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NWRFCFA members enjoy a drive at the Oregon Coast - shown here stopped near Depoe Bay. - Photo by Wiley Norwich

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Event Calendar

November 16th: Ford/Ferrari Movie party in Portland. [Click here to register.](#)

November 16th: Breakfast Club in Seattle. [Click here to register.](#)

December 14th: Portland Area Christmas Party at Columbia Edgewater Country Club. See Page 10.

December 20th: Seattle Area Christmas Party at Broadmoor Golf Club.

Volunteer for Car Connect!

By Eric Wishan

We are looking for Ferrari "Experts" on their own Ferrari make/model who would be willing to talk to members about their cars. Please send a message to membership@nwrfdc.org with your name, make/model of your Ferrari, and a phone number along with email address. Your information will be password-protected for members only.

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our new members to the Northwest Region!

Dane Sander

Alex Raphael

Trygve Figenskau

Douglas Perry

Join The NWRFCFA Chat E-Mail List

By William Howard, Comms Director

Our Club maintains an opt-in chat email list for communication with other members of our region. It's a great way to keep in touch with the group for impromptu events.

You can subscribe to our Chat email list by going to: <http://list.NWRFCFA.org/mailman/listinfo/chat>

Last Call to Order Your 2018 and 2019 Concours Photo Books!

If you would like a photo book from the 2018 and/or 2019 Concours, it is now time to actually place your order.

The order window closes soon, and we will not be able to produce the books for the quoted price unless we get enough orders.

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Regional Elections Happening Now!

Voting is now open for the NWRFCFA Board members, except the Regional Director, which is a two year term. This is available through a link sent to you on Nov 1st from FCA. Voting ends November 10th.

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Regional Director Erik Swensson

The Season of Thanksgiving

As Denny Dochnahl once told me, people on the street see us driving our Ferraris, and think they know us after that one view into our lives. What they don't see and often do not think about are the 40, 50 or 60 plus years it took most of us to get to that moment.

I know many of you feel the same about our group, as I do. It is easy to make good friends in the NWRFCA.

I have even had several members tell me they had preconceived notions about what Ferrari club members would be like, not all good. Only to find they were often mistaken, and now are so glad they joined.

So although most of us have experienced some heartache and troubles in our lives we are very lucky to have been born or moved to a place that gives us a chance to follow our dreams and in many instances see them become reality. So Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and enjoy this special month of bright outdoor colors, and crisp mornings.

I have been privileged to hear from many of you about those decades of trials, successes, hard work and some personal tragedies and yet we have all survived and succeeded in many ways.

As always check out the Events Calendar. We still have some great events coming up this year. Many of the events have articles about them in this issue of Amici di Maranello. Hope to see you at the Ford vs Ferrari movie.



November is the official month to reflect on our situation in life and recognize we are fortunate in many ways and be thankful.

Over the past few years I have met and gotten to know many NWRFCA members. I am amazed and gratified at how varied our group is, because this variety has allowed me to hear so many different life stories. Without the Club I would never have met so many interesting people. Several have positively impacted how I view my own life.



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NWRFCA Annual Meeting in Woodinville

By William Howard

Our Annual Membership Meeting was held on Saturday, October 5th at Securite Gun Club in Woodinville, WA. Members arrived at 10:30am for coffee and donuts and the meeting started around 11:00am.

We had Taylor Madison from Hagerty to talk about what to look for on auto insurance and Paul Veillon from Galileo Law discussing issues such as diminished value at the meeting.

We reviewed 2019 events and also talked about future events including the 2020 Ferrari Concours d'Elegance and the 2021 FCA Annual Experience, which we are hosting.

After the meeting, we drove over to The Greenside Grill at The Golf Club at Echo Falls for lunch. Our Club Member, John Fowler, is the CEO of the Securite Gun Club. The Gun Club is also the headquarter of McLaren Club Northwest, which he is the President of. It was also the opening day for the Securite Gun Club members that day!

Thank you John for having us!

Official meeting minutes will be published next month.





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On May 20, 1963 Enzo Ferrari was in his office ready to sign a contract with the Ford Motor Company, in purple ink, to sell his company to Henry Ford.

