



# E IS FOR EXTRA (FUN) E IS FOR EXCELLENCE

POSSIBLY THE LARGEST GROUP OF E-STOCK 911'S AT WATKINS GLEN

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The letter E stands for many things in the English language, but for E-Stock PCA club racing it stands for Excitement, Excellence, and Extreme competition. On the June 2-4 weekend over 250 Porsche race cars converged on Watkins Glen and E-Stock brought out the second largest class with 30 entries. The best E-Stock drivers from around the country converged on the Glen to compete for bragging rights for the year (or at least until Road America)!

Why is E-Stock so popular? The majority of the class is run with 1980s 911 Euro spec SCs and '84-'89 911 Carreras, which are consid-

ered by Porsche purists to be the last air-cooled Porsches true to the original 911 lineage, and they are just *very* cool to own and drive spiritedly. They have torsion bars for springs and only make 200 to 220 hp, but handle so well that they are faster than most of the younger and higher-powered F and G cars.

Very predictable handling makes a very fun and safe car to drive fast. Don't kid yourself. While they may have a stock engine and stock brakes, these E-Stock race cars are equipped with race suspensions, race wheels, and run on sticky Hoosier race tires. When driven at or near the limit,

these cars are a blast.

At the Glen the level of competition in E-Stock escalated quickly with Jim Buckley breaking Evan Close's 2016 track class record by 0.5 seconds in the second practice session on Friday. That set the tone as the record continued falling throughout the weekend. By Saturday afternoon Dan Martinson had turned a 2:07.659 in his 1981 911 Euro SC, which is faster than the F stock and G stock records and 1.5 seconds faster than last year. E-stock is so popular it is attracting some of the best drivers in the country, and for good reason.



Above: All of the E-Stock cars and drivers we were able to gather

Left: race start - Clarke Simpson, Dan Martinson, Evan Close (2016 record holder) and Niels Meissner (who borrowed car from his dad)



Left: Jeff Wiggins and Pat Heptig. Tell me there's no competition there!



After Day 1 the PCA scrutineers stepped up their game and brought out a precision borescope to inspect fuel and air intake systems and intake ports. This is just one of several new tools being implemented. Several violations were discovered and some 13/13 sanctions were made. These inspections are welcomed by the racers to ensure a level playing field in a highly competitive arena.

The first sprint race started and finished with Dan Martinson on the pole and taking P1. P2 went to Clarke Simpson, and Niels Meissner finished in P3. Evan Close took P4 and Pat Heptig took P5. Racers started Sprint 2 (the first championship points race of the weekend) gridded by their fastest lap from Sprint 1. Martinson again led from the pole and finished P1. Simpson and Meissner again finished P2 and P3, respectively. Heptig took P4 and Doug Crossman took P5.

Sunday brought rain and significantly reduced the grip levels on the track for the 1.5 hour long enduro (the second championship points race). The rain (and the Glen's reputation for being treacherous in the wet) and attrition from the first two sprint races reduced the number of cars in the E class field for the enduro.

In the rain, visibility is greatly reduced and traction is compromised. It is an exercise in (hopefully) controlled sliding and driving strange lines to find the most traction through each corner. Martinson again, despite a few spins, was able to lay down consistently faster laps and brought home the win.

Meissner showed his consistency in both wet and dry conditions, taking P2 with no issues. Chip Eggleton took P3 and Christopher Fahy took P4, and the driver combination of Steven Dimakos and Steve Anderson took P5.

If you like good, clean competition and want to experience true *old school* Porsche 911 racing with some of the best drivers in the country, E-Stock is the place to be! 🏁



Scott Bresnahan

We tried to get all of the E-Stock cars and drivers for a photo op on Friday and Saturday. We did pretty good, better on Saturday, but there were always cars torn down, on the trailer or otherwise missing. Two of the cars for our shot were actually towed for the shot. Our apologies to any that we missed



left: Chip Eggleton leads Cameron Best (223)

