

**FESTIVALS OF SPEED RETURNS TO ST. PETERSBURG WITH DISPLAY OF 400 + EXOTIC CARS, MOTORCYCLES & LUXURY BRANDS. SUPPORTING CHILDRENS DREAM FUND.**

**ST. PETERSBURG, JANUARY 2017:** The 14<sup>th</sup> annual FESTIVALS OF SPEED presented by BERT SMITH PORSCHE returns to Vinoy Park, downtown St. Petersburg on Sunday, April 2nd. On display, will be 400+ exotic cars, motorcycles, water craft and luxury brands. The event supports in part the CHILDRENS DREAM FUND.

**Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> LUXURY LIFESTYLE COCKTAIL RECEPTION: 8:00-11:00pm**

The Luxury Lifestyle Cocktail Reception kicks off the weekend and will showcase a dazzling collection of vintage and contemporary automobiles, motorcycles and luxury brands. Elegant time pieces will be on display along with fine jewelry, fashion and more. Culinary offerings will include multiple chef attended stations featuring a variety of gourmet items. Premium brand open bars will provide fine wines, hand crafted cocktails and craft beers. In addition, brand ambassadors, will have rare bourbon, aged scotch and other unique spirits available. The evening supports in part THE CHILDRENS DREAM FUND.

**14<sup>TH</sup> FESTIVALS OF SPEED MOTORSPORTS DISPLAY. VINOY PARK, ST. PETERSBURG 10:00am-4:00pm**

Sunday, April 2nd will see 400+ exotic cars, motorcycles, water craft and luxury brands all placed for display in beautiful Vinoy Park. This expansive park offers magnificent views of the harbor and the vibrant downtown. Automotive designs by Porsche, Ferrari, Bentley, Rolls-Royce, Lamborghini, Aston-Martin, BMW, Mercedes, TESLA, McLaren and more will all be on site. Onsite cafes will offer exciting culinary creations available to all attendees. Automotive art, smooth jazz, cigar lounges and luxury brand displays will also be a part of the enjoyment. FESTIVALS OF SPEED founder Joe Sabatini had this to say "This year we have a special PORSCHE AIR COOLED display of cars that we are very excited about. It will show from vintage to contemporary the progression through the years "The vintage and contemporary motorcycle display continues to grow as well. The company goal is to have 100-150 motorcycles on display at all events they produce. We invite everyone to register their car or motorcycle with us to share with our attendees.

FESTIVALS OF SPEED will also be operating on Amelia Island, Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. This event is scheduled on the same weekend as the events of the Amelia Concours week as well as the Amelia Island Concours d 'Elegance. The Amelia Island Select Auction is the official auction house of FESTIVALS OF SPEED and the WERKS REUNION. Auctions will take place Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The WERKS REUNION will take place at the Omni Amelia Island on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. It features 500+ PORSCHE vehicles on display and is located adjacent to FESTIVALS OF SPEED.

**About FESTIVALS OF SPEED.**

Headquartered in Eustis, Florida, FESTIVALS OF SPEED was founded in 2004 as the ultimate luxury showcase for discerning enthusiasts with a passion for all forms of transportation. Events are currently held in Orlando, Miami, St. Petersburg and Amelia Island. FESTIVALS OF SPEED display the very best in automotive, aircraft, marine and motorcycle transportation alongside the finest luxury brands. Tickets can be purchased in advance at [www.festivalsofspeed.com](http://www.festivalsofspeed.com) or by calling 352-385-9450. General admission is \$20.00. For more information visit [www.festivalsofspeed.com](http://www.festivalsofspeed.com) or [www.facebook.com/festivalsofspeed](http://www.facebook.com/festivalsofspeed).

**About CHILDRENS DREAM FUND.** The Children's Dream Fund was founded in 1981 with the single purpose of fulfilling dreams for children ages 3-18 who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. Dreams are referred to us by doctors, nurses, Child Life and Social Workers, friends, families and other patients.

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