He had decided on Ford because he was a great admirer of Henry Ford I and had actually given him a Ferrari as a present. There was to be a Ford-Ferrari Company that was completely under the control of Ford, which would produce Ferrari road cars. The other half of the deal was called the Ferrari-Ford Company and was the racing side of the new company. The purchase price was under 20 million dollars. Enzo Ferrari had told the early Ford negotiator, Roy Lunn at their first meeting that he was ready and willing to sell his company to Ford, on one condition; "that in the construction and management of the racing cars I (Ferrari) want absolute autonomy."

Lunn at that first meeting had assured Ferrari that he would, and now just a few months later Ferrari was ready to sign. As Ferrari read for the first time the final draft of the contract, with the Ford man who had been sent over to close the deal Don Frey in attendance, Ferrari immediately noticed that Ford had financial control of the racing budget. He would need Ford's permission to spend more. Enzo asked but one question. "If I want to go race at Indianapolis and Ford says no can I still go?" Frey replied, "You do not go!" Ferrari went into a tirade, called off the deal and left the room.



By Erik Swensson



When Frey got back to Henry Ford in Detroit and explained the situation Ford responded, "Then we'll kick his (Ferrari's) ass!" Within a week a special-vehicles department was begun at Ford with the sole purpose of de-

veloping the car that would defeat Ferrari at LeMans. The Ford vs Ferrari wars, which involved many iconic people in both the Ferrari and Ford world, had begun.

The NWRFC has obtained venues for our Club to view the movie the first weekend it is released, in both the

Portland and Seattle areas. We plan to have Ferraris and already have two Ford GTs committed to attend the Portland event. We need your Ferrari as we don't want to be shut out of this event! There will be roped off parking across the front of the theater parking lot.

Look for notices from Janet to register for both events. The Portland area theater only holds 32 so register early.

For the Portland show the cost is \$50 per person, which covers food and a private showing of the movie at the Studio One Theater located at 3945 Powell Blvd. It is a luxury theater venue with a full bar, outstanding electronics, with couches and large comfy chairs. The theater opens with food for us at 1:00, with the movie starting at 2:00. It is 2 1/2 hours long so hopefully it will tell the whole story, which is amazing with it's twists and turns in both the racing world and the lives of those caught up in the drama of the events that unfolded.



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Join Us at the Fall Breakfast Club in Leschi

By Sue Emerson

Join fellow Ferrari enthusiasts on Saturday November 16 at 11:30 for a Breakfast Club on the shores of Lake Washington. We have lake view tables reserved at the Bluwater Bistro in Leschi where there is ample parking our cars.

The weather for mid-November is notoriously rainy but this is a social event, so don't let that deter you, and if by some miracle it is nice, of course we will cruise along lovely Lake Washington after brunch!

Winter will be here soon, so let get out of our cocoons and have some fun!

Space is limited so sign up soon!

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Portland Christmas Party Details

By Naoma Parr

I can't believe we are about to close out another fantastic year with Ferrari Club.

Every year it gets better and better and this year has been AMAZING...and we aren't done yet! I know it's easy for our calendars to book up quick near the holidays, so be sure to get the Christmas party on your list.

The Portland party will be on Sat Dec 14th at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club 2220 NE Marine Dr, Portland OR 97211. Start time is 6 PM with a wonderful Italian buffet dinner to start with and lots more fun planned.

This is another event you won't want to miss....sign-ups will be out shortly.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



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Marketing Our Region for 2021

By Erik Swensson

Over the past couple of months you may have noticed some folks taking video and still pictures of NWRFCA events. One of the themes for the 2021 FCA Annual Experience, hosted by the NWRFCA, will be 'Drive the Northwest in Your Ferrari'. To show FCA members from around the country why they should drive or transport their Ferraris to the spectacular Northwest a good video was essential. Trace Downen Media has been hired by the FCA, at our request, to give the FCA members around North America a view into what they can expect at the FCA 2021 Annual Experience. Trace has been in the media business for more than 10 years and has done many commercials for companies, including the Portland Opera.

