



# MEMBER MOMENT

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Museum at Zuffenhausen. I set my mind at that time, to buy that special car and to do a factory delivery...so in 2000 we ordered the car to be delivered the following April in Zuffenhausen. We drove "Raskul" to Provence in the south of France, taking about two weeks, and returned through Switzerland to Zuffenhausen initiating 2000 miles to the odometer. Fastest speed on the Autobahn was pushing 150mph with the pedal to the metal literally for about 30 seconds. That was long enough...as thoughts flew through my mind about all the "what ifs?". For modifications, I tried a B&B exhaust system but didn't like it so I had Weldon change it back to the original stock system. In addition, I changed the factory brake pads to Hawk Performance pads and I really like them, they stop on a dime and no brake dust.

**Why did you choose this model?** I wanted a new Porsche convertible (I guess it's an old guy thing or teen ager finally coming to the surface), so it took some timing to get the funds together to splurge... it happened in 2000...and we've been very happy with "Raskul". The color we chose is red orient...not many of them around...Porsche didn't keep this color choice for more than a year or so.

**What is your earliest Porsche memory?** In 1957, when stationed at the Marine Base, 29 Palms, CA, a brand spanking new 356 pulled into a motel where Joan and I lived during the last days of our duty tour there. It was driven by a drapery salesman who was so proud of it. He was breaking it in (this is what you did in those days) and had driven down there from the Carmel area in California. I remember him carefully changing the oil right there in the gravel parking lot. Recalling... I thought to myself, well not on a First Lieutenant's pay but, maybe someday.

When living in Illinois, with our son Jim, we liked to go to the antique car races and the Brian Redman International Challenge at Elkhart Lakes Road America in Wisconsin every year. I remember seeing some of the older Porsches 904, 908, 917 (CanAm series), and other car classes run the track up there. A couple of weekends we viewed The Indy Cars racing. One year Michael Andretti was driving for the Newman Haas Racing Team and ran out of gas half way around the final lap. We had a number sightings of Paul Newman driving his scooter around the paddock.

**What is your dream Porsche and why?** I would have to say a new 997 911 Carrera S would fit very well into my garage. "Raskul" would have a companion with which to share stories. It would be another fun car; both good on the road, track, as well as the auto cross. With the financial market now being a roller coaster down hill ride I'll, no doubt, be dreaming awhile longer

**What is your favorite Porsche-related activity?** Driving the hill country of the Blue Ridge and the Allegany Mountains would be at the top of my list. As well as, the Shenandoah PCA Club activities being also at the top, lots of fun and interesting, special and wonderful people to be with. The Auto Cross has been my newest endeavor this year. I attended the July instructional session with Rick and Erik at the Augusta Government Center and followed up once with a regular AC. I will try to do more AC in 2009. The blood system gets a good boost, it's great fun and you feel much closer, familiar and responsive with your car.

This November, with our son, I drove "Raskul" in the Texas 1000, a PCA North America sponsored event. A 5-day agenda; 40 cars driving about 250 miles/day for 4 days through the hill country of Texas. This is just northwest of San Antonio. The schedule was driving about 4 to 5 stages each day with navigation and timing skills. This was done upon receiving the suggestion and information from Alex Smith who also was one of the participants in this road event. I'll write more detail about this in a later issue of the Heat Exchanger.

**What is your all-time favorite Porsche and why?** That's difficult to answer because I enjoy them all and for different reasons and the history behind them.

**What is your favorite driving song?** Let just say I'm basically a square and love it. Classical would be at the top of my list if given a choice, followed by country western. When driving "Raskul" my favorite song is the sound of the engine...I do not turn on the radio or play the CD system. When driving "Chubby", my Tahoe, the XM radio stations are well used.

**What non-Porsche activities do you enjoy?** Traveling has been high on our list both for pleasure and for visiting our families in St. Louis with grandchildren who are very active in athletics. Trips to the Caribbean for warmer weather and snorkeling during the winter; late spring or early fall we like to go to Europe and pursue historical interests; summers will find us up in Glen Arbor, Michigan...this is northwest of Traverse City. Domestically I'm always dreaming up some type of construction or project. Daisy, our minny golden doodle, is up for a game of ball playing both morning and afternoon which involves you know who.

**How old are you, what is your occupation and where do you live?** WOW, I am 75 years young, and retreated (retired)...kind a scary isn't it? Almost the oldest guy in the club. I'm a native Southern Californian, lived and worked in Chicago for 40 years in heavy metal fabrication furnishing parts and subassemblies to OEM accounts. In 1997, Joan and I moved to Manakin-Sabot, Goochland County, Virginia...and have made this our home. Virginia was not new to us as we spent time here in the early and mid 50's with the Marine Corp. at Quantico.

**What was your first car?** A very used 1941 Chevrolet club coupe with over a 100,000 miles on it. It was just about worn out. My impressionable years were spent working around trucks in the freight yard. Actually, I learned how to drive 16 wheelers before driving a car. I did a number of odd or grunt type jobs like helping mechanics rebuild diesel engines, servicing over the road tractors and trailers, a teenager driving just about anything that had a motor with wheels.

**What was your first Porsche, current Porsche, any modifications?** The '01 911 Cabriolet that I drive at present is my first Porsche. I call it a "Geezer Porsche"...its stock but well fitted out with all the creature comforts and extras. In November of 1996, Joan and I were returning from Africa to the US via Frankfurt, Germany. We made a deliberate detour, rented a car and drove south to Stuttgart, and took the Besucher (tour) of the Porsche Factory and