

Marc Lieb (GER)

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Born: 4th July 1980

Where: Stuttgart, Germany

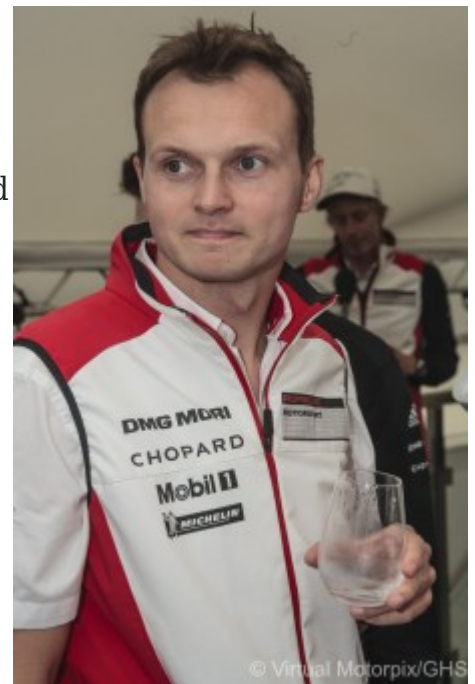
Lives: Ludwigsburg, Germany

Marital Status: Married to Alexandra, two sons (Benedict and Jonathan)

Height/Weight: 1.82 m/74 kg

Hobbies: Football, jogging, reading

At the age of 20, the native Stuttgarter won the Porsche Junior driver selection. Since then he has been celebrating Porsche victories around the world, including five overall wins in 24-hour races, four times on the Nürburgring and once in Spa. His first Le Mans race was in 2003, where he has enjoyed a string of GT class victories. Since the 2014 season he has competed in the top category LMP1 with Porsche for overall victory.



Marc Lieb, Porsche works driver, Le Mans 24H, 2016

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His father, a qualified car mechanic at Porsche, supported him in every way he could. They

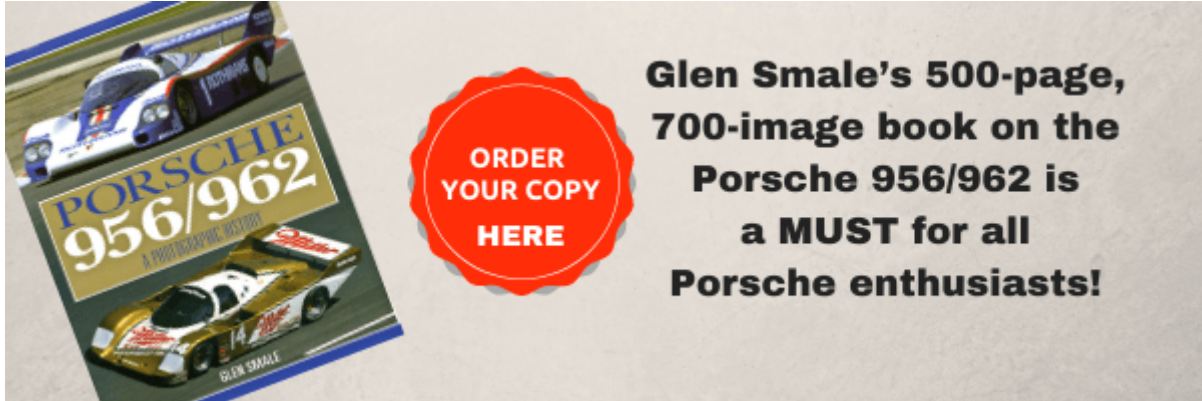
would travel to go-kart tracks in their VW kombi. "I have always loved the smell of petrol," Lieb reminisces. Father and son would get the last milliseconds out of a battered up single-seater racers. A more modern car was simply not an option and neither was any major damage to the car, and he learned to take care of his Kart, but was fast in the process. Can there be a better training for an endurance driver?

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After being selected as a Porsche Junior, he promptly won the Carrera Cup Germany and was promoted to works driver. Lieb then enrolled at the Esslingen technical college to study automotive engineering, and soon earned his degree. While he was studying, he won international GT2 titles and took victories on the Nürburgring-Nordschleife. His passionate, competitive spirit as a driver versus the sober analysis of an engineer, combines the theoretical knowledge with practical vehicle control. As tea mate Mark Webber said, "Marc is the smartest of us all. I'm always amazed at how deeply he can dive into details as an engineer."