He worked in the auto industry with Kuni BMW, for a few years as their Marketing Strategist and Photographer. However he admits filming Ferraris prancing throughout Oregon is a dream job for him and his crew.

This past summer his team spent time at our Ferrari Concours d'Elegance, and they were at the RTGT Day at PIR. Trace and his crew also travelled with the 2019 GTO group as they ran through north central Oregon and then he and his crew spent two days camping out in eastern Oregon. This allowed them to get sunrise and sunset shots of the spectacular scenery in the area, including Crater Lake.

On Sunday October 6th, because of the great weather forecast for the Oregon Coast, with only three

days notice, his crew rearranged their schedule for us. He went to the coast several hours before our group and decided where the best filming should take place. We met him at the beginning of the Otter Crest Loop, just south of Depoe Bay, and spent about two and a half hours of filming along the coast as the sun set over the Pacific. It was one of those rare days when there was no fog bank and Trace even did a 30 minute timed exposure of the sun setting into the water. We had five different models of Ferrari's parked along the cliff overlooking the Devil's Punch Bowl.

Trace will now edit all of his footage and still shots into a five to seven minute video that will be shown nationally. It will first be seen at the FCA National Board meeting this spring. Then the video will be part of the FCA 2021 Annual Experience website and registration that will open in about a year.

For many FCA members a couple of short pleasure drives during the four day event along with the Concours is not enough seat time to warrant the cost of bringing their car across the country. So we will have four different drives, each of three days duration, immediately following the usual four day FCA Annual Experience. The drives will be: The Crater Lake Drive, The Eastern Oregon High Desert Drive, The Oregon Coast Drive and the Bandon Dunes Golf and Drive. These will be fully developed, 'turn key' drives. (Couldn't help myself). Each drive will be made up of teams with no more than 10 cars and will be led by a NWRFCA

member. So be sure to have the full week of July 11-17, 2021 blocked off on your calendar.

Dave Tegeler has volunteered to oversee the 'Drive the Northwest in Your Ferrari' portion of the 2021 Experience. In order to provide our fellow FCA members from around the country with the best Experience we'll be scouting the roads and learning how to be a good team leader this summer immediately following the 2020 Concours. This seemed like a great time because we'll already be at the Red Lion and have our cars together. So from July 13th through the 15th, for those of you want to do some great driving this summer and possibly be a team leader on one of 2021 drives, keep these dates free. The drives this summer will mirror the 2021 Drives with the exception of the Bandon Dune Golf Drive. More to come on the July 13-15, 2020 drives.

Also if you would like to volunteer for the 2021 event in any capacity, please get in touch with Scott Faris who has agreed to coordinate all the volunteer positions for the 2021 Experience week, his email is Safarismotor@gmail.com. Sounds like fun to me. As the Regional FCA 2021 Annual Experience chairman, general questions can be sent to me at Erik.SwenssonZ8@yahoo.com. Registration for our FCA Annual Experience is only one year away.



More Than A Club

By Jake Hartaugh

My childhood dentist had several small buckets filled with various toys in his practice. You could only choose one of the items if you had a cavity free visit and, fortunately, I prided myself on exquisite brushing regularity and flossing technique.

Of the options, there were tiny action figures, Yo-yos, marbles, and other alluring trinkets. However, it was always the cheapest option, the Rosso Corsa Ferrari Testarossa sticker, that drew my eye. The Testarossa was something to behold, a thing of grandeur, and far more impressive than some salty cup of green Play-Doh.

The stickers may be long gone but the infatuation never left. The Ferrari Club of America has been a favorite indulgence of mine for four years now. Though the Ferrari brand holds the top podium spot in most of our hearts, there are also many other mechanical treasures that we are granted access to through the club.

