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Porsche Classic

### AvD-Oldtimer-Grand-Prix at the Nürburgring



The AvD-Oldtimer-Grand-Prix at the Nürburgring, that great festival of historic motor sport, remains a magnet for the public. At the 32nd event this year, 69,000 spectators experienced an unsurpassed 32-hour racing programme. Around 600 historic racing cars lined up on the grid, ensuring an exciting and fascinating atmosphere. The roaring engines, the absorbing battle for positions on the track and the hectic pit stops thrilled young and old alike. There could hardly be a more intense and impressive way to revive the spirit of motor sport's glorious past.



Porsche fans do not just come to the circuit to see classic racing cars from their favourite marque in action though. Over time, the Oldtimer Grand Prix has developed into one of the most popular meeting points for the European Porsche Clubs. The Porsche area has acted as the central contact point for some years and is still highly valued thanks to the wide range of services on offer there.



The advance VIP packages offered by Porsche Classic, which included entry tickets, a parking space on the site for a Porsche vehicle and access to the hospitality tent with its customary excellent catering "were sold out very early on" according to Klaus Boizo, Manager of Aftersales Classic. But even for those who had not purchased a package, it was well worth a visit to the Mercedes Arena, where the entire world of Porsche was represented and seemed to stretch as far as the eye could see.

The motto was variety, which was certainly reflected in the colours and ages of the four hundred Porsche vehicles



which, arranged by type, had assembled on the site. Variety was also provided by Porsche's partner companies Michelin, Bose, ElringKlinger and Koni, who presented their products and were on hand to provide help and advice wherever it was needed – just like the various departments of Porsche itself, which were also represented at the event. Staff from Porsche Classic answered all the visitors' questions about spare parts and sold technical literature, the Classic Center demonstrated the quality of a factory restoration using a Porsche Carrera RS 2.7, the living workshop provided an insight into the production of spare parts and anyone who wanted to know anything at all about the Clubs could speak to the Porsche AG Club Coordination or Porsche Deutschland GmbH.

The Exclusive and Tequipment departments, the Porsche Sports Driving School and the Travel Club were also on hand, while Selection had a range of much sought-after Porsche accessories. Porsche's successful appearance was rounded off by the interviews held several times each day, which were moderated by Susanne Francke from Bavarian radio and included informative and entertaining discussions with authors of books about Porsche, engineers and tyre experts.

It is always impressive to see the number of foreign Porsche fans who fly or even drive to the event, whether they come from Scandinavia, Great Britain or Southern European countries like Italy. The Customer Service Manager of Porsche Italia, Antonio Tissi, brought a total of 24 Italian Porsche Club members to the Nürburgring.



Tissi co-ordinates the trip every year and pays special attention to his non-German speaking countrymen, allowing them to fully enjoy all that the Oldtimer Grand Prix has to offer. "Some of them want to drive on the Nordschleife again, while others definitely want to visit Zuffenhausen", he reported, when asked what his flock were intending to do next.



A large group from the Porsche Club Espana also comes to the Oldtimer Grand Prix every year and someone new is always with them, this year Leonardo Benaton. He was totally thrilled by the mammoth programme provided by Porsche and told us: "It is unbelievable what is on offer here."

Bernd Woytal  
On Behalf of Porsche Classic



## Club Porsche France 911 Classic Le Mans Classic 2004



The twelfth running of the Le Mans Classic, which was held from 23rd to 25th July 2004, once again included numerous highlights. One of them was the fact that the Porsche marque was particularly well represented this year, with more than 650 vehicles in the Club area alone. The Club Porsche de France had its hands full directing its own members' vehicles and those belonging to the visitors from all over Europe on the 21,000 square metre parking area.

The Club members enjoyed a host of comforts. A large, shady tent was available from Friday to Sunday, with a terrace that provided a fantastic view of the historic racing cars as they





lined up for the start. Of course, numerous Porsches were among them, including those that crossed the finish line first in classes 5 and 6.



However, the Porsche Club members were not just spectators. Around 200 of them also took the opportunity to drive two laps of the track, which was extremely enjoyable without a pace car to slow them down. The new Porsche 911, which was specially presented by Porsche France some days in advance of its official launch, also generated a great deal of interest and excitement.



To the delight of everyone present, Porsche France took this unique opportunity at Le Mans this year to organise a 911 retrospective on the legendary Circuit du Mans.



It was not only Porsche Club members that were involved. The event also gave other customers and dealers from France the chance to experience historic racing up close. They also had the pleasure of driving on the Le Mans circuit themselves in the brand new 997.

Porsche France had organised a small fleet of three 997s, which were driven by professional drivers; this gave Porsche customers a unique opportunity to experience a few laps on the track in front of a huge crowd, including night driving. You could truly feel the "Magic of Le Mans"!

The whole event met with great acclaim from all the visitors. Special thanks go to Porsche AG, Porsche France, the RS Magazine and the organisers from the Porsche France 911 Classic Clubs for their energetic support.

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## Porsche Diesel Tractor Register, USA

### Gmund West 2004



Over 550 guests, including Volker Spannagel from the Porsche Club Coordination and Jack Bair, Club Coordinator for Porsche Cars North America, took up the invitation from George and Sharon Maybee to come to Henderson/Colorado. The arrival of the 180 Porsches on 25th July 2004 was a sight to behold in itself.

Porsche enthusiast Maybee, who on his property has constructed a copy of the building in the Austrian town of Gmund where the history of Porsche vehicles had its origins, had put together a varied programme, including a Concours d'Élégance in which more

than 90 vehicles participated. A Porsche Diesel that was given a maximum score of 100 by the jury was crowned "Best in Show", while a Porsche Carrera 906 was way ahead in terms of audience popularity. There were also the first driving competitions for the tractors. In between times, the visitors had ample opportunity to sample German food and beer. It is already definite that the event will be repeated next year.

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## Porsche Club Tirol

### Porsche Clubs at the Ennstal Classic

The Ennstal Classic oldtimer event provided a backdrop for the first meeting organised by the Porsche Club Verband Österreich (PCVÖ), the new umbrella organisation that includes seven Porsche Clubs. The Porsche Club Steiermark had organised the meeting with the active support of the Porsche Club Tirol, and 49 Porsche cars arrived to participate.

The highlight was the PCVÖ's first "Stoderzinken trial". This involved completing the nine-kilometre Stoderzinken mountain route with its numerous bends in the allotted time of 11 minutes 40 seconds, which corresponds to an average speed of 46.3 km/h. The vehicles set off on the course at one-minute intervals, but messing about with stopwatches and average speed tables left no time to enjoy the mountain scenery. However, everyone had the chance to make up for this the following day on a walk that included breathtaking views over the glaciers of the Hohe Tauern national park.

Everyone who attended had a great time and the Porsches themselves made a memorable appearance, particularly at the time trial course through the town of Gröbming, which saw numerous spectators lining the streets.

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