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Porsche Club South Africa

### Porsche Parade in Durban



The Porsche Parade 2004 in Durban, organised by the Porsche Club Kwazulu-Natal, attracted visitors from Gauteng, Northern Province, Free State, Eastern Cape, Western Cape and even Botswana. With more than 200 people arriving steadily at the Riverside Hotel, the event from 22nd to 26th September was extremely well attended. The range represented by the 99 vehicles was also plain to see, stretching from a Porsche 912 from 1967 to a 996 GT3 RS from 2004, from brand new cars to one with more than 600,000 kilometres on the clock.

The Parade was primarily supported by Continental and Porsche, and focused on driving competitions. Drivers battled for every last second on a racing circuit, a mountain course and even a go-kart track. A competition held on a closed road promised to be particularly exciting. The aim was to reach as high a speed as possible from a 1.5 kilometre run up. However, the measuring instrument, which was operated by the local police, failed when recording the two fastest vehicles. The highest measured speed was therefore 284 km/h, achieved by a 1979 930 with a twin turbo engine.

Things were slightly more sedate at the "Show and Shine" competition, where the most perfectly cared for vehicles were rewarded. Of course, the social aspect was not neglected with the highlight being the Awards Dinner at the Royal Hotel. All in all, it was a fantastic event.

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## Porsche Club España

### 13th Gran Premio Porsche

A cool morning awaited the participants in the 13th Gran Premio Porsche at the Jarama circuit near Madrid. However, it was not long before a bit of sun and the sound of Porsche engines made sure that everyone was feeling good.

The Gran Premio Porsche is always liable to produce a surprise and this year it took the form of a Carrera GT, in which one of our Club members arrived. It meant that we had the chance to experience the car in its true element, and the numerous spectators eagerly grabbed the opportunity to take plenty of photos.

However, the total of 12,000 BHP that had gathered for the event was almost as impressive. From the 911 to the 928, 944, 968, Boxster and GT3, almost the entire Porsche family was represented, with even a 550 Spyder roaring around the track.

Thanks to the commitment of our sponsors, Porsche Madrid, RACE, Bridgestone, Scalextric and new supporter Maritime Mark, we were also able to arrange a supporting programme that allowed Club members' families to get full value from their visit.

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## Porsche Club Croatia

# Review of the 2004 Season



In 2004, as well as various Club conferences and trips, the young Porsche Club Croatia also organised three larger events. The first was held on 16th and 17th April 2004 at Rijeka's Grobnik circuit. It was the first race in the Porsche Alpine Trophy 2004. The Club simultaneously played the role of hosts and competitors, with a total of 30 Club members entering their vehicles in the contest.

The next large meeting marked the official opening of the Porsche Centre Zagreb on 24th June, and was attended by 40 Club members. Almost the same number took the opportunity to complete a driving course at the Porsche Dream Car Day on 29th October, which was once again held at the Grobnik circuit.

The Club, which was founded in 2003, now has 89 members, who can look forward to five major events that are planned for 2005.

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## Club Porsche de France, Région Méditerranée

# Paradis Porsche Saint Tropez 2004



The Club Porsche de France, Région Méditerranée organised the popular Paradis Porsche Saint Tropez event for the eleventh time last year. This time, a dragon boat regatta meant that we had to move to an alternative meeting point, which was slightly further from the harbour but at the same time was larger. A total of 320 Porsches made their way to Saint Tropez, and the visitors from all over Europe were pleased to find sunny weather, while it was raining in the rest of France.

As always, the participants were split up into two groups on the Saturday. One group set off for the Circuit du Luc. Here, the stars of the day were the new 997 from the Porsche Centre Fréjus and the Carrera GT belonging to 78 year old Henri Cachia, a Porsche dealer for more than 50 years, an ex-rally and racing driver and the owner of a notable collection of Porsches. Some participants had the pleasure of

driving a few laps with him and were thrilled to do so.

The second group tackled the Criterium Varois, a time trial with special stages inland from Saint Tropez. Later, everyone met up at the Parc Fermé, where the huge cleaning session for the Concours d'Élégance started. At 8.30, it was time for the gala evening and dance in the legendary "Papagayo". At the table of honour were our President Jean Paul Viala, Anne Philipp from the central Porsche Club Co-ordination, Frédéric Mohs from Porsche France, a representative of the mayor of Saint Tropez and his wife, and Andreu Casas, President of the Spanish 356 Club and his wife.

During the Concours the following day, some people took a short cruise around the Saint Tropez peninsula. Then it was time for the huge Porsche Parade, led by Henri Cachia in his



Carrera GT, followed by a Belgian Porsche fan in a 356, who has visited every Porsche Parade in Saint Tropez to date. This great event ended with the presentation ceremony late in the afternoon.

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**Porsche Club de France, Region Toulouse-Gascogne**

**Premiere at the Catalunya Circuit in Barcelona**



There was not a lot of publicity in advance, as the first trip by the Porsche Club de France, Region Toulouse-Gascogne to the Barcelona Formula 1 circuit was intended to be a kind of test event. However, no less than 94 Porsches and around 200 people met at the fantastic circuit on Friday 24th September 2004. It turned into a great meeting. Even the ladies took the opportunity to drive a few laps, and received special recognition for their driving skills at the gala dinner.

During the weekend, the participants left their Porsches at the hotel to visit a huge festival that was being held in

Barcelona. By the end, everyone was extremely satisfied and it was clear that the test had been a great success.

The Club has therefore decided to repeat it on a larger scale next year, in an attempt to make the meeting a classic regular event for the Toulouse-Gascogne region.

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