On John and Nancy Payne's recent Cowboys and Engines event, we



were privileged to see a gorgeous silver birch 1965 Aston Martin DB5 in the flesh. Well, in the metal. I attempted to explain to my wife, who is veritably disinterested when it comes to all things automotive, what it was like being around that car and what it felt like seeing such a gorgeous example. "It's similar to when I walked into my first European cathedral and my breath was captured. Or when the finale begins during an extravagant firework show," I said. "Does that make sense?" "Hmm..." she responded, raising an eyebrow the way she does, "perfectly."

ring, deep sensation that makes me stop in my tracks, take a breath, and compile my best attempt to appreciate the art, history, and unique story of such a machine. I could have dragged a chair over and gawked at that Aston for hours.

The small yet remarkable memories that I have experienced with the Ferrari Club have accumulated to an experience far beyond what I initially imagined. I have made some wonderful friendships in this club, despite not owning a prancing horse of my own. I have had fantastic ride alongs with members, including Erik Weinraub's modified F430 on Erik and Edy's High Heaven drive and Arun Sharma's tastefully black 488 around Portland International Raceway on a Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo track day. Several of these members have even graciously entrusted me to drive their cars, from Steve Bakke's classic 1983 Ferrari 512BBi to Rick Watkin's flawless, concours-winning, 2004 360 Modena with a gated 6-speed and also his elegant 2008 599 in TDF Blue. Yes, I do smack my shoes together to shake off pine needles before getting in, it's an easy courtesy.



I have seen pictures and videos of similar Aston Martins, I know generally what to expect, but seeing a car so incredible in person as happens quite often in this club, is something entirely different. It is a stir-

Spending time around or inside these cars is always special, even as a passenger. But, it's different than driving. It's akin to winning an opportunity to hang out with Charles LeClerc but he's texting his girlfriend most of the time. Yes, it's still a great experience, but it's not the entire experience. Controlling things from behind the wheel, piloting through small towns in a colorful Ferrari cavalcade, clutching at twisty mountain roads, or singing some of the greatest exhaust notes in the world to curious farmers out in the backcountry as we pass by in an unavoidable display of ostentatious splendor, is another affair altogether.

I often think about my "life resume," the highlights of my story that will be worth retelling when I'm approaching the inevitable end.

Many of those bullet points are from the Ferrari Club of America, one of which occurred when I recently judged my first Ferrari Concours event in July. Another was when Rick Watkins generously invited me to ride shotgun on a club drive several years ago and we navigated a rainstorm complete with reverberating thunder and lightning that skittered through the clouds. It was more than picturesque, it was a garage poster come to life.

I end these club events and drives in a different state of mind, calmer and more content. To share these adventures with others who also know the pleasure of an open road and an Italian V8 or V12 serenading their trip is truly something special. Very few people in the world will ever experience events like these - that rarity is something



to be grateful for.

My time with the Ferrari Club of America has been nothing less than delightful and I hope for many more years of enjoyment, eventually in my own (likely Rosso Corsa) Ferrari, just like that Testarossa on the stickers.

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Wine Tasting Event at Total Wine

By Will Diefenbach

Saturday, October 26 marked the first of what will become a series of fun and educational wine tasting events organized by Frankie and Adrienne Sulaiman. The event was held in the private classroom area at Total Wine in Bellevue.

Our primary guide through the tastings was the store's General Manager, John Campos. John is one of those great guys in the wine business whose knowledge runs broad and deep yet his delivery is approachable and very "anti-wine snob." He made the event interesting for both newbies and advanced winos like me.

We tasted a range of wines from France and California crafted by two of the most highly regarded winemakers in the world, Benoit Touquette and Phillippe Melka. The wines reflected a broad range of styles but were all great examples of the regions in which they were produced.

After tasting through the Melka wines we had a special guest presenter, Karen Greer. Karen and her husband, Scott, own Sheridan Vineyard. Sheridan is one of the few estate wineries in Washington, meaning that they grow the fruit that is used to produce the wines they make. Sheridan is a highly acclaimed winery and we were able to sample some of their finest wines while hearing the story behind their start and success.

Thanks, Frankie and Adrienne for a great wine event!





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Last Chance for 2018 and 2019 Concours Memory Books!

By Erik Swensson

Over the past month we have sent out emails about your interest in buying a yearbook for the 2018 and/or 2019 NWRFCA Ferrari Concours. We have seen enough interest for both the 2018 and 2019 yearbooks that you will very soon receive an order form, by email, to place your order. You will be asked to pay for them when you make your order.

