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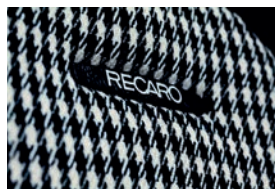


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From The President

Bill Taylor



Happy Holidays,

I trust you all got to enjoy Thanksgiving and celebrated with family and friends. I am looking forward to the holiday party in a couple of weeks and then Christmas. Things are quiet on the Porsche front around here. Greyman has resumed its status as a statue in the garage. After last year I am diligently setting traps and periodically checking to make sure no critters have attempted to take up residence.

My other hobbies and interests come to the forefront at this time of year. I am spending time in my woodshop, doing some fly tying, and watching college basketball. I am planning to do some flyfishing for steelhead if the weather continues to cooperate. There will be fun with chainsaws too, I must get the dang splitter to start though. It is nice to have no major house renovation projects going on this Fall.

I am honored to be serving as President of the club for another year and am looking forward to events in the new year. Thanks again to all of you who turned out for the annual meeting. I wish you all luck in signing up for the Porsche Parade, Lake Placid should be a stunning venue. Other events should start appearing on the calendar shortly.

Be safe and enjoy the holidays with friends and family,

Bill

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A holiday's worth of reading and a New Feature!

As we enter the hectic holiday season, I hope you and your family have a safe and joyous season.

For our December issue we have a newsletter which is full of new and familiar content.

In our Guest Writer series, we welcome a new writer, Roberta Heller, who reminisces about a special Red 356.

Also, in case you missed our November online edition, we started a New Feature. It comes to us with the help of our Guest Writer from February, Steve Springer. He has written for the Revs Institute Museum in Florida and has helped us score a win (from a newsletter perspective).

We have received permission to publish the stories & photos relating to their Porsche collection. They have a great collection of cars where almost 20% of their current Museum collection (22 out of 112) are Porsche. In this month's edition we continue with the second installment of our New Feature; Guest Writer by Revs Institute. This installment is on an iconic Porsche race car that is part of the Spyder 550 lineage.

Also, in this month's edition we continue our "Puzzle Page" feature with a Classic Holiday Movie themed crossword and we bring back the Stuttgart Market Letter.

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1963 red B Coupe – a story and painting

The 63B coupe looked so happy in the sunlight reflecting the magnolia tree leaves. Had to paint it!



Painting by Roberta Heller

This was Denis' first Porsche. He purchased it in November 1963 while stationed in Camp Lejeune with the Marine Corps. It cost an enormous amount of money - \$4200. There are a lot of fond memories in around the car. Ask him – he may share some with you. Denis drove it across country 3 times and ultimately sold it in the Bay area CA in 1968.

Fast forward to 2010. After selling a Convertible D, Denis said "Boy, if I could find my first 356, I'd love to buy it back." About 2 months later the phone rang. A man asked if Denis owned VIN 212159. Denis said yes and started telling the car history. The man said, "I don't really want to know the history. I want to know if you want to buy it back." Serendipity! We received photos showing a complete car, though it

Roberta Heller

was now white and a bit shabby. It was still in the Bay area. It's the only car purchased sight unseen – for a bit more than the original price.

Denis took the car apart, had Bill Kemper at Panelwerks repaint it in the original red. Rick Bennett did the engine work. Denis reupholstered the seats and interior. Drives like a dream!

Makes us both smile just looking at it. And even broader grins driving it.



Denis Moore & Roberta Heller



Stuttgart Market Letter

October 2025 marked the highest unit volume on record since I began tracking the market, with 785 Porsches crossing the block. Of those, 70% found new homes for a total of \$52,007,037 in sales. That's up from September's \$44m, and well ahead of last October's \$36m. The 991 GT2 RS market continued to impress, with earlier GT2s following suit. We also saw the first 2024 911 GT3 R Rennsport hit the block, a headline event in itself, while a celebrity-owned 911S drew plenty of attention with its final number. Rounding things out, there was a noticeable surge in 914 listings across multiple auction houses.

Following last month's incredible results, the GT2 market continued to surprise. A 9,000-mile 991 GT2 RS finished in Paint-to-Sample Yachting Blue Metallic sold for \$528,000, an astounding result considering that price typically belongs to sub-500-mile examples. Sure, it was PTS, but no other car with similar mileage, PTS or not, has come close. We also saw a new all-time high for a 997.1 GT2, with a Guards Red example showing just 1,400 miles on the odometer selling for \$417,000, eclipsing our previous record from December 2023 despite that car's more extensive Exclusive options list.

