

Space Coast Region Oktoberfest Concours and BBQ

The Space Coast Region, along with 356 Florida Owner's Group (FOG), hosted its 4th annual Oktoberfest at picturesque F. Burton Smith Park in Cocoa on Sunday, October 30. Among the 130 in attendance were enthusiasts from Suncoast Florida, Florida Citrus, Peachstate, Gold Coast and Crown Regions, Zone 12 Representative Jennifer Barrows and PCA National Treasurer Tom Gorsuch. The weather was absolutely perfect, as the mild temperatures, the light breeze and the sunny skies were a constant reminder of why we are blessed to live where we do. The lucky crowd soaked up the atmosphere, admired the concours cars, looked through the rare and hard to find items in the swap meet, and enjoyed authentic German cuisine.

This year, SPC expanded the event to include members of the 356 FOG group, who brought 23 of their beloved bathtubs to the concours. Our organizations share special bond as SPC Treasurer and five-time FOG President Kirk Stowers was taken from us this year. As a tribute to his years of service and friendship, SPC initiated the Kirk Stowers Memorial Trophy, awarded to the top 356 in the concours. The trophy is engraved with one of Kirk's favorite catch-all phrases: "It is all about the fun". Kirk's wife Rosemary, FOG Vice President Mark Koorland and Tom Gorsuch shared some great stories about Kirk, before presenting the trophy to the winner Bob Dewey. Bob was a very good friend of Kirk's, and it was clear that Bob felt honored to be the first recipient of this prestigious award.



The swap meet included Porsche memorabilia, posters, lots of parts, back issues of Panorama and Excellence, tons of scale models, plus other unique offerings. Events that allow this opportunity are becoming scarce, so SPC will continue to hold the swap meet as part of this annual event. A special

thanks go out to all of the volunteers for all of the hard work that makes these events so successful: Concours judges Ralph Fritsche, Alfred Marino, Lou Verdiales, Rick Parrott, Greg Barrows, Shelby Goode and Lou Linden; Head Chef John Vasconi, Bertie Vasconi, Lynda Barrie; our lovely registration crew Ginny O'Neal, Donna Linden and Robin Hoffman; and finally our President David O'Neal and Vice President Steve Hoffman for co-managing this event.