The 2018 yearbook will of course be about our Concours at Bernie and Denny Dochnahl's last year.

The 2019 yearbook will be full of pictures from the Concours this past July held at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club.

All the winners will be listed in both yearbooks along with pictures of the show cars, NWRFCA members and the entertainment we had in 2018.

We already have a lot of pictures from both Concours on file, however we can always have another good picture to choose from. With that in mind, please go back through your own pictures, those taken on your mobile phones are fine, and send the good ones in to Newsletter@NWRFCA.org. The more pictures we have, the better the yearbooks will be. Who knows we may use yours for the cover!

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So go through that file of pictures on your computer or phone and send in your best shots from both shows. And be on the look out for the order form within the next two weeks. Any questions send them to Erik.SwenssonZ8@yahoo.com.



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Gratteri Garage Tour and Safety Talk

By Erik Swensson

Kenny's Garage Tour and Carlton's Safety talk went very well on a sunny Sunday in October. Kenny, along with his wife, Sandi and son Roman hosted 24 folks at their very nice garage on the 13th. Included were some first time NWRFCA members in attendance, always good to see.

Kenny and Sandi started the event with offerings of some delicious food and drink. Kenny then went over the cars on location, which he had restored. These included a 1st generation Shelby Mustang GT350, a very rare 1956 duel four barrel Bel Air convertible, with the 'Bat Wing' air cleaner and a couple of 60's Impala convertibles. There was also his wife's spotless C4 Corvette. All his cars are full numbers matching original bodies, chassis and engines. Kenny has been restoring chassis and bodies for 40 years. He had recently sold a few cars, including a '62 Corvette fuelie to make room for his 458 Italia. The only foreign car in the garage, in addition to his Ferrari, is his son's all original BMW E30 M3.

Kenny showed us his paint room, with its' fans and the special air-flow regulation. He had a Mustang on the rotisserie frame holder that makes all his metal and paint work much easier than a simple lift. It was impressive how clean Kenny keeps not only his cars, but the entire garage and work areas.

Carlton then took over the show by going through a very thorough list of things one should consider having in the cars if they are driv-



ing anywhere outside the neighborhood. Pertinent knowledge included, what type of towing rig is best for your car. How to manage a faulty or dead battery once your

car has gone into 'self lock down' and becomes an immovable statue. You must know how to disengaging the parking brake and take the transmission out of park. Carlton



explained the tools and you need and where the mechanisms to do these procedures are located. Of interest, not all of the tools needed are in your tool kit.

Carlton also went through the steps to manually open your 'frunk', the front storage compartment, if you have a mid-engine V8 model, as well as manually opening the gas cap. Everyone learned something useful about these cars and Carlton's table of exhibits went a long way in showing us what a fully prepared car should have on board.

Then after picture taking some of us headed out on the dry pavement for a drive over the hills to take in the fall colors. Thanks Kenny and Carlton for a show well done.



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Harrison Hot Springs Drive Report

By Janet Schumacher

Anytime is a great time for a drive and the weekend of September 20-22nd was no exception!

Our gracious hosts Frankie and Adrienne Sulaiman planned a wonderful weekend for 8 couples and their chariots for a lovely drive to Harrison Hot Springs, just east of Vancouver, BC.

We started our morning with a meet and greet at Panera in Lynnwood for coffee and pastries. Once we were properly energized, our drive commenced towards the border. A little morning rush hour traffic, but fairly uneventful by all counts. Wait times were minimal when we crossed over at the Sumas border stop. Once across, we continued towards the Fraser Valley with a stop in Abbotsford for a lovely lunch at Restaurant 62. Farm-to-table cuisine and quite delicious!