Unveiled at Rennsport Reunion VII, the 911 GT3 R Rennsport represents Porsche's most extreme track-only creation to date, and this month we saw the first one cross the block. Number 26 of just 77 built, it showed only 33 km and was finished in exposed carbon-fiber-composite bodywork with Agate Gray Metallic roof pillars. Still "in the wrapper," it included its original lockable tool chest and documentation portfolio. With Porsche listing the base MSRP around \$1,046,000, the final bid of \$1,201,000 was probably close, maybe even slightly under its original MSRP. While not a breakout result, it likely reflects the car's limited use case, as few buyers are eager to spend seven figures on something that can't be driven on the street.

The biggest headline of the month came from a celebrity-owned 911S. This RUF-modified 1971 911S Coupe built for Jerry Seinfeld sold for an astonishing \$657,000, more than double the highest bid we've seen for a modified LWB 911 in the last five years. Refinished in its original Gemini Blue Metallic, it featured flared arches, RUF Bilstein suspension, 930 brakes, and 15-inch Fuchs

David K Whitlock

wheels. Power came from a 3.4-liter flat-six paired with a custom 6-speed transaxle and topped with RUF-branded hardware through out. Beautifully built, unquestionably special, but \$657,000 for a modified LWB 911? That's rare air.

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The 914 market was unusually busy this month, with 21 cars crossing the block and 15 finding new homes. A handful of 914/6s were among them, though none performed particularly well. It wasn't long ago that six-figure sales were the norm for genuine 914/6s, but over the past twelve months, they've averaged just \$68,700, with only one example breaking the \$100k mark. Every 914/6 sold in October landed below that average. The high sale for the segment went to a modified 1974 914 fitted with a 3.2-liter flat-six from an '89 911. Finished in Red with GT-style flares, it brought \$95,000, a strong result for a well-executed conversion.

Typically, September and October are quieter months, but this year has been anything but. Both months delivered record numbers and surprising strength across multiple segments, signaling renewed confidence in the market as we head toward year-end. With two months still to go, 2025 has already surpassed 2024's total dollar volume. If this momentum holds, we could be looking at one of the strongest years on record for the Porsche auction market.

- David K. Whitlock is a writer for The Stuttgart Market Letter, a daily market update for Porsche enthusiasts, by Porsche enthusiasts, delivered free to your inbox. To sign up, visit: www.stuttgartmarketletter.com

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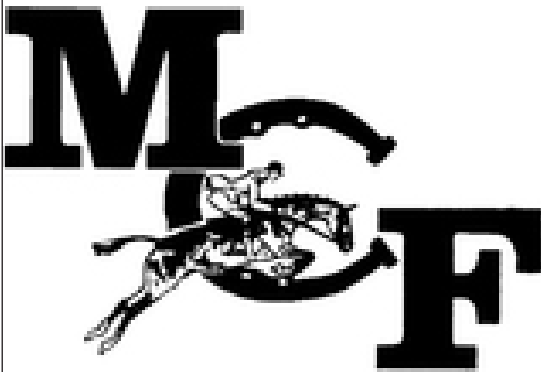
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Revs Collection - 1956 Porsche 550A

Despite its designation, this Spyder was a brand-new model. The 550A carried on the Giant Killer image begun by the 550, but did so with better manners. There was a reason.



The engine was the same: the Dr. Ernest Fuhrmann-designed air-cooled flat four that combined gear and shaft driven double overhead cams, roller bearing crankshaft, twin ignition, dry sump lubrication – and which, to the cognoscenti, was already approaching legendary status. But whereas the 550 had a



ladder chassis, the 550A had a space frame, which made a huge difference. Chassis weight was cut by up to 95 pounds and rigidity increased. These benefits in turn permitted another 60 pounds to be taken off the all aluminum body – all of which made a considerably faster car. But impeccable handling was the 550A's long suit.

Spyder man Ken Miles said the difference was “almost unbelievable.” Still, if the predecessor 550 confused drivers in a turn (one couldn't be sure where

the car would end up) and the successor RSK scared them to death (the tail breaking away viciously without warning), winning remained a constant with all Spydres.

