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Welcome to the 2024 **Ponte Vedra Auto Show**

The 2024 Ponte Vedra Auto Show is being presented by O'Steen Automotive Group in association with Art 'n Motion, the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce and Nocatee.

This year marks the 22nd annual show. It is open and free to visitors. The popular annual event features hundreds of classic and collector automobiles, all vying for the show's awards. Spectator parking at the event is free.

The show officially opens to the public at 10 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at Nocatee Station Field, 245 Nocatee Center Way, Ponte Vedra. Awards are announced at 3 p.m.

The Ponte Vedra Auto Show has been embraced by the community as one of the premier automotive events in North Florida. It takes place in a family-friendly environment that allows the automotive hobby to be taught and passed to younger generations of enthusiasts.

Please note that pets are not allowed on the show field, with the exception of registered service





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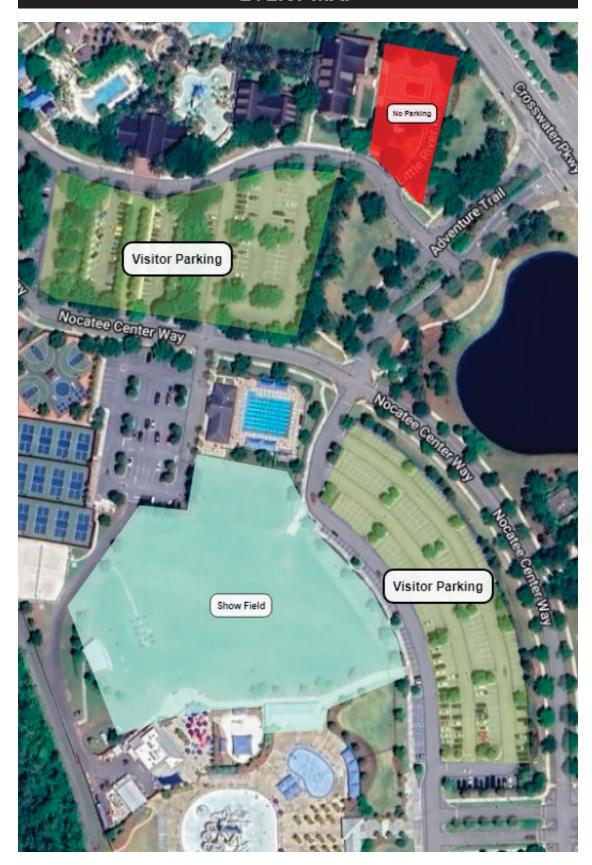
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Spirit of the Ponte Vedra Auto Show

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EVENT MAP









O'Steen Volvo of Jacksonville

The 2024 Volvo XC90

O'Steen Automotive Group takes the wheel at Ponte Vedra Auto Show

By Holly Tishfield

The Ponte Vedra Auto Show is back for its 22nd year at Nocatee Station Field, where guests can expect to find more than 200 classic and collector cars vying for the show's prestigious awards. This year's presenting partner, O'Steen Automotive Group, is looking forward to sponsoring a family-friendly event for all generations to enjoy.

"This is our community, our backyard," said Mallory Maurno, chief marketing officer at O'Steen Automotive Group. "We really want to connect with our neighbors and the people we serve."

O'Steen Automotive Group is a family-owned and -operated enterprise with five dealerships in Northeast Florida and South Georgia. Their showrooms offer a wide variety of used and new vehicles from brands like Volkswagen, Volvo, Subaru, Dodge, Jeep, Chrysler and Ram.



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The O'Steen Volkswagen showroom

Unlike other family-owned dealerships, O'Steen Automotive Group has multiple generations of owners actively involved in daily operations. This commitment customer service, making them the automotive home for drivers in the Northeast Florida area.

This marks the O'Steen Automotive Group's first year as a sponsor of the beloved Ponte Vedra Auto Show, though the group has proudly served Jacksonville and Northeast Florida since its inauguration to the area in

"It's going to be a great turnout," said Maurno. "I think guests are going to be very excited to see all these rare, classic cars."

O'Steen Automotive Group will showcase a collection of four Volvos and four Volkswagens at the auto show, but they won't be in the running for any awards. Guests, however, can enjoy test driving a selection of their vehicles, including the Volvo EX90, Volvo's newest fully electric model.

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K9s For Warriors pairs veterans with service dogs

By Shaun Ryan

For the past 13 years, an organization in Ponte Vedra largely powered by volunteers and donors has literally been saving lives. K9s For Warriors is the nation's largest provider of service dogs to veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury or military sexual trauma.

Pairing veterans with service dogs has proven effective in curbing one of the worst tragedies of the modern age, both in Northeast Florida and across the nation: veteran suicides. In fact, this innovative program's success has prompted a demand so great that it now has a wait list of up to two years.