After lunch, we headed on towards our Harrison Hot Springs resort. Beautiful drive thru much of the Fraser Valley farmlands. Who knew there were so many! For those that have not been, this resort town is set on Killer Cove, a beautiful and serene bay. When we arrived there were a number of small sailboats out for their lessons. You could see by the number of boats and jet skis in the marina this was a boaters paradise, for sure. The town itself is quite small with it's quaint shops and restaurants. Considering it was late September, it was still quite crowded and a number of weddings/events were going on. After checking into our rooms, we all went our separate ways for a few hours. Some of us took a walk along the waterfront, others a dip in



the hot spring pools and a few took a short nap before dinner.

A pre-dinner meet up was enjoyed in the Tegler's suite for wine and local cheeses. Dinner that evening was down the street, at a very nice Italian spot, Morgan's Bistro. Great meals, great wine and great company were had by all. After dinner, most of us ended up in the hot springs pool, along with many of the resorts guests too enjoying a 98 degree soak! Not quite warm enough for some, but perfect for others!

Saturday morning roundup was an hour plus drive out near Abbotsford to Maan Farm. Unbeknownst to us it was the opening of the Fall Pumpkin Season, and after finding some parking for us all we were greeted by Snow White and Sleeping Beauty. Not quite what we

expected with all the kids running about, but nevertheless a perfect spot to take a few group pictures in the Pumpkin Patch.

After our picture, we made a quick dash to one of the loveliest spots we've been in quite some time, Ripples Winery. A truly beautiful winery, farm and event space. Even though they were in the midst of setting up for an afternoon wedding and reception, we were greeted by the gracious owner who had prepared delicious appetizers for us to enjoy with our wines. We all very much enjoyed our afternoon there in the beautiful surroundings and lastly enjoyed the home made spirits that the owners' daughter made



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from mostly floral distillations. We all went home with a few bottles for sure!

Next stop for our Saturday outing was Seaside Pearl winery. Family owned and beautifully set in the vineyard we all tried their wine collection and took home a few more bottles each. Not as memorable as the last, but a perfect way to end our outing. On the way back to the resort half of us took the scenic windy route through the Frasier Valley and the rest the highway. We were quite lucky as the weather had so far cooperated with us and it was quite mild and enjoyable.

Once back at the resort we all had a quick rest, then back to Teglers for more wine and cheese before dinner and viewing the most recent Oregon trip! There was certainly no way we could depart without gobbling up every last morsel, was there? Once again, a leisurely walk down the street took us to our Saturday night dinner stop, The Black Forest, German restaurant. We all had a good laugh as the restaurant selections at Harrison Hot Springs were truly an international smorgasbord! We toasted and talked over Schnitzel, Bratwurst, Beer and Wine and quite enjoyed ourselves after building up an appetite all day. To end our evening, back to the hotel were some enjoyed the hot springs one last time. A perfect end to a great weekend!

Sunday we awoke to rain and it was time to depart according to our own schedules. Great memories were made and fun times enjoyed on another memorable club getaway!

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Wiley's New Arrival!

by Wiley Norwich

It's a new (to me) 430. Hmm . . . a car with the ability to scare you! I'm heading east on the winding Wilsonville Road, well after sunset. Except for a half moon in the sky, it's pitch black outside the cockpit of my 2005 Rosso Rubino Micalizzato F430. There are no other cars ahead to help judge where this ribbon of asphalt is going to go next, but my high beams illuminate a road ahead outlined at the borders and centerline by perfect lines of reflectors. It is guardedly blissful behind the wheel of a Ferrari that is loaded with performance, powered by the snarling V8 behind my head. When I reach home in Vancouver, WA it will be 300 miles on the road today, an ideal way to get to know my new ride.

Arrivaderci 355

The benefits to being in the Ferrari Club of America include the friendships you form with other folks who share the passion for Ferrari. Their wealth of knowledge and advice helps you find your way in the world of Ferrari ownership. That includes selling a car, which is usually inevitable. When I decided to sell my 1998 355 F1



2005 Rosso Rubino Micalizzato F430 ready to roll at Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo.

Berlinetta, I followed the lead of club mates (Mike Ungaro, Bob Sale, Dave Handa) and went with Cats Exotics. It was a seamless transfer and I ended up netting what I paid for the car in 2010. Well, we won't mention what I spent to keep it in prime condition for the 8 years that I had it, considering the payback you get from owning and driving a car like that.

