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Porsche 356 Club Japan

30th anniversary meeting



Around 70 smart Porsches, including a Carrera GT, gathered on the first weekend in October in front of the Redbrick Warehouse in Yokohama – a breathtaking sight. After a Concours d'Elégance, everybody set off on a two-hour journey to the Fuji Education Centre. A dinner party was then held in the nearby Country Club, the Taiheiyo Club, in the course of which representatives of Porsche AG and Porsche Japan expressed their congratulations on the 30th anniversary of the Club's establishment. Five founder members – Sumio Iseki, Kenji Sasamoto, Teruki Aoyama, Yoshiro Ichikawa and Masatoshi Sato Yoshifumi Kumazawa – were awarded prizes for their services to the Club.

The 13-strong membership of the Porsche 356 Club Japan in 1976 has since grown to 130. The enthusiasm for cars and the Club has happily passed on to the younger generation, so that the Club now has members of two generations of the same family attending Club events.



The next day, the vehicles set out on a regularity rally over 76 kilometres. The splendid scenery and a visit to a waterfall made the excursion thoroughly enjoyable. The lunch which followed at the Fuji Education Centre was an absolute highlight for many Club members: what better way to enjoy a meal than in close proximity to the cars and in the company of fellow Porsche enthusiasts? Everybody is looking forward to the next 356 Holiday in 2007.

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Porsche Club 928, Region Rhein-Main

Lively excursion



This year, members of the Porsche Club 928 were able to enjoy the outstanding touring qualities of their Porsche 928s to the full on several excursions. One of these excursions, in July, took members to Trier and the Porsche Centre where the premises and, of course, the latest Porsche models were available for inspection. Several 928s on the site testified to the fact that the Porsche Centre Trier also knows a thing or two about classic Porsche models. With all rooms fully air-conditioned, Club members, despite the very high summer temperatures, were able to enjoy the buffet provided in a pleasant atmosphere.

Previously, the participants at the event in Trier had visited the Porta Nigra and taken a trip around the town in an open top double-decker bus which provided an unhindered view of the sites.

The prospects were not quite so rosy at the start of the Rhein trip in September when the heavens opened to welcome participants gathering at the start area with their vehicles in Lan-

genselbold. Fortunately, however, the weather had brightened up by the time they reached the first stopping off point of the trip, the Niederwalddenkmal memorial at Rudesheim, and so the trip along the Rhein – with further stopping off points at the Loreley and Rudesheim - was not a washout. The excursion concluded with a meal on the picturesque terrace of the Weingut Hotel Schön, from where the Club members then set off for home.

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VW Porsche 914 Club Deutschland

Up and away in the Porsche 914



Once again, the VW Porsche 914s were able to put their qualities as high-fliers to the test - this time on the occasion of the 2nd Swiss Pass Trip in the Bernese Oberland. The first destination of this three-day event was Brienz am Brienzensee, the starting point of our trip through the mountains and valleys. The Swiss section had once again made meticulous preparations – from the rally sign right down to the onboard catering - and so it was that the 27 vehicles set off to climb the Sustenpass. The Furka and Grimsel passes were also conquered, with so many opportunities in between to be amazed by nature – whether it was the rock glacier “Bisihalt”, the ice grotto of the Rhone Glacier, or the magnificent view of lake Grimsensee during the midday stop at a height of over 2,000 metres, the trip provided unforgettable moments.

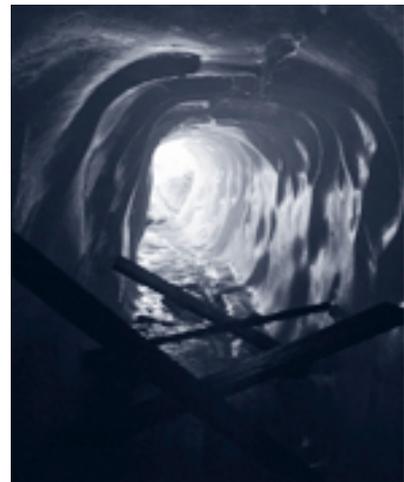
Late in the afternoon, the Mayor of Brienz welcomed the participants in the town hall, with the summer's day

evening spent on the terrace of the lake hotel Löwen under a starlit sky.

The following day's programme took everybody back to the good old days with a visit to the nearby open-air museum at Ballenberg. In over 100 historical buildings it was possible to see how people lived and worked in days of yore – a decidedly interesting experience.

All too soon it was time to depart. The 2nd Swiss Pass Trip was greatly praised by participants, and everybody hopes to see the event continue. Don't they say that all good things come in threes?

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Club für den klassischen Porsche 911

Excursion tracks

Anyone wondering what the Club had in mind for the 15th anniversary of the classic Porsche 911 in July this year only had to buy a newspaper. The Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung (WAZ) reported on the event on the 18th of July with a big article. How it all started is easy to explain. The Club had set out on an excursion with around 25 vehicles, and when it arrived at Velbert-Neviges along the way, a local reporter seized the opportunity, photographed the vehicles and interviewed their owners.

But readers didn't just learn about the day's programme, which concluded with a barbecue in Essen; they also learned that many of the 60 Club members came from North Rhine Westphalia and that they got together six or seven times a year. The furthest journey to these meetings is always that made by Dutchman René Hoogendoorn, but he is always happy to attend because of the friendly atmosphere. When asked about his 1965 version of the 911, he quoted the WAZ: "It runs and runs and runs." In short, it was an article which was a great joy to all Porsche fans and particularly, of course, to Club members.

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