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Porsche Club South Africa, Cape Region

Porsche Parade 2005

The 21st parade of the Porsche Club of South Africa heralded a new record: 110 Porsches took part in the event in Kapstadt which was held from the 19th to the 24th of October. Drivers from every age group vied with each other for glory and honour in various competitions such as the time trial and sprints at the Overberg Air Force Base. Others were looking for one of the top spots for their Porsche in the Concours d'Élégance.

The range of vehicles on display spanned four decades of Porsche's history – from the 1970s through to the present. Of particular note were a Super Cup car in which Toby Venter won the time trial in Killarney, and a 1973 911 Carrera RS owned by John Atkins which is one of the last remaining originals of its type in Germany.

The gala evening also saw the presentation – to enthusiastic applause – of the brand new Carrera 4S. There were also cheers for the winners in the individual competitions who received their trophies over the course of the evening. The first three in each class received a prize, and with the many classes and five competitions in all it is no surprise that there were a total of 118 trophies handed out.

Thanks to numerous sponsors such as Porsche AG, the Porsche South Africa Centre, Wesbank, Mobil 1 and Bigfood Express, the perfect organisation of the event and, last but not least, the magnificent weather, this parade was one of the best to date.



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**Porsche Club Mexico,
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**First official
meeting**



The first official meeting of the Puebla Region of the Porsche Club Mexico was held on the 24th of November 2005. Porsche Puebla was a welcome meeting point where a wine bar and culinary specialities had been laid on for participants. A surprise for Club members was the opportunity to take a close look at the new Porsche Carrera 4 and 4 S models. It was an interesting afternoon among friends, with much discussion about matters Porsche. There was also an opportunity to photograph the founding members of the Puebla Region.

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Porsche Club Hellas

Track Day in Serres-Thessaloniki



90 Porsches in Thessaloniki was something special. Divided into four groups, the vehicles made their way to the start of the Serres Race Track. Group 1 was reserved for the Cayennes, Group 2 for all Porsche versions built before 1989 and Boxsters, Group 3 for types 997 and 996 and the Boxster S, while Group 4 was reserved for the 996 Turbo, GT3, GT2 and 997 S. The main sponsors were Michelin and energy drink producer MAD BAT. The drive on the track was a source of great enjoyment, with all of the races being won by participants from Greece. George Hadjiisky from Porsche Club Bulgaria promised that his Club members would fare better at the next event. The friendship of the three participating Porsche Clubs – Porsche Club Hellas, Porsche Club Bulgaria and Porsche Club Turkey – was not affected, of course, by the across-the-board successes of the Greek participants. Quite the contrary, in fact, with joint



celebrations in a nightclub going on into the early hours of the morning.

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Porsche Club Portugal

Coastal tour



Around 50 Porsche teams gathered in Cascais on the west coast of Portugal. The event was also attended by club members from Spain and Britain, as well as Volker Spannagel from Porsche AG Club Support and his wife. Participants at the event – staged by the Porsche Club of Portugal between the 12th and 13th of November - visited the picturesque towns of Estoril and Sintra and their attractive surrounding areas.

At the outset everybody was given an “analogue GPS system”, as the road book for the excursion was jokingly called. Porsches from all eras, including the famous 356 Cabrio used by the Portuguese police, then made their way to Cabo da Roca. This 140 metre-high cape represents the westernmost point of the European mainland. Another splendid view of the Atlantic was provided from the cliffs above Azenhas do Mar. The Porsche teams had earlier competed in a quiz and slalom competition held in a car park.

The evening meal was served in the Hotel Palacio de Seteais. The guest of honour was the head of Portugal’s national traffic police. The following morning everybody made their way to the Sintra National Palace. Following this impressive visit, the programme included a further excursion. This time it was held on rally-tested routes on which rally giants like Walter Röhrl and Marku Alen had been involved in many adventures around Sintra.

Gonçalo Arriaga, General Manager of the Centro Porsche Lisboa, was also in attendance at the closing lunch and prizegiving ceremony at the hotel. The Estoril and Sintra Coast Meeting was greatly enjoyed by all those who participated.

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Porsche Club France, Région Méditerranée

Paradis Porsche in St. Tropez



The biggest challenge that always faces the organising team is making this traditional event more interesting and perfect than the previous year. Nobody need have worried about an increase in the number of those attending. For years Paradis Porsche in St. Tropez has attracted an ever-increasing number of Porsche enthusiasts. And there were numerous applications for the 2005 event. Just under 350 Porsches in fact – from Germany, Belgium, Spain, Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Monaco and, last but not least, the French Porsche clubs – were expected at the park near the harbour in St Tropez.

As in the past 10 years, participants attending on the Saturday were divided into two groups. The first, consisting of around 100 cars, drove to the circuit du luc racetrack where they were able to enjoy a free drive without any restrictions. Rain had threatened, but the newly-surfaced track remained dry. A photo rally was organised for the rest of the participants. Sixty-five teams, split in two groups, set out on

a morning and afternoon tour to the hinterland where a lookout was kept for predefined themes.

The novelty this year was a dinner/show at Stefano's cabaret "Stefano Forever" on the beach at Pampelonne. Following an extravagant cocktail and numerous Amuse-Gueules, around 9.30 in the evening Stefano joined partici-

pants in the dining hall at a Venetian baroque-style cabaret where the bright candles were reflected in the filigree glass candelabra.

It was a superb evening with a fantastic revue – particularly the dancers whose pièce de résistance was a rousing French cancan which certainly raised the mood of those present.

The following morning, a gloriously blue sky over the park made it clear why this particular event is synonymous with the word "paradise". All of the Porsche models were represented at the Concours d'Elégance – from the Carrera GT to the 356. There were more than 30 vehicles in the Classic category, including a 356 (Karmann, Speedster etc.), a 356 pre-A from 1950, and a 911 S, 911 TR, 2,7 RS or 911 Targa.

The undoubted stars of the Modern category – which comprised 35 cars built between 1978 and 1992 – were the 911 Speedster and 911 Turbo.





There was also a group featuring around 60 modern vehicles.

Lunch was followed by the traditional parade, which wound its way through the streets of the town and, as ever, past the podium in front of the “Sénéquier” bar. The parade was headed by the Carrera GT, followed by around 140 Porsches, the sight of which was enthusiastically received by those watching.

Come five o'clock the prizes were awarded under the supervision of Anne Philipp from Porsche AG and Club President Jean-Paul Viala. Prizes were awarded by Porsche AG, Porsche France, Pirelli, the town of St Tropez, Flat 6, Car Lack 68 and Créations Phenix.



A special prize was awarded to one particular married couple – the Van den Brandens from Belgium – to mark their twelfth visited the event. And, of course, they will be there next time in October 2006. The Paradis Porsche reminds many people of the words of the French poet Paul Éluard, who expressed a “strong desire for things to remain thus”.

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Porsche Club Tirol

Premiere for Karwