



2004 Porsche
Carrera GT

Meander Talking Machine

AACA Newsletter



1969 Alfa Romeo
GTV 1750

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Presidents' Messages



Greetings:

As we end 2025, I want to wish everyone a healthy and happy 2026! Thank you to everyone who have supported me during my eight years as President of the Meander club. I was especially proud of our club members who worked so hard on the Ohio Region Fall tour and made it such a great success.

We had a terrific Christmas party; the food was excellent as usual and I think all the members who were able to attend had a great time. I did! We missed members who could not attend.

As my term comes to an end, please give our incoming President Craig Bernard your support as he carries on. Again thank you!

Dean

A Note from Your 2026 President

First I want to thank Dean and Daisy for their work and unselfish efforts and dedication for running our club for the past eight years.

I would like to touch on some of the ideas I have for next year. I would like to have a monthly lunch meeting with our members on the second Tuesday of each month. In line with this, **our first meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday of January at 11:30 a.m. at Perkins on 46**. Please call or text me if you are coming. The locations of each month will be announced in future newsletters.

Also, I think it would be fun during the spring and summer months to have an ice

cream get together in the evening. I plan on having that on the third Wednesday of each month.

I plan on having our get-togethers in different counties, Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana. This way, it will make traveling for our members easier if we divide the locations up each month.

Last of all, there are several months that are still open on our calendar so I will be contacting members that have not signed up and assign you to a month. Also at our monthly lunch and ice cream socials I will ask for volunteers or suggestions for the following month. Thank you again For your future support and happy new year.

Craig

Meeting for January

Dean is chairing the meeting for January. It will be January 17th at noon at the Hubbard Public Library where we had it in past years. Please bring your lunch. We will be doing shirts, jackets, etc. We will be doing sublimating on polyester material. You can bring whatever you pick out. Light colored, high polyester (ideally 100%) under a heat press turns the dye into a gas that bonds with the fabric creating a vibrant permanent design that feels like part of the shirt, not a sticker. The cost is minimal—under \$2.00 per item. We need to know if you want any other color besides black. We can put our Meander design on the front and a larger design on the back. Please let Dean know a week before the meeting so Hannah at the library can have the designs ready. Every



color but white is available. Dean's cell 330 503-1843 or dse7523@gmail.com

If you can't come, we would be happy to do your item for you. You just have to get it to us and let me know what you want.

Dean

New Year, New Antiques

—Artifical Intelligence on
Google, 12/20/25

For 2026, cars becoming "antique" (often 25+ years old for collector status) include many from the late 1990s, like the 1999-2005 Mazda MX-5 Miata, 1995-1998 Nissan Skyline GT-R, and 1990-1993 Chevy 454 SS, alongside performance models like the 2006-2010 BMW M5, as enthusiasts focus on the last analog era before modern tech took over. Classic car experts like Hagerty highlight rising interest in these '90s and '00s models, alongside icons like the 1969-1972 Alfa Romeo GTV and 1956-1957 Continental Mark II.

Cars Expected to Gain Interest in 2026

Mazda MX-5 Miata (1999-2005): The beloved lightweight roadster, especially earlier models with manual transmissions.

Nissan Skyline GT-R (1995-1998): The legendary Japanese performance car.

Chevrolet 454 SS (1990-

1993): A powerful pickup truck from the early '90s.

BMW M5 (2006-2010): The E60 generation with its V10 engine.

Dodge Ramcharger (1981-1993): A rugged SUV that's still a bargain.

Alfa Romeo GTV (1969-1972): A stylish Italian coupe gaining attention.

Continental Mark II (1956-1957): A symbol of luxury from the mid-'50s.

Porsche Carrera GT (2004-2007): A rare supercar nearing classic status.

Why These Cars?

Nostalgia: Many are from the last decade where analog feel (manuals, less electronics) dominated, appealing to buyers priced out of earlier classics, notes *Driven Car Guide*.

Value: They offer a mix of performance and classic appeal at prices that are still accessible compared to established icons.

Tax Advice

—email from Cadillac Lasalle Museum.org, 11/18/25

Why Give This Year?

Given the 2026 changes, donating in 2025 rather than waiting until 2026 presents three one-time advantages:

- **Immediate Tax Benefits:** You can secure the current tax deduction limits and avoid the stricter criteria for itemized deductions that may take effect next year.

- **Cap Your Deductions:** If you are a high earner,

securing your deductions now allows you to maximize your charitable impact without the new limitations on deduction rates.

- **Simpler Giving Process:** Donating before the changes take place ensures a smoother process, allowing you to take advantage of the existing rules that favor broader contributions.

Key Tax Law Changes for 2026

- **Standard Deduction:** Beginning in 2026, taxpayers taking the standard deduction can claim an above-the-line charitable deduction of up to \$1,000 for individuals or \$2,000 for couples filing jointly.

- **Itemized Deductions:** For those who itemize, donations must exceed 0.5% of adjusted gross income (AGI) to qualify for a deduction.

- **High Earners:** Individuals in the 37% tax bracket will see their maximum charitable deduction rate capped at 35%.

- **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs):** Retirees can donate directly from IRAs (up to \$108,000) without affecting taxable income.

- **Donating Appreciated Stock:** This remains a powerful strategy to avoid capital gains taxes and maximize your charitable impact before the new rules take effect.

With existing conditions and the changes next year, it is important to review your giving strategy and discuss it with your financial advisor to maximize your tax efficiency and charitable impact.