The Search

With the 355 gone and my move from Seattle to Vancouver complete, I focused on the next Ferrari. Initially I wavered between the front engine V12 Grand Touring experience that comes with a 550 Maranello, and the more sporting 360, a continuation of the mid-engine line following the 355.

Asking prices for the two cars were close although 550s were significantly higher.

A gated shifter was not a necessity for me. All the 550s were equipped with the 6-speed manual, or as someone once put it, the "Millennial Anti-Theft Device." 360s came with both, with the gated shifter now demanding a healthy premium on the market. I've come to like the F1 systems in spite of the increased complexity and the belief that it distances you from the driving experience. The 550 and 360 were the Ferrari front runners.

In a period of weakness, I briefly considered a new Porsche 911S. Several NWRFCA club members that I know,



The new arrival at home in the Northwest.

notably Mike Claudio, Gary Reed and Bob Sale, also drive Porsche 911s, which are far more practical and useable sports cars.

Porsche is a stellar brand with its own fascinating history, and a 2019/20 911S offers staggering performance coupled with the latest technology. It could be used rain or shine like a regular car – imagine that. There weren't really any negatives, but in the end, there was no emotional connection for me. Since I could only have one "special" car it had to be a Ferrari and it now narrowed down to the 360.

Once again, talking with club members helped me on my search and it took a different, and final turn to the 430. People like Dave Tegeler, Dave Handa, Michael Ungaro, Mark Glenwood and Eric Weinrab, perhaps unknowingly, convinced me that the 430 was a better choice for my Ferrari "upgrade."



Proud new owner pauses for a photo op on Highway 14 on the Columbia River Gorge. Photo by Ray Norwich

The Find

The search for a 430 was intermittent and casual. Then Car Gurus led me to a 2005 F430 at Ferrari of Atlanta that seemed to check all the boxes on my want list. It was a 2 owner car that had been well maintained and at a little over 14,000 miles, had been driven just

enough. Mark Glenwood knew some of the staff at Ferrari of Atlanta, having run Ferrari Challenge cars for them, so I asked his opinion. His response was positive, but I hadn't told Mark that I had a broker contact the dealer to make an offer on my behalf, a mistake on my part.



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The Grigio interior is unusual, and makes an attractive combination with the exterior color.

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To put it bluntly, it was not well received by the consignor who was selling the car through the dealer and the back and forth created a storm that caught the ear of Mark Glenwood. It's a good story, but I'll spare you the gory details. Mark helped to smooth the waters with Ferrari of Atlanta, I dispensed with the broker, contacted the dealer myself and made them a reasonable offer that was accepted. I now owned a Rosso Rubino Micalizzato/Grigio F430, ready for transport to its new home in the Great Northwest.

Arriva

The quote to transport the F430 from Ferrari of Atlanta to Vancouver wasn't unreasonable, but NWRFCA people were there to help, again. Regional Director, and friend, Erik Swensson suggested that I stop by Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo and talk to Steve Wintermantel. Steve dropped what he was doing, got on the phone with the Plycar Transportation Group, and within the hour arranged to get the car

to Ron Tonkin, and I'd drive it home from there to Vancouver. I felt more comfortable having it dropped there where I could get help if any problems with the car arose. A couple of weeks later an email and photos from Steve announced, "She's here – what a sexy beast!" And when I picked up the car, Steve treated me as if I'd bought the car from Ron Tonkin.

First drives and impressions

It's certainly not the fastest car out there, but it doesn't need to be. For me, it's more than the numbers and the latest technology. There's a very emotional aspect to this. The best advice I've heard for buying these extraordinary cars, is to get what you like.

I've spent about 500 miles behind the wheel already. That includes a 300 mile trip to the Oregon coast and back. At the coast, several club members took part in a promotional video for the 2021 Annual Experience that our

region will be hosting. It was a long day that eventually led me to that dark Wilsonville Road on the way home, where the F430 demonstrated that it is just a blast to drive. It's more refined and comfortable than the 355, while delivering the same visceral and edgy response that tells you, I mean business.