Since its humble beginnings, the organization has paired 1,082 veterans with their first service dogs. Some veterans who have been with the program for many years have gone on to receive their second and even third service dogs.

At this year's Ponte Vedra Auto Show, attendees will have an opportunity to learn all about K9s For Warriors.

"We'll be there greeting everybody and talking to people, sharing a little bit of our mission — and if you're in the market to adopt a dog, we have some service dogs that don't make it through our program, but they are wonderful dogs that can be adopted at no additional charge," said Steven Carmichael, director of corporate partners for K9s For Warriors.

INCREDIBLE GROWTH

The roots of K9s For Warriors goes back to 2011 when the late Shari Duval's son, a civilian K9 police bomb dog



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handler, returned from service in Iraq with PSTD. Duval noticed that her son was really only himself when he was with his dog.

Research validated her observations. Having a service dog has indeed been shown to mitigate the symptoms of PTSD. Duval helped to get her son's dog certified, but she didn't stop there.

"They grew it from her backyard, where they trained the dogs, her garage where they kenneled the dogs, to her house where she housed the warriors," said Carmichael.

The grassroots effort soon grew to become a major force in helping veterans. Today, K9s For Warriors maintains two campuses — one in Ponte Vedra and the other in San Antonio, Texas.

TRAINING

The canines benefit from the program, as well. Most of them are rescue dogs.

When the team at K9s For Warriors acquires a dog, they untrain any undesirable behaviors and then retrain for positive behaviors and basic commands.

"When the warrior gets here, the dog is ready to go," said Carmichael.

The warriors in the three-week residential program typically arrive on a Sunday and then are paired with their service dog on Monday. Then, the veteran and his or her dog begin to train for everyday life and whatever complications may arise.

"They go through every possible scenario that they will run into at home with the service dog while they're here with us," explained Carmichael. "So, they're prepared to use their service dog in all those scenarios. That might be going through TSA at the airport, going to the zoo, going to a baseball game or any sort of sporting event. We put

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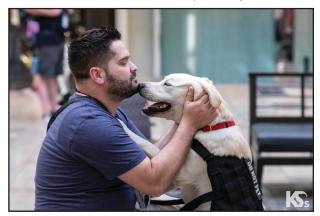




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Veterans

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them through all those scenarios so they can finally get back to that life of being in their community, being able to go out to their children's school activities or sporting activities or just go back to the grocery store or a big box retail store."

When veterans apply for the program, the K9s For Warriors team walks them through the process and paperwork. Then, as veterans prepare to arrive for the threeweek program, the team maintains contact with them.

One benefit is that the program is offered at absolutely no cost to the veteran.

"We cover all of their costs, travel, lodging, food, everything," Carmichael said.

YOU CAN HELP

This is why donors and volunteers are so important to the mission of K9s For Warriors. There are many ways



to support that mission, whether by making a financial donation, donating supplies, washing vehicles, cooking meals, etc.

To see the many ways to help the organization help veterans, go to k9sforwarriors.org, click "Menu" and then click "Ways to Support."

Veterans Day — Nov. 11 — is the organization's big-

gest fundraising day of the year and another opportunity to show one's support. The organization will conduct a telethon in partnership with First Coast News in Jacksonville and KEN 5 in San Antonio. The telethon will air from 5 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"We raise about \$1 million just on Veterans Day with our telethon," said Carmichael.

This year, a texting campaign has been arranged just for that day. Anyone who texts K9S to 41444 can make a donation on Veterans Day.

For those who would like to know more about K9s For Warriors, an open house, Christmas at K9s, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 21.

Visitors can see the Warrior Clubhouse, the bone-shaped pool and warrior apartments. They can shop at the pop-up store, enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies, meet some of the puppies and dogs in training and one of the warriors with his or her service dog.

"It's a really cool experience," said Carmichael.

The campus is located at 114 Camp K9 Road, Ponte Vedra.

















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A look back over the years at the Ponte Vedra Auto Show

By Shaun Ryan

This year brings the 22nd annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show — or, if you prefer, the 21st anniversary of that first show in 2003. This is also the fifth year Art 'n Motion of St. Augustine has operated the show.

Over the years, the Ponte Vedra Auto Show has demonstrated its continued popularity. Hundreds of vehicles have appeared at the show, representing nearly every era, style and manufacturer in America, and the world

Some changes have occurred since it all

Originally a creation of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, the first show was held in the Sawgrass Village shopping center parking lot. In those early years, it was held each April. In 2011, it was moved to the lawn at the TPC Sawgrass clubhouse, near the famed Stadium Course, annually the site of THE PLAYERS Championship.

In 2012, the date was changed. The show was moved to September. The event was presented by the Chamber in partnership with Brumos Porsche. Celebrated racecar driver Hurley Haywood served as a guest judge, and among the attendees were Bill Warner, founder of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, and Ray Shaffer, then-general manager of Brumos Porsche.

The 20th anniversary of the Porsche 992 was celebrated at the 2015 show.

The next year, the Ponte Vedra Auto Show fell on Sept. 11, the 15th anniversary of the infamous terrorist attacks in New York City, in Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon. A special tribute honoring first responders and those who lost their lives that day was incorporated into the program.

2016 also saw the show move to another location. Nocatee Town Center Field, which was near the Publix Supermarket.

In 2017, Hurricane Irma crashed the party, forcing organizers to reschedule the show to Sept. 24. The community was still cleaning up on that date, but the show still attracted 3,500 people, a testament to how important this show is to local residents.

In 2018, the show was moved to its current location, Nocatee Station Field. That year, there was a special focus on the 70th anniversary of the Porsche 356, the automaker's first model.

The date of the show was moved once again, this time to Sept. 22 in anticipation of Hurricane Dorian, which fortunately did not actually come ashore.

In 2020, Art 'n Motion took the show's reins from the Chamber and the date was changed to November as a prudent safeguard against further hurricane threats. Unfortunately, the pandemic posed a serious challenge, but in the end, the show was still held.

This year, the presenting partner is O'Steen Automotive Group. Tint World is the official automotive styling center.

For further information, go to pvautoshow.

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Modern Porsche 2018 Porsche GT2 RS Owner: Per Ezelius

Fantastic 50s 1957 Ford Thunderbird

Owner: Sharon Reidenbach

European Excellence 1989 Mercedes 560SL Owner: Michael DeMelfi

Exceptional Exotic 2020 Aston Martin Vantage **Owner:** Richard Scharer

Contemporary Corvette 2019 Chevrolet Corvette Owner: Frederick Yarbrough

Best of the UK

1962 Jaguar Xk-150 Owner: Michael Betterman

Outstanding Classic Muscle Car 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Owner: Chris Baldwin











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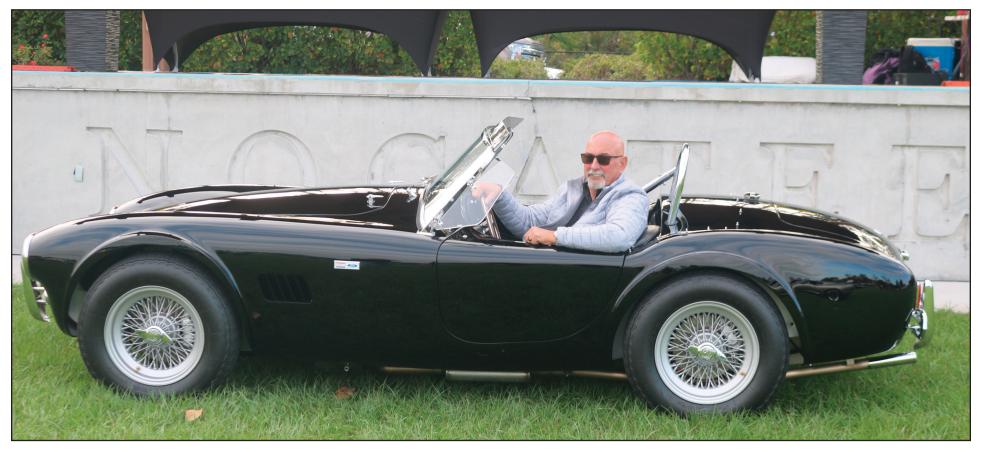
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Most Outstanding Corvette 1963 Chevrolet **Corvette Coupe**

Owner: John Day

Classic Porsche 1975 Porsche 914

Owner: Philip Wagner

Best European Classic 1961 Mercedes Benz 190SL Owner: Sam Joiner

Resto Mod 1966 Ford Mustang Owner: Charles Shoals

Best Hot Rod 1932 Ford Roadster Owner: Fred Ritenour

Modern Asian Excellence 1998 Toyota Supra

Owner: Loi Tran

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1963 Porsche 356 Owner: William Cooper Peoples' Choice Award 1984 Volkswagen Vanagon Owner: Brian Barquilla

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Readers have the chance to nominate their favorite businesses in various categories online, such as auto & transportation, home & finance, food & drink and more! Online voting will begin once nominations are complete.

Give your favorite business the recognition they deserve, and nominate them as the Best of the Best in their category!

> **NOMINATIONS BEGIN:** October 4 - November 10

> > **VOTING BEGINS:**

November 11 - December 2

WINNERS ANNOUNCED/ **WINNER'S CIRCLE PUBS:**

Thursday, December 26



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