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356 Registry USA

356 Rocky Mountain Holiday Canada 2005



The 356 Registry USA has 7,500 members, making it one of the world's largest Porsche Clubs. The Club meets at least one each year at so-called "holiday" events. As a rule, these are held at central locations on the East or West Coast. This year, however, also saw a spring meeting on the Gulf Coast, as well as an event in Canada to which participants travelled from throughout the USA. Canada was therefore the venue for Club members from Maryland, Missouri, Texas, New Mexico and California to meet, as well as numerous Canadian participants. Three drivers even came with their Porsche 356 from New Hampshire – their wives preferred to complete the route by air.

After many days of heavy rain, on 29 June the first participants to arrive for the 356 Rocky Mountain Holiday Canada 2005 in Kananaskis were welcomed by practically spring-like weather. Fortunately, the sun continued to shine when on the next day over 70 classic Porsches set off on a tour through the

fabulous surroundings. The tour was planned in such a way that there was still plenty of time for breaks to be taken en route. As a result, small groups of Porsche 356 could be found parked together at intervals when passengers wanted to see a waterfall or canyon, or simply wished to enjoy the mountain panorama of the Canadian Rockies. Particularly memorable for many of the participants was the view from high above a valley across the Province of British Columbia, with Lake Louise shimmering in the distance. This was the destination of the day's trip.

The next day, a heavy rainstorm rather disrupted the programme schedule. For in place of the Concours d'Élégance, it became necessary to bring forward a workshop on Porsche 356 electrics.

In the evening, everything then went to plan. With piano musical accompaniment, around 140 individuals gathered





in a ballroom for the so-called “Open Bar” – the overture for the subsequent banquet. Following the dinner, the winners of the Concours were announced. In this conjunction, the company Porsche AG donated the “Best in Show Award”, which was presented by Jutta Aldenhoff of Porsche Club Services.



Two important regional newspapers, Rocky Mountain Outlook and Calgary Herald, reported extensively on this event. Above all, the fascination exuded by Porsche and the indescribable quality of these classic vehicles impressed the invited journalists.



The meeting ended on 3 July with a small parts market. The participants then took their leave and headed back home.

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Porsche Classic

AvD Oldtimer Grand Prix on the Nürburgring



For anyone wishing to experience historic racing and sports cars in action, the AvD Oldtimer Grand Prix is the place to be. The 33rd meeting of this gripping event, which was staged from 12 to 14 August on the Nürburgring, once again attracted thousands of aficionados of classic automobiles to the Eifel region. As always, in this conjunction, it was not just the almost 600 starters who compete in numerous races with their quality vehicles for rankings and victories which make this event so attractive, but instead the attractive supporting programme.

Porsche enthusiasts know, for example, that they will not merely experience a thrilling race atmosphere at the OGP, but also no end of fascination and information on the topic of Porsche. It is rare for so many Porsche vehicles to be gathered together on a single spot as on these days. They begin arriving in the early morning hours, the 356s, the 911s from all construction years, the 914s, the front-engine vehicles 924, 928, 944 and

968, the Boxster and Cayenne. This time, event two Carrera GT and a 959 took part. A separate parking area is provided for each model series. This transforms the Mercedes-Arena for the weekend into the world's largest Porsche museum.

Those who park their Porsches here have acquired a VIP package from Porsche Classic. This enjoys growing

popularity, year for year. The associated services range from the provision of parking spaces, to entrance tickets and access to the hospitality tent with its customary excellent refreshments, and a terrace overlooking the race track.

The extensive range of information was available to every visitor. This included the impressive presentation





of the Porsche Customer Centre, with its eye-catching display of two Porsche race cars from the Porsche Museum in Zuffenhausen, specifically a Formula 2 from 1960 and a Formula 1 from 1962. Not forgetting the Porsche 718/8 RS Spyder of 1962, recently restored at the Customer Centre. This showcased the stunning quality of a works restoration.

Porsche employees attending this event found themselves having to answer numerous questions on the subject of restoration and the availability of spare parts. Many visitors also spent time watching the so-called "Living Workshop" – where steering wheels were covered with leather. In an adjacent marquee, the Exclusive and Tequipment Department presented themselves with two individually equipped 997s, while the Porsche Centre Koblenz presented itself with a 911 Carrera Cup as well as a number of new vehicles. The computer game

"Need for Speed" and the Carrera race track attracted the particular interest of the young. At the same time, some adults - who would no doubt have liked to complete a few quick circuits in a real car – admired the vehicles showcased by the Porsche Centre Siegen and Knebel Motorsport: the historical

911 race car, the GT3 RS, the 996 GT3 Cup and the 997 GT3 Cup from the Porsche Factory.

The information stands set up by Porsche Club Services, the Porsche Travel Club and the Selection Truck with its extensive range of accessories





was positioned opposite the hospitality tent. And in front of this, two Porsche tractors were posted. But that was certainly not all. Employees of Porsche partner companies, such as the shock absorber manufacturer Koni or the sealant specialists Elring Klinger were also on hand to answer questions. A particular highlight, in the literal sense of the word, was provided by Porsche's logistics partner Hendricks. The shipping agent brought along a crane, to which a viewing platform was hooked. In return for a donation to the Stuttgart-based charitable association "Herz-sport e.V.", visitors were able to enter the platform and were lifted to a height of between 35 and 40 in the air. "It is only from up here that the sheer size of the Porsche site really becomes apparent," said a member of the Porsche Club Italy.

In addition to various German Porsche Clubs, increasing numbers of members of foreign Clubs make their way to the OGP. Including from Switzerland, Austria, the Netherlands, Belgium and

Denmark. Clubs from Spain, England and Italy traditionally travel to the event in impressive numbers. On this occasion, the Porsche Club Norway also put in an impressive showing. Five years ago, around 20 members would usually attend. On this weekend, however, around 90 of the current approx. 850 members of the Norwegian Club made their way to the Nürburgring. Over 40 of these drove all the way, such as Fredrik Christensen with his 924 Carrera GT. "The route covered precisely 1,012 kilometres" he announced with pride. His orange T-shirt also proclaimed the reason for the large number of Porsche drivers from the north: Porsche Club Norway – 25th Anniversary." Club President Steinar Salminen explained why the Club had chosen to commemorate its anniversary at the OGP: "Because we particularly like this event." This view is clearly also shared by many others.

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VW Porsche 914 Deutschland Club

International Porsche 914 Meeting



Interest in this meeting, held from 17 to 19 June 2005 in Essen, was tremendous: 105 participants were counted, and a total of 53 vehicles. These came from Germany, Belgium, England, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain and Portugal. A Porsche 914 enthusiast from California even managed to take part.

And it was certainly worth the effort. On the first day we undertook a torchlit tour in the dusk through Duisburg's landscape park. Many of the participants were both surprised as well as fascinated that such old, disused industrial plants had been kept as historical monuments, instead of simply being demolished. Particularly impres-

sive was the view from a 70 metre tower across the countless industrial relics in the surrounding area.

The next day saw a visit to Dekra, where the participants were able to have their vehicle's shock absorbers tested. The subsequent tour of Essen's surroundings, whose beautiful landscape clearly took many of the participants by surprise, was interspersed with dexterity exercises and quiz questions. The evening began with a Champagne reception, and later a disco provided an opportunity to burn up any remaining energy in dance.

On the final day of the event, participants made their way to the Porsche

Centre Essen, where a tour was provided. This also enabled a participant from Portugal to get some necessary repairs to his vehicle. Thanks to numerous sponsors, who supported us actively or with prizes for the tombola, the tremendous weather and the fantastic programme, this 914 meeting was a complete success.

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