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PORSCHE CABRIO**

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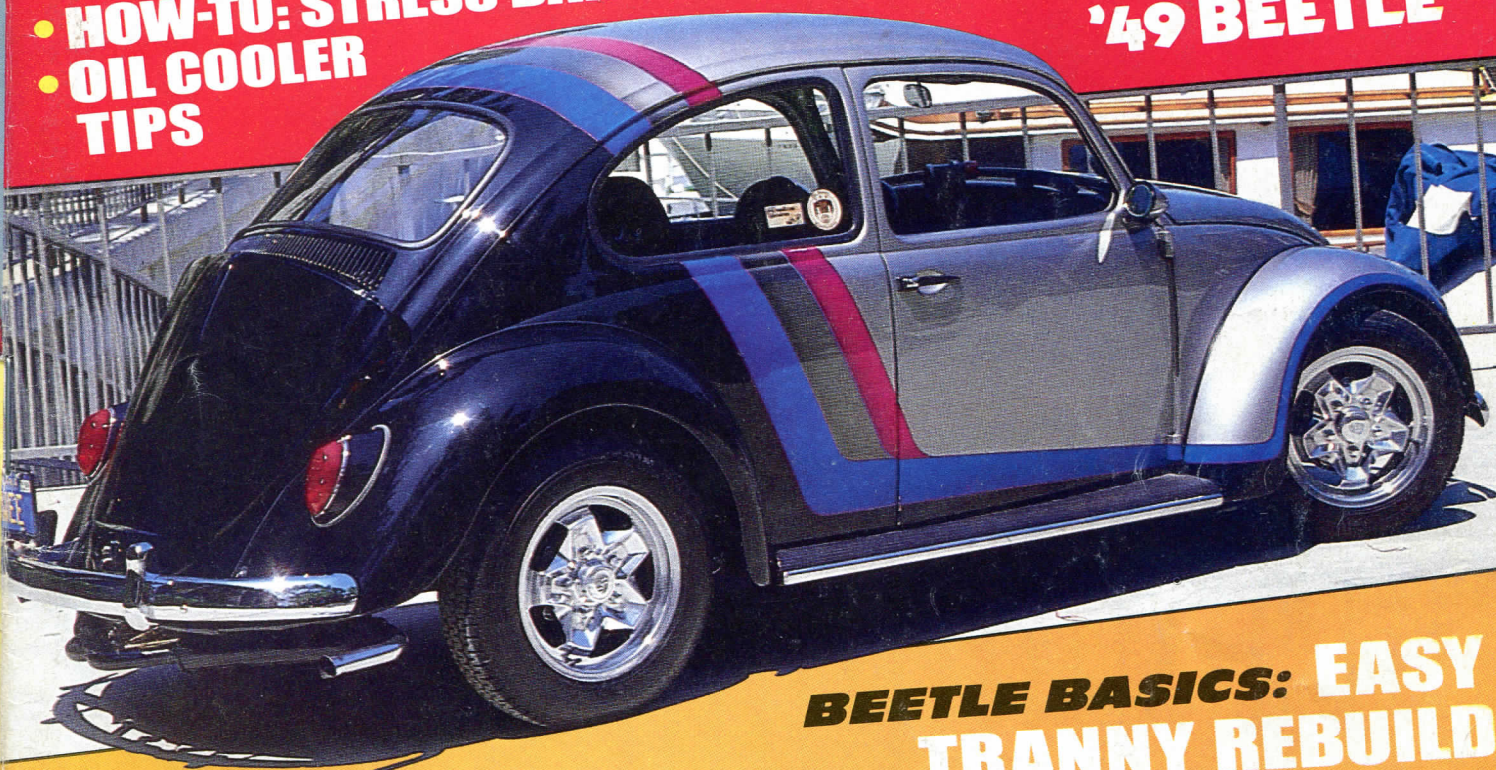
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A French Chef's "Commuter Car"

BY JOHN LAWLOR

Jean Banchet owns and operates one of the finest French restaurants in the United States, *Le Francais* in the Chicago suburb of Wheeling, Illinois.

Jean Banchet also owns — and operates — one of the fastest automobiles in the United States, a turbocharged DP 935 Porsche cabriolet.

