



964 RS Touring, the blue car here, is one of only 14 RHD models; features rare sunroof

car steeped in racing history. When he does find out more, we'd love to know.

It's not every day you meet somebody lucky enough to have one of these as his weekend drive, so it would be rude not to take a closer look. Open the door, negotiate the full cage and slip down into that racing position. Its sense of purpose hits you like a smack in the face. Having lost my dignity the moment I clambered over the roll bar, I gently wrap my hands around the suede finished racing wheel – you can actually taste the competition pedigree. No comforts here, just a cabin so focused it makes Jonny Wilkinson kicking a conversion

look relaxed. Few would argue there are many more special 911-shaped Stuttgart track weapons, especially with the car's racing past and the larger capacity 3.8-litre hot-film conversion that's lifted power to a claimed, yet very credible, 345hp. I think it's fair to say many of us would love to trade places with Simon. "Despite being fairly noisy the N-GT was fine on the our way over to the Nürburgring. It was great fun on the track, too."

So what of the 993 RS that fronts this impressive collection? It's the latest and possibly proudest addition to the Bartington stable, and has only been in his custody since September. "It's had

four owners but it's in pristine condition and there's a paltry 35,000 miles on the clock. Having picked up the car from Chester it seemed rude not to take it across the beautiful roads of North Wales to give it a proper workout. It's an amazing car, incredibly quick and if truth be told, much better than I expected. On a twisty section of road it really comes alive. There's a TechArt exhaust and single-mass flywheel which really make the flat-six motor rev keenly," explains Simon.

So where would one feasibly turn to in Stuttgart's long line of 911s to bolster this jaw-dropping collection? Knowing Simon it would probably be

air-cooled, and doubtlessly RS badged. As much as you sense that he'd love to expand the collection, his Significant Other possibly doesn't share his enthusiasm for any more cars around the place.

"I'm so pleased with the cars, particularly my latest addition to the collection," reveals Simon. "However an imminent sale of the 993 Carrera 2 is probably on the cards."

Out of all Simon's cars it'd be the easiest to part with, but even that will be a tough bereavement. But let's not get too depressed for him – he's just taken delivery of one of the greatest 911s of all time, for God's sake! ○