The V8 under glass behind you howls at anything over 4000 RPM, producing an ear-piercing normally-aspirated mechanical symphony. When downshifting, raspy computer-generated throttle blips make you feel like a virtuoso at the wheel – I find it harder to heel-and-toe with a manual as my coordination diminishes with age. It's also comforting to know that chains instead of belts drive the cam shafts, dispensing with the need to remove the engine every 3 to 5 years.

Most importantly, my "new" 14 year old car sports the prancing horse badge and the legend behind it. Forza 2021!

Fall Drive and Trafton Tour

by William Howard



We had our first Fall Drive of 2019 on Saturday, September 28th. Despite the rain in the morning, it was still very well attended!

We met up in Lynnwood, WA in the morning on September 28th and I led the drive on backroads to Anacortes for lunch. After lunch, we drove through Deception Pass and ending at Steve Trafton's Garage in Whidbey Island for a tour.

Steve has an amazing collection of cars! In 2010, he set the World Land Speed Record for the AA Blown Fuel Modified Sport class at 275.401 mile per hour in Bonneville Salts Flats in Utah.

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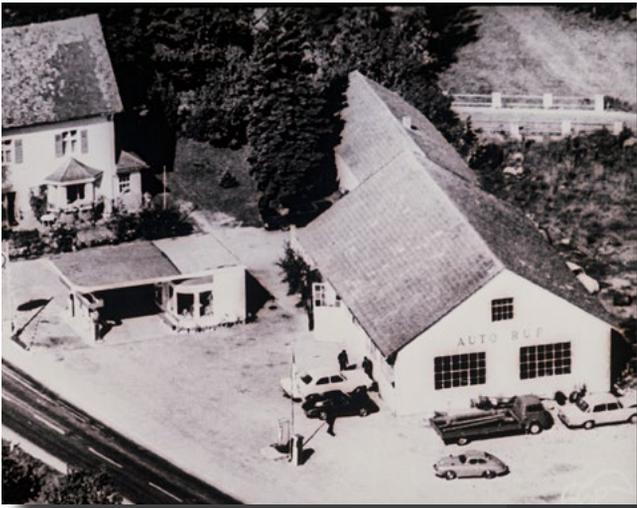
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80th Anniversary for RUF Auto GmbH

By Gerhard Renz



The year 2019 is very important for the RUF company. 80 years ago Alois Ruf, Sr. founded the firm in Pfaffenhausen, Bavaria.

After Mr. Ruf, Sr. passed on in 1974, Alois, Jr. took over the well-established firm and continued to operate by his father's motto: "Never give up."

Besides building the finest and fastest cars Luis, Jr. had other ambitions. As many of us recall, in 1987 Phil Hill drove the Ruf CTR Yellow Bird to a top speed of 211 mph setting a world record for a production car. But the family had bigger goals: Luis executed a plan his father made many years before he died: building a Hydro Power Plant on the river "Wertach" near Pfaffenhausen.

After many years of legal conflicts with the state-owned power companies, Luis finally got the permits, The Plant # 1 was completed in 1994 and is still producing renewable power right now. When the word "renewable" become popular and politically correct, Luis built a second power plant near Fussen on the river "Lech." Joe Huber man-



aged both projects and was also involved in developing the original Ruf CTR Yellow Bird and many other famous Ruf cars.

Tulin and I are very fortunate to have been friends with Alois Ruf and his family for over 30 years. Luis and his wife Estonia always invite us to family and company functions like the 80 years of Ruf Automobile Anniversary celebration from Oct. 3rd to Oct. 6th. Thursday, Oct 3rd was the welcome party for about 400 guests from around the world with a dress code of Bavarian outfits. On Fri-

day, Stefan Roser, longtime friend, consultant and test driver for Luis Ruf, planned a ride and drive event through the beautiful Allgau Region followed by dinner. On Saturday, we were offered driver training at FAKT testing ground with an evening Gala Dinner at Mr. & Mrs. Ruf's Private auto museum. It was a mega anniversary event! Many thanks to Alois & Estonia Ruf.

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