

On June 6th the White Glove Concourse took place in Huntington Beach. It was a great day for a car show and the turn out was exceptional. There were forty 911 Porsches representing each year the car was in production. Starting with a 1964 911 that came from the Petersen Museum. The line up was impressive and it was nice to see the changes made to the car and how it evolved through the years. Along with the year-by-year display of 911's there was a host of all models that competed in the car show. I understand there was about 130-judged cars that competing in the event. This kept the judges very busy. With all the immaculate cars in the different classes the judges had their hands full picking a clear-cut winner. Thanks to everyone who participated and congratulations to all who scored well on the judging sheet.

Car show preparation is a ritual and it can take awhile to become class winner. Never discount the amount of time necessary to compete in a California car show. Only the extremely dedicated car enthusiasts enjoy the thrill of victory.

If you have never shown your car in a show before (and would like to) I recommend you should start attending a few shows. Study the cars and talk to the people. You can learn invaluable information. You will find out quite quickly if your car is show worthy. Some people have very nice cars and are show worthy but most clean street cars will come up little shy. By taking a look at the competition, you will be able to size up your car pretty fast and decide if you're ready to compete. By comparing your car to those shown you will know how many items you will need to pay attention to and what can be corrected over time. Once you have figured that out you can become a contender. Find a show that interests you and sign up. Now you have a date that your car needs to be completed by. Take that date and work backwards. This means if the car show is on Aug. 22nd, everything needs to be done before that date. It's going to depend on the condition of your personal car and how much time is needed to make it show ready. Give yourself plenty of time.

Some times you can do a general clean up and you're good to go. More times then not, you'll have to do more extreme detailing to prepare for a car show. If this is the case, plan accordly. If your paint hasn't been polished and waxed properly for a while, plan on spending time or money addressing this issue. If your interior needs some minor repairs; now is the time to do it. Take a careful look at all things on your car and spend the necessary time to

correct each problem. This attention to detail will not go unnoticed by the judges.

Once you have made a commitment to show your car and have spent the time and effort necessary to be a strong class contender, you will be rewarded handsomely. Starting out in the wash and shine class you can concentrate on the interior and exterior exclusively. Once you have those things in order, you can move up a class and show off your motor, trunk and tool kit. This can be work in progress, so to speak. Once you get your judging sheet from the last car show, it will provide you with good guidelines on what needs to be improved on for next time. With an eye for detail and constant improvements, your chances will greatly increase for winning on Sunday.

Wax on,
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