

911 Love: Interview with Jeff Zwart

02/12/2024 Jeff Zwart was born in 1955 and his heart has been beating for Porsche ever since. He is not only a collector and racing driver, but is also an icon of the American Porsche community.

Regardless of the weather, Jeff Zwart takes at least one of his Porsche models out for a drive in the mountains every day. Unless, of course, he happens to be somewhere else in the world – for example, as Creative Director for the *Luftgekühlt* event series. The director, photographer, Porsche collector, and Porsche race car driver is one of the most prominent figures in the Porsche community in the US. In fact, more than 100,000 people follow him on his adventures on Instagram alone. Zwart regards Pikes Peak as his home in motorsport – he has scaled the 4,000-meter mountain 20 times in the International Hill Climb. He shot a short film entitled *Climbkhana: Pikes Peak* with the late race car driver Ken Block, memorializing the mountain race for race cars and motorcycles in the form of a film.

What is love?
Whatever fills you with passion and takes you further in life.

The Porsche 911 in three words?
History, motorsport, satisfaction.

Which simple things can make you happy?
A drive in the mountains with our dog and canoe.

What would you never do in a 911?
I can kind of do everything in a 911, especially my 911 Dakar.

What's your favorite road?
Our road home.

What can distract you?
The sheer beauty around us.

Three things you would take to a desert island?
My dog, a camera, and music.

Is there a historical figure you admire?
Neil Armstrong.

What on a 911 could you do without?
Speedometer.

And what couldn't you?
Rear engine.

What music did you wake up to this morning?
The beautiful music of chirping birds.

Your favorite film?
Ronin by John Frankenheimer.

Your favorite book?
Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer.

Where do you long to be?
Home.

Your most treasured possession?
Scrapbooks from my youth.

Your secret?
I am always ready to ride a skateboard.

The 911 moment of your life?

Learning to drive in a true 901, with chassis number 35.

Your best advice?
Always leave room to be in awe of others.

What would no one expect of you?
I studied to be a veterinarian.

Jeff Zwart

Born: 1955
Residence: Ashcroft, Colorado
Profession: Film director
Porsche: 911 Dakar (992)

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