

6. Classic Reports

Porsche Club Méditerranée

The „Fête des Classics“: Classics on a “Pleasure Drive”

“It is better to lose yourself in passion than to lose your passion”

Denis Robert

Around 30 Porsche fans had gathered even before celebrations started on Saturday. After a somewhat rainy start at Ansouis, a (dry) visit to the little village of Lourmarin and the Château de Lourmarin, followed by an appetizer at Forbin de Janson, we enjoyed our evening meal at “l'Olivier”.

Once it had stopped raining, the celebrations began on Sunday morning at Château de La Tour d'Aigues. We welcomed the participants from 9am onwards: eleven 356 models, including a

Speedster, a Roadster and two Cabriolets (Porsche Club 356 helped organize the event), two 914, four 924, one Carrera GT, one 944 Turbo Cup, one 912, fourteen 928, eleven classic 911, including the 911 RS winner of the Tour de France Auto and 22 Porsche 911 “young timers”, including a Speedster. All vehicles were positioned in front of the castle between 9am and 11pm.

Many of the admiring spectators watched the fascinating vehicles as their paint glistening in the provincial sun. A car park full of classic Porsche vehicles could certainly never be described as dull. It was bursting with the colour and vibrancy of life. Every participant received gifts: a rally plaque (donated by Porsche Centre Marseille), a T-shirt, a fountain pen and a bag.

At 11am, the participants set off to the circuit in bright sunshine. The vehicles set off in three groups on the 95 km long journey at 15 minute intervals: from Cucuron, Lourmarin, Bonnieux, Saignon, Auribeau, Cerestre, La Bastide des Jourdans to Grambois.

On arrival at the Château de Prévallon, the Porsche were divided into categories and everyone marvelled at the sight.

Around 15 Porsche 993, 996 and 997 owners joined us for a picnic held at the Château. The company Ricard treated everyone with a welcome drink. At 2pm it was time to set the tables or set up a picnic spot on the grass. Visitors who had brought their own food were spared the long queues. Those who



hadn't had to wait patiently until it was their turn to collect their meal from the buffet. The barbequed delicacies were a runaway hit. Visitors had the opportunity to taste products from Forbin de Janson and a free tombola was organized with a chance to win six magnums of Coteaux du Luberon. The celebrations ended at 5pm when the participants departed.

We are extremely satisfied with how the event went: In 2007, 42 classic Porsche took part in the event. This year it was 66 Porsche. Lets hope that the number rises to 100 next year. (after all, over 80 members of the Club own at least one Porsche classic).

We would like to thank all participants, the regional government for its help and in particular the mayor and vice president of Bastidonne, as well as the mayor of La Tour d'Aigues and Lourmarin for providing us with so many parking spaces. We would also like to thank Porsche Centre Marseille, the company Ricard and the Bovis family for their warm welcome at Château de Prévallon.

We promise to meet again next year in Luberon for the third "Fête Porsche Classic".

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