission, which was basically free, and will be considered for other events due to it's success.

And lastly, David O'Neal cooked up an authentic German feast with brats, sauerkraut, potato salad, red cabbage and real German bread. OK, the cookies were from Sam's, but since they were the first things to go, I do not think anyone minded. And even with all of those in attendance, we ended up with ½ a brat left. Darn good planning, if I say so myself.

Thank all of you who came out and enjoyed an absolutely wonderful day. We look forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Party and other future events. A final special thanks to Chuck Hennings of Florida Citrus who really helped promote the event within FLC and made it a truly successful multi-region event.

As for the results:

911 – Water Cooled

1st Place Mike Masters – 2007 C4
2nd Place Mike Winn – 2004 C4S
3rd Place Brian Reinert– 2007 C2S

911 – Air Cooled

1st Place Ralph Fritsche – 1988 930 Slant
2nd Place Rick Appelquist – 1982 SC Targa
3rd Place Henry Cabezas – 1984 Carrera

Sport - Late

1st Place Ginny O’Neal – 2011 Cayenne
2nd Place Ron Folden – 2011 Boxster Spyder
3rd Place Karen Georgeff – 2006 Cayman S

Sport - Early

1st Place John Reker – 1965 356C Cab
2nd Place Jennifer Barrows – 1993 968
3rd Place Robin Hoffman – 1990 944S2 Cab

Best in Show John Reker – 1965 356C Cab

People’s Choice Jim Georgeff – 1968 911 Coupe