



ATTACK OF THE RACKS

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For those of us in the cold, northern corner of the USA's right coast, the Amelia Island concours weekend traditionally signals the opening of the cars & coffee season. That was not the case this year thanks to CarPark NYC's "Attack of The Racks," hosted by Classic Car Club Manhattan. Held February 29th (when we all should have sold our stocks), we lucked out with fair weather and a near miss with the start of the COVID catastrophe.

It was the perfect opportunity for me to borrow my father-in-law's very first skis and poles from the '40s and '50s. Add a period suitcase that he had squirreled away and my 356A was racked and ready to attack. The drive into Manhattan at 7:30 a.m. was uneventful and I stopped for a photo in front of the USS Intrepid, now a museum on the Hudson River.



The original owner was on her best behavior throughout the drive and event, and wore her 356 Registry hat proudly.



Matt Leonard's Cecilia was "breaking our hearts," à la Simon & Garfunkel, with its period-correct rack.

The car rack theme was played to its fullest with very creative displays of surfboards, skis, and in the case of ROCS Motorsports, a case full of miniature cars that Rich Goncalves handed out.

CarPark NYC owner/curator Jeff Einhorn put together a splendid get-together that quickly filled with enthusiasts. With winter passing us over this year, the salt-free roads allowed gearheads to bring out fancy Ferraris, an Aston Martin, and other fine automotive art. Jeff has become the most acclaimed curator of New York car events, with several CarPark NYC events in Brooklyn and Manhattan, the Manhasset Concours and, to my mind, one of the best in the world—The Bridge (covered on page 54 of the November-December 2019 edition of this fine magazine).

The members-only, upscale Classic Car Club Manhattan impressed us with their amazing bar, lounges, restaurant, car storage facilities, and beautiful terrace overlooking the Hudson River. The club is the perfect getaway for New York City petrolheads who need a gear fix every now and then. They offer races, rallies, and of course their amazing stable of cars is available for weekend jaunts to the Hamptons or beyond. 356



Eze Santos, here on the left, showed up with his perfectly restored, crazy-nice-blue, matching-numbers 1959 356A coupe. Next to him, showing off his Ferrari, is our buddy Mariano Lozano, CEO of Danone.



Chris Turner of Lamborghini of Paramus, New Jersey, and 356 guru Gaspare Fasulo of Gaswerks Garage showed off their 1968 Porsche 912 Swedish rally coupe. This is a genuine, period-correct competition car that raced from new back in 1968 in rally events held in Sweden. It's drool-worthy for sure.