below: The E-Stock drivers we were able to get together Saturday



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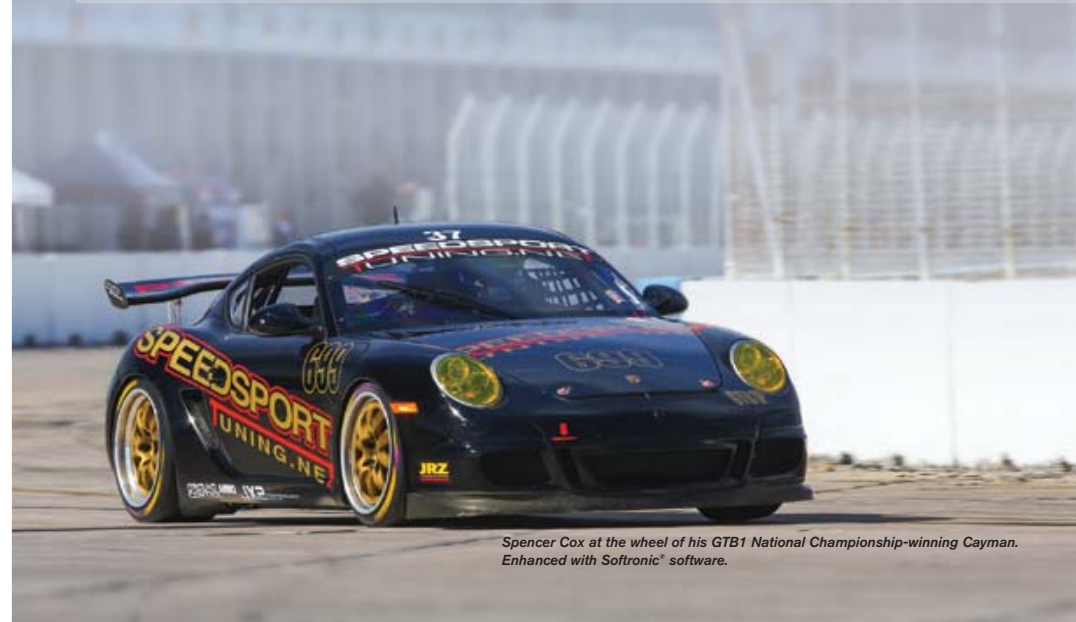
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While most E-Stock cars are 911s, not all are:

left:  
Tom Hamilton  
1986 944 Turbo

right:  
Clarke Simpson  
1978 911SC



left:  
Gene Raymondi  
2004 Boxster

right:  
Dan Martinson  
1978 911SC Euro



left:  
Frank Osborn  
2004 Boxster

right:  
Chris Fahy  
1986 944 Turbo



left:  
Doug Crossman  
1984 911

below:  
Friday morning driver's meeting conducted by stewards Bill Miller & Mike Hoke



# 2017 Club Racing Schedule

DATES	EVENT / ADDITIONAL INFO	REGION/ZONE	EVENT/CONTACT
Jul 8-9	<b>Putnam Park*</b> 944 Cup Midwest	Ohio Valley	Rich Rosenberg 513.317.7911 rjrol@aol.com
Jul 14-16	<b>Monticello Motor Club*</b> 944 Cup North / Cayman GT4CS East Series Races	Riesentöter	Chris Karras 215.850.4040 rtr-racechair@nazg.com
Jul 29-30	<b>Brainerd International Raceway*</b> 944 Cup Midwest	Nord Stern	Dave Sorenson 952.807.1414 dsorenson@leancultureinc.com
Aug 4-6	<b>Canadian Tire Motorsports Park*</b> 944 Cup North / Cayman GT4CS East Series Races	Upper Canada	Terry Casson 613.848.1301 club-race@pcaucr.org
Aug 18-20	<b>New Jersey Motorsports Park*</b> 944 Cup North	Schattenbaum	Dan Petchel 609.298.2277 carsinc@comcast.net
Sep 2-3	<b>Thunderhill Raceway</b> 944 Cup West / West Coast Series	Golden Gate	Richard French 650.995.6100 rf@richardfren.ch
Sep 2-4	<b>Road America*</b> 944 Cup Midwest	Chicago	Keith Clark 630.514.5937 kc_design@sbcglobal.net
Sep 15-17	<b>NOLA Motorsports Park*</b> 944 Cup Southwest / Cayman GT4CS East Series Races	Mardi Gras	John Crosby 504.909.2767 jlcrosby@crosbydevelopment.com
Sep 30-Oct 1	<b>Willow Springs International Park*</b> 944 Cup West / West Coast Series	San Diego	Greg Phillips 619.395.7506 phigreg@gmail.com
Oct 7-8	<b>Hallett Motor Racing Circuit</b>	Cimarron	Jon Jones 918.200.4044 cimarronpca.events@gmail.com
Oct 13-15	<b>Pittsburgh International Race Complex*</b> 944 Cup Nationals East (M) (N) (S) / Vintage Run Group	Allegheny	Bill Sulouff 412.496.2501 clubrace@ARPCA.com
Oct 27-29	<b>Daytona International Speedway*</b> 944 Cup South / Cayman GT4CS East Series Races	Zone 12	Steve Williamson 407.435.0344 steve@stevewilliamson.com
Nov 11-12	<b>Motorsport Ranch*</b> 944 Cup North/West/Southwest / Vintage Run Group	Maverick	Pat Heptig 214.649.7909 pheptig@heptiglaw.com
Nov 11-12	<b>Buttonwillow Raceway Park</b> 944 Cup West / West Coast Series	San Diego	Greg Phillips 619.395.7506 phigreg@gmail.com

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