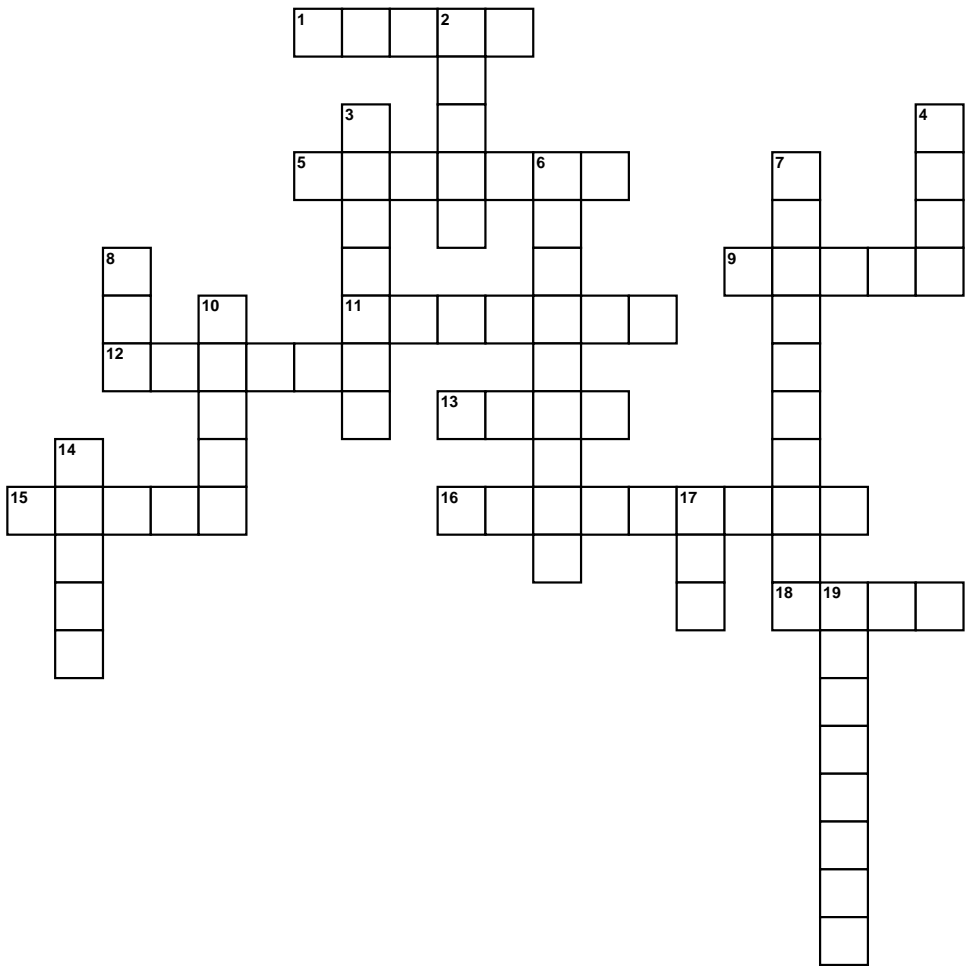
Class victories for the 550A were so commonplace they don't bear mention – except perhaps for the last Mille Miglia in 1957 where Umberto Maglioli's 88.31 mph average, 5th overall and 1st in class was Porsche's best ever in that Italian classic. But for sheer audacity it didn't compare with the trip to Sicily in 1956 for which Porsche racing director Huschke von Hanstein took just one 550A, driver Maglioli and two mechanics. The 1.5-liter Spyder won the Targa Florio outright, defeating a trio of 3.5 Ferraris, three 300SL Mercedes and a gaggle of Maseratis.

"The greatest long-distance racer in the world" was Ken Miles' assessment of the Spyder. Demanding to be driven well, these Porsches provided intensive course work for an entire generation of drivers who graduated from Spydres to stardom: von Trips, von Frankenburg, Barth, Moss, Bonnier, Behra, Gendebien, Ginther, Gurney, Holbert, Jennings, Gregory, Penske. The list goes on and on. "We were certified sports-car nuts," wrote John Jerome nostalgically, "and we needed something to believe in." The Spyder kept the faith.

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How the Grinch Stole Christmas



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Across

- [1] Which direction did the Grinch live from Who-Ville?
- [5] Who wrote How the Grinch Stole Christmas?
- [9] What did the Grinch hate?
- [11] How did the Grinch get into the Who's house?
- [12] Who carved the roast?
- [13] What would the Who's do after the feast?
- [15] What did the Who's sit down to do?
- [16] What is the name of the mountain the Grinch lives on?
- [18] What happened to the Grinch's heart on Christmas morning?

Down

- [2] How many times did the Grinch puzzle?
- [3] What kind of trick did the Grinch do?
- [4] What did the Grinch live in?
- [6] Who did the Grinch think he looked like?
- [7] What did the Who's eat at their feast?
- [8] What was the last thing the Grinch stole from Cindy-Lou's home?
- [10] What did the Grinch say wasn't working on the Christmas tree?
- [14] What was the sound the Who's made on Christmas morning?
- [17] What is the name of the Grinch's dog?
- [19] What did the Grinch dress Max like?

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