

Die Porsche Kassette

Werks Reunion





WOMEN & MEN, AT WERKS

Article and photos submitted by the Amelia Island Werks GCR Volunteer Team

It is an annual pilgrimage for many Porsche aficionados, who travel from locations across the United States to the Werks Reunion, a premier Porsche event.

The east coast Werks Reunion is held in the spring each year in Amelia Island, Florida. Werks is managed by Porsche Club of America and hosted by the Florida Crown Region PCA. We have no firm number of Gold

Coast Region members who made the trip up the east coast to the very northeast corner of Florida; however it is suspected that it was a very large contingent. Everyone who was able to attend had an incredible time visiting with old friends, meeting new ones, and enjoying the vast collection of Porsche automobiles assembled on a few fairways of the Amelia River Club.

The Amelia Concours d'Elegance, which takes place at the Ritz Carlton.



Bruce Margulies
P3 "GBody"
A 2x Blue Ribbon Winner



Kevin Brooks and the 9 Auto Motion Team, P13 Sports Purpose Winner

Werks in Amelia is held on a Friday—this year on March 3rd—and precedes The Amelia Concours d'Elegance, which takes place at the Ritz Carlton Hotel & Resort on the island. In total it is a tremendous three-day event that is Porsche-exclusive on Friday. The Concours d'Lemons, Radwood (both smaller but quite interesting events on another golf course fairway across from the Ritz), and the Cars & Community gathering on the Ritz golf club fairway are held on Saturday. The Amelia show follows on Sunday. Throughout the weekend there are four major auction houses holding sales: RM Sotheby's, Gooding & Company, Bonhams, and Broad Arrow. It is altogether a car lovers' weekend, with renewed friendships and tons of photo opportunities.

For the Friday Porsche Werks the crowd was tremendous. It was estimated that between 3,000 and 4,000 attendees and spectators were drawn to the two fairways of the judged

show field, one fairway containing the Porsche Corral, and another couple of fairways full of general parking. In total, Florida Crown Region and PCA registered 165 Porsches for the Judged competition and another 550+ vehicles in the Corral. That is over 700 Porsche vehicles, each and every one enjoying the Florida sunshine and significant ogling garnered from the attendees. The featured class for the 2023 event was the 911 "G-body" cars from 1974 to 1989.

It takes a ton of volunteers to pull off such a large and successful event. In this respect, Gold Coast Region Social Chair, the effervescent Christy Spangler, again gave her 110% effort towards the satisfaction of participants and attendees alike. Christy sat with the Judged vehicle check-in team to provide materials to each driver, the show placard for the vehicle, and then sent the Porsche to the assigned display area. Thank you Christy; you exemplify the enjoyment of the Porsche marque!



A modern GT4RS visiting with Mark Pribanic's 356

Speaking of judged vehicles, our Gold Coast Region members were well represented when the results were shared mid-afternoon on Friday at Werks. Our GCR attendees took home eight awards: three Blue Ribbons (1st place), three Red Ribbons (2nd), and two White Ribbons (3rd) when the trophies were awarded. These winners are:



A couple friends from TN



**Mitch Weinberg's GT3
with its Red Ribbon**

BLUE RIBBON FIRST PLACE

Jeff Burek	1967 911	P2 Class, 911/912 1965 -1968
Bruce Margulies	1988 911 Carrera	P3 Class, 911/912 1974 - 1989
Kevin Brooks	1970 911	P13 Class, Sports Purpose

RED RIBBON SECOND PLACE

Chris Gleason	1976 911S Targa	P3 Class, 911/912 1974 - 1989
Hank Bernbaun	1997 911 Turbo S	P5 Class, 911 964/993 1990 - 1998
Mitch Weinberg	2022 GT3 Touring	P14 Class, GT2, GT3, GT4

WHITE RIBBON THIRD PLACE

Mike Koller	1964 356 SC	P1 Class, 356
Bjorn Marek	2019 911 T	P6A Class, 991/992 2011-Present



Dinner at Bob's - Wow



Jeff Burek - P2 Blue Ribbon Winner, His '67 911



Cool Trophies

Noteworthy was the First Place in G-Body, Bruce Margulies! Bruce took the Blue Ribbon for the same class in the 2022 Werks event and was the subject of our recent "Finding Gold" feature in the February 2023 Kasette.

When Jeff Burek in his beautiful white 1967 911 was called up to receive his First-Place trophy he gave the assembled crowd a shout-out to his wife for her support and then to the Gold Coast Region. Jeff suggested:

"You guys want to come and see some nice Porsches? Come to south Florida; we have the nicest in the world." Thanks Jeff; we wholeheartedly agree with that statement.

Our other First Place winner, Kevin Brooks, arrived at the award podium with a fan club of supporters. His Porsche was first purchased by Kevin's father shortly before he shipped off to Viet Nam. Fortunately, Dad came home and was able

to share and pass on his love for Porsche. The 1970 911 was recently restored as Sports Purpose in its original Signal Orange color exterior and matching interior with a 2.5L short stroke twin plug. The restoration was completed by 9Auto Motion in Riviera Beach.

There is no doubt that Werks 2023 was a winner for GRC, but also for each and every attendee. The weather was perfect, and the Porsches were "perfecter"! ■



FROM THE MEMBERS COVER

Chris Gleason, GCR Member

Affectionately known as Sweet Pea, this special 1976 911 S Targa has been in our family for over 25 years. The car recently completed a sympathetic and thoughtful 18 month restoration at the Creative Workshop in Dania Beach, FL where maintaining as many original parts as possible was the underlying goal. Re-painted in its original color of Emerald Green Metallic, this matching numbers specimen follows the original build sheet except for a few technical improvements added to ensure reliable operation in the Florida heat as well as the addition of tartan cloth seat inserts to enhance the look of the tan leather interior.



The photo shows Sweet Pea on the field at sunrise at the Werks Reunion - Amelia Island where she won 2nd Place in the G Series 911 category. Now, ready to be enjoyed, Sweet Pea will be driven regularly all around South Florida as one of my daily drivers. Naturally, it will be making appearances at local PCA and Cars and Coffee events whenever possible. ■