After graduating, Lieb worked part-time in the Porsche Performance Department. Two of the vehicles he has been involved in are the 911 GT3 R Hybrid and the 918 Spyder. In 2013 he set a track record of under seven minutes in a production-spec vehicle on the Nürburgring-Nordschleife with the super sports car. It was only in 2012, when the plan of action was really taking shape and he started getting excited about the prototype project, that Marc Lieb felt he should dedicate himself "solely" to racing professionally. "The speed of development is amazing, the young engineers are excited and passionate. Whenever we drivers question something, they'll have a solution at the next event," Lieb said.

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And what does one need to know about Le Mans? “You could go on and on about the history of the race. The feat of man and machine twice round the clock, the country roads, the long straight stretches, the short night. But it doesn’t make the slightest difference how much you know or how often you have been there, when you get there you are just blown away by the atmosphere. It’s not something you can explain - you have to feel it.”

Marc Lieb competes in the FIA World Endurance Championship, including the Le Mans 24 Hours race, in a Porsche 919 Hybrid for the Porsche Team.

Career

- 2016 Porsche works driver WEC, LMP1
- 2015 Porsche works driver WEC, LMP1; 3rd Drivers’ World Championship, 1 win (Bahrain), 5 second places, 2 pole positions, 5th in Le Mans
- 2014 Porsche works driver WEC, LMP1; 1st São Paulo, 2nd Bahrain, 3rd Shanghai pole position Spa
- 2013 Porsche works driver; 1st Le Mans 24 Hours (GT); 2nd Spa 24 Hours (overall); 4th Silverstone, São Paulo, Austin, Fuji, Bahrain (WEC, GT); 4th World Endurance Cup (WEC)
- 2012 Porsche works driver; 3rd Daytona 24 Hours (GT); 1st Spa (WEC, GTE Pro); 1st Fuji (WEC, GTE Pro)
- 2011 Porsche works driver; 1st Nürburgring 24 Hours (overall); 3rd Le Mans Series (GT)
- 2010 Porsche works driver; Winner Le Mans Series (GT2); 1st Le Mans 24 Hours (GT2)
- 2009 Porsche works driver; Winner Le Mans Series (GT2); 1st Nürburgring 24 Hours (overall); 2nd Salt Lake City (ALMS GT2)

- 2008 Porsche works driver; 1st Nürburgring 24 Hours (overall); 2nd Le Mans Series (GT2), 4 podiums; 1st Sebring 12 Hours (ALMS GT2); 2nd Petit Le Mans (ALMS GT2); 2nd Spa 24 Hours (GT2)
- 2007 Porsche works driver; 1st Nürburgring 24 Hours (overall); 2nd Le Mans Series (GT2), 3 wins; 1st Spa 24 Hours (GT2); 1st Petit Le Mans (ALMS, GT2); 2nd Sebring 12 Hours (ALMS, GT2)
- 2006 Porsche works driver; 1st Le Mans Series (GT2); 2nd Sebring 12 Hours (ALMS, GT2)
- 2005 Porsche works driver; Winner FIA GT Championship (N-GT), 5 wins; Winner Le Mans Series (GT), 3 wins; 1st Le Mans 24 Hours (GT); 1st Spa 24 Hours (N-GT)
- 2004 Porsche works driver; 1st Daytona 24 Hours (SGS); 2nd Sebring 12 Hours (ALMS, GT); 3rd Spa 24 Hours (N-GT)
- 2003 Porsche works driver; Winner Porsche Cup; 1st FIA GT Championship (N-GT); 1st Spa 24 Hours (overall); 2nd Le Mans 24 Hours (GT)
- 2002 Porsche Junior; Winner Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland, 4 wins; 3rd Spa 24 Hours (N-GT)
- 2001 Porsche Junior; 7th Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland
- 2000 1st Porsche Junior selection process; 5th Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland
- 1999 3rd Formula Renault 2000 Championship
- 1998 Formula Renault 2000 Championship
- 1997 2nd Formula Renault 1800 Championship
- 1996 Formula Renault 1800 Championship
- 1992-1995 Karting

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