



**2004 Porsche  
Carrera GT**

# Meander Talking Machine AACA Newsletter



**1969 Alfa Romeo  
GTV 1750**

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## Presidents' Messages



reetings:

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  
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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

—Artificial 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.

