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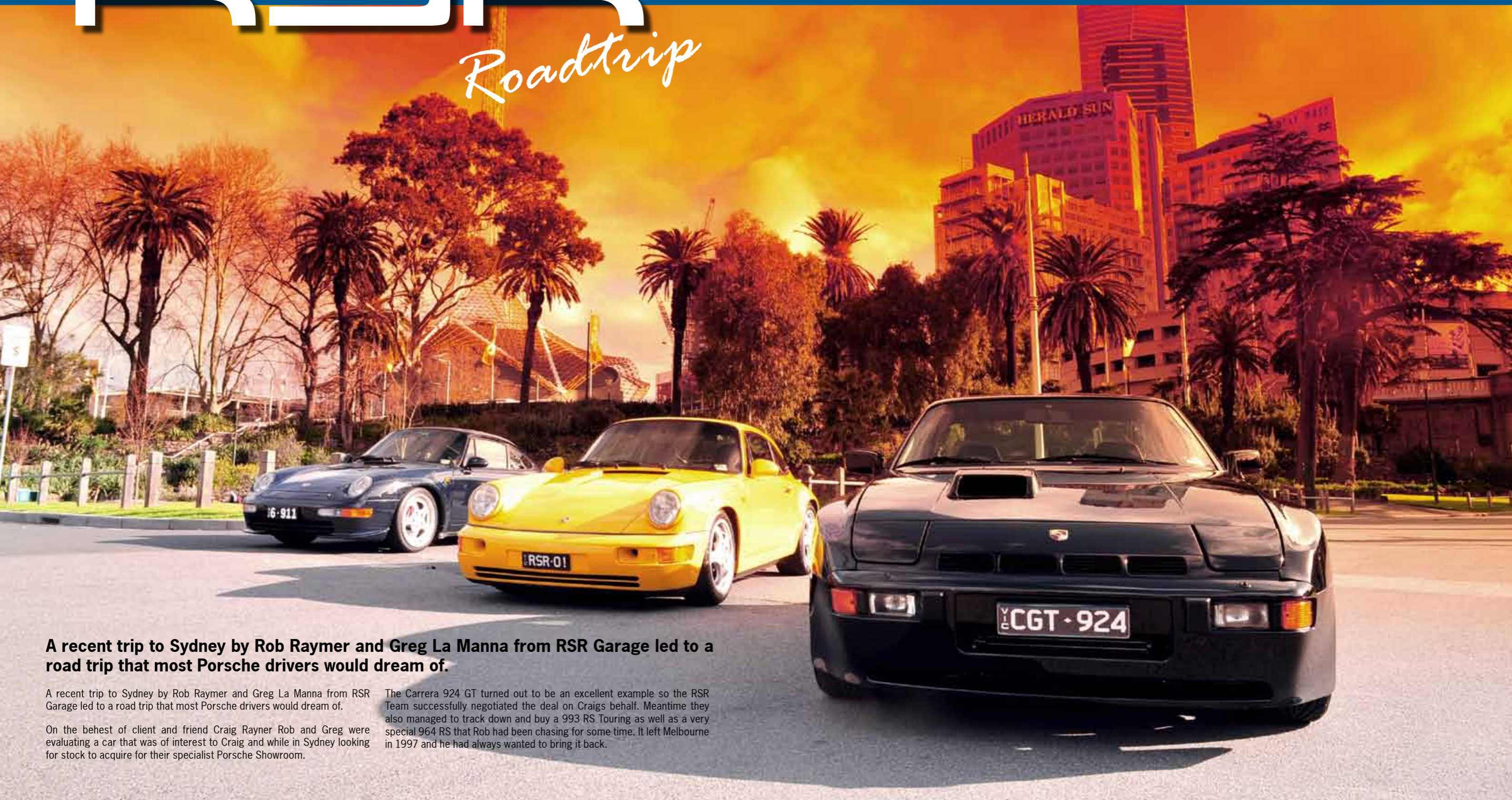
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On the behest of client and friend Craig Rayner Rob and Greg were evaluating a car that was of interest to Craig and while in Sydney looking for stock to acquire for their specialist Porsche Showroom.

The Carrera 924 GT turned out to be an excellent example so the RSR Team successfully negotiated the deal on Craigs behalf. Meantime they also managed to track down and buy a 993 RS Touring as well as a very special 964 RS that Rob had been chasing for some time. It left Melbourne in 1997 and he had always wanted to bring it back.