You've seen the DP935s before in the pages of *VW & Porsche*. A coupe version was featured in the

Photography by Steve Reyes





September-October 1983 issue. Basically, it's a turbo 930 Porsche that's been reworked from factory specs for even more spectacular performance by DP Motorsport of Cologne, Germany. In the case of Barchet's cabriolet, the car was imported and modified to meet Federal safety and emissions standards by Classic Motor Cars of Chicago.

According to Richard Buxbaum of Classic Motor Cars, the 3.3-liter engine produces 393 horsepower with the turbo set at 0.8 atmosphere of boost. However, there is a hand control in the cockpit that allows boost to be increased to the 1.3-to-1.5 atmosphere range! And, no, Buxbaum wouldn't quote the output at that level!

Both DP Motorsport and Buxbaum are close-mouthed about the details of engine and chassis modifications, except to note that they're "extensive." However, they can't very well keep a secret of the body modifications! And, as the accompanying photos show, they, too, are "extensive."

As a *cuisinier*, Jean Barchet caters to those who want the best, regardless of price. As an automobile enthusiast, he joins his


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clientele in seeking the best for himself.

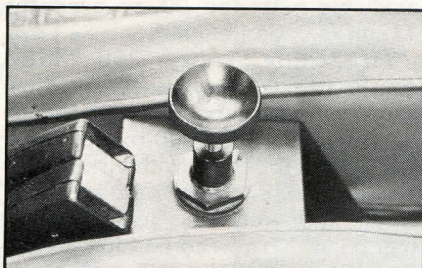
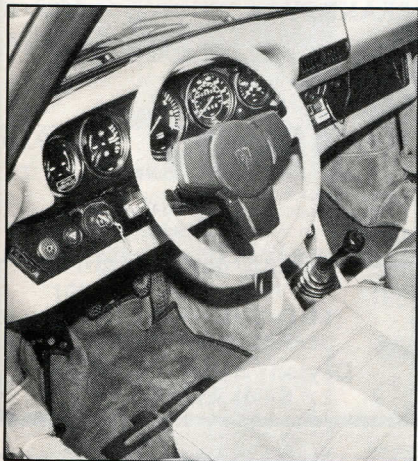
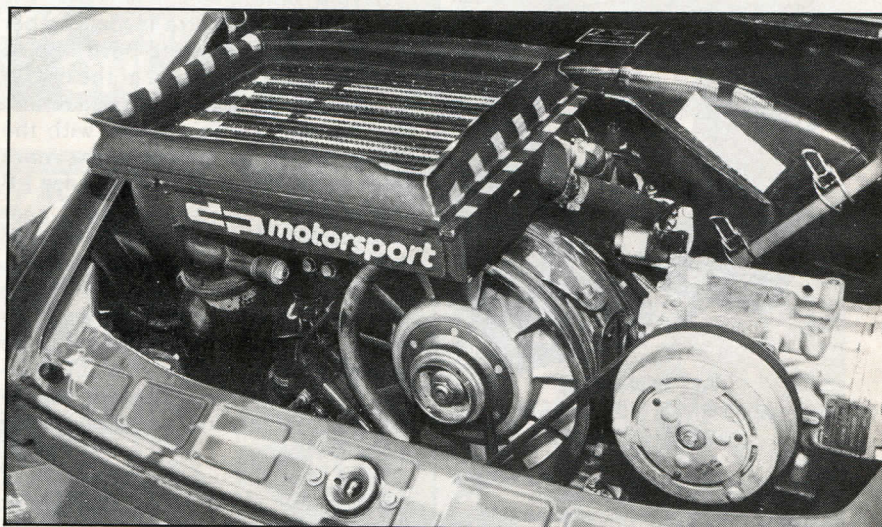
And what's the bottom line? How much does this *wunder wagen* cost?

At Banchet's restaurant, there are no prices on the menu. Reflecting an attitude first expressed about yachting, if you have to worry about how much it costs, you probably can't afford it.

The same could be said of the DP 935, though we will quote a price — \$95,000, as delivered in Chicago by Classic Motor Cars.

And, if the chef can afford a car that costly, you really don't want to know about the prices at his restaurant, do you? 

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At a mere 0.8 atmosphere of boost, the 3.3-liter engine puts out 393 horsepower! Spoiler ducts air to the special intercooler.

This unusual control between the front seats can adjust the turbo boost all the way up to 1.5 atmospheres!

Jean Banchet shows off his spectacular DP 935 cabriolet in front of his restaurant, Le Francais, in Wheeling, Illinois.

