



MEMBER MOMENT

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How old are you, what is your occupation and where do you live?

I am 73 years old and this year Rick and Erik allow me to use car number 73 on the occasions when I autocross. I am mostly retired from 29 years as a U.S. Army officer followed by 16 years as owner/operator of Dukes Creek Marina at Lake Anna but I still have a small business selling boat lifts from my home at Lake Anna.

What was your first car?

My first car without parental assistance was a 1957 283cid V8 Chevy BelAire Convertible bought pre-owned in North Carolina in late 1958 or early 1959 when I was stationed at Fort Bragg. It was black with a red/silver interior and a white top, had twin exhausts with glass packed mufflers and was a great car - could be worth \$100,000 or more now.

What was your first Porsche? Current Porsche? Any modifications?

My first Porsche was a 1968 911L Targa that I bought in Germany in 1975 during my second 3-year army tour there. Currently I own a 2005 997 Carrera

Coupe, a 2004 Cayenne S SUV and a 1991 964 Carrera 2 Cabriolet (also a 1960 Porsche Diesel Tractor, Model 108 Junior). I have applied no modifications because I could never improve on the work of the best automotive engineers in the world.

What is your earliest Porsche memory?

Riding with the owner of the Porsche Dealership in Augsburg Germany in 1965 in a Cabriolet on the autobahn at at over 180 kmph (112 mph) when he without warning put both hands in the air and sat on the brakes to demonstrate the superior braking.

What is your dream Porsche and why?

My dream Porsche is a 2008 997 Carrera S Cabriolet, white with red interior and top because I love convertibles and at my age my track time is about over so I don't need to worry about roll-over protection. My dream may change to a Panamera when they come out in 2009 or 2010.

What is your favorite Porsche-related activity?

Thanks to Alex Smith my favorite Porsche-related activity is attending the

Shenandoah Region annual Richmond Porsche Meet (RPM) including a concours, lunch, a driving tour, a tech session, a banquet and an autocross - what's not to like?

What is your all-time favorite Porsche and why?

My all-time favorite Porsche was my 1968 911L Targa because owning/driving it at that point in my life on German country roads and the autobahn produced an absolute adrenaline high and made me a Porsche fan for life.

What is your favorite driving song?

My favorite driving song is a Richard Clayderman piano instrumental of Lara's Theme (Doctor Zhivago).

What non-Porsche activities do you enjoy?

Non-Porsche activities I enjoy are boating, water skiing, reading, watching sporting events, touring on scenic country roads and gathering in small social groups with family members and/or friends.



herb's beautiful collection out on a sunny day