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**A bright morning after a hard night:
The 24-hour winner, the 911 GT3 RSR, at the Nürburgring**

The New 911 GT3 RSR Masters the Classics

The new 911 GT3 RSR success story continues—with impressive wins at the prestigious 24-hour races at the Nürburgring and in Le Mans. Porsche's near-production GT sports car carried the factory-supported team Manthey-Racing to victory on the circuit in Germany's Eifel mountains. And in Le Mans, the French customer team IMSA Performance won the GT2 class with a six-lap lead over second-place Ferrari. Sharing the laurels were Porsche factory drivers Richard Lietz of Austria, Patrick Long from the USA, and France's Raymond Narac.

Some 210,000 spectators witnessed the victory—the eighth for Porsche at this race in its 35th running. Porsche's head of motorsports, Hartmut Kristen, was effusive: "The new Porsche 911 GT3 RSR has proven its potential once again with this clear victory." Together with Marcel Tiemann, factory drivers Timo Bernhard, Romain Dumas, and Marc Lieb beat out more than 200 competitors and finished with a one-lap lead. The 911 GT3 RSR has won eight of the nine times it has raced on the circuit this season. The Le Mans triumph was particularly valuable for the drivers: "This is my first race here, and to be on the podium right off—it's unbelievable!" said Lietz, celebrating the greatest success of his career.

Michael Stoschek Drives the Historic 911 to the European Title

A heady conclusion to a brilliant year: Germany's Michael Stoschek won the European Cup for classic rally cars at the Rallye du Var in France. In his Porsche 911 SR 2.5, the 59-year-old businessman took first place in the class for cars built up to 1975. In the overall placement, after twelve runs in seven countries including Finland and Greece, he had nineteen points and almost an hour's lead over Italian runner-up Antonio Parisi, who was also driving a 911. Stoschek's car is no stranger to the winners' ranks: in 1972, Frenchman Gérard Larousse drove it to second place in the classic Rallye Automobile Monte Carlo.

Point Victory: Design Prize for the Targa 4

The Red Dot Award of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia's Design Center is important in and of itself. And if the design experts on the international jury add the title "Best of the Best," it means you have an absolutely top product, a real path-blazing design. Like the Porsche 911 Targa 4. There were 2,500 products competing for the award in 2007, and only 43 won the top-quality seal of excellence. In the case of the 911 Targa 4, the jurors cited the "creativity, innovativeness, and high quality of the product." The winning vehicle was presented in a special exhibition entitled "Design on Stage—Winners Red Dot Award: Design 2007," at the Red Dot Design Museum in Essen. The museum is at the former "Zollverein" coal mine, a World Cultural Heritage site.

Porsche Looking for Graduates

Porsche is growing: The company will hire 300 graduates this year, and the headhunters are after engineers, industrial engineers, and economists. The growing need is primarily due to the development of the Panamera and a hybrid drive for the four-door sedan as well as the Cayenne. In addition, specialists are being sought for Porsche Consulting in Bietigheim-Bissingen and for Porsche's management and IT-consulting subsidiary Mieschke Hofmann & Partner in Freiberg-on-Neckar.



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European Cup in this classic 911 SR 2.5**