Subsequently they had three sensational Porsches needing to be transferred from Sydney and with 3 guys to do it what better way than a Road Trip

Flights and Hotels (and restaurants) were booked and off they went to pick up the cars. First stop the Carrera GT where Craig got to see his new car for the first time and a very happy outcome it was! Secondly the 993 RS and then off to collect the 964. Travelling together back to the hotel proved to be a bit trickier, despite the GPS

and hindered by peak hour traffic the guys couldn't seem to negotiate their way across the bridge. Finally Rob hailed a taxi and paid him to lead the way over the bridge and to the hotel – note to those intending to drive in Sydney don't program the GPS to avoid all Tolls - Good one Rob.

Finally arriving at the hotel the three specialty Porsches pulling up together created something of a stir in the Ferrari dealership opposite and amongst the hotel staff as they checked (the cars) in for the night. The boys naturally checked themselves into the bar.

6am start the next morning and it was an easy drive out of Sydney and by 8am the guys were pulling into a truck stop for breakfast. The three pristine Porsches that left Sydney were all now covered in mud and grime courtesy of Sydneys endless roadworks.

Craig driving his new 924 Carrera , Greg in the 993 RS and Rob trailing in the fly yellow 964 RS were making good time when at about 45kms past Yass Rob realised he had travelled 375 KMS and that the fuel gauge hadnt moved! Communicating his concern to Greg he noticed that suddenly the needle had finally dropped and was now in the red. Woops.

Pulling into the first town they were met with laughter from a local painting his fence "no fuel in this town you may have to go back to Yass" was his advise.

Craig scouted ahead to ensure they would be able to re-fuel in the next town and Rob thankfully rolled into the Service station a fraction before the 964 completely ran out.

Getting more than a re-fuel the guys found themselves some new friends in the form of a bunch of chooks that seemed particularly fond of Rob : they even followed him into the mens room.

Thinking they would rotate the cars and drivers Greg took the wheel of the 964 and Rob the 993 while Craig was so enamoured of his new baby he wasn't willing to share. Wasn't that long before Rob re-claimed the 964 he loved the rawness of the drive and decided to go with Craigs "I'm not sharing" attitude.

A beautiful backdrop to Stuttgart's finest



Last quick pic before we hit the road



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Accross the Coat Hanger



TTT Membership???



Keeping an eye on Craig



Foggy Freeway



Quick pitstop



And another!



Craig greets the Chooks



Back home in Melbourne. From left to right: Craig Rayner (Carrera 924 GT), Greg Lamana (993 RS) and Rob Raymer (964 RS)



Any excuse for a Kodak moment



Rob and Craig grab a coffee in Seymour before the final leg home

Below: A bunch of chooks seemed particularly fond of Rob



Meanwhile Greg was happy to drive any or all : who wouldn't be with this trio of supercars.

Last fuel stop and pow wow was at Seymour where the guys said their farewells as they approached Melbourne to go their separate ways. Throughout the drive all 3 cars performed as you would expect Porsches of this calibre – superbly.

The 924 Carrera GT that Craig now owns has been written about many times including "GT Purely Porsche" in May 05. In this issue the well known journalist comments "Why I bought a 924 Carrera GT was to prove that not all motoring journalists are in the "911 is best" camp – Kyle Fortune puts his money where his mouth is and buys his dream Porsche"

The 993 RS Touring was a special order in "midnight blue" so is the only one in this color and the RS Touring model is one that is highly sought after. It has only 33000 kms and is in excellent condition with no track work in its history : Greg has decided to keep this one for himself. Look out on Porsche club track days.

Finally the Fly Yellow 964 RS is the only one of its color in Australia and only 6 in total were Aust delivered. It has been garaged for the past 12 years, serviced regularly and only 34000kms total. Past owners include Barry Fitzgerald and Greg Cook - this is a very exciting car to drive.



993 RS

Year:	1995
Weight:	1270 KG
Engine:	3746cc
HP:	300
Torque:	262 lb ft
0-100:	5.0 sec
Top Speed:	277kph
Production:	1014



964 RS

Year:	1992
Weight:	1250 KG
Engine:	3600cc
HP:	260
Torque:	240 lb ft
0-100:	5.3 sec
Top Speed:	260kph
Production:	2282



924 CARRERA GT

Year:	1981
Weight:	1180 KG
Engine:	1984cc
HP:	210
Torque:	203 lb ft
0-100:	6.9 sec
Top Speed:	241kph
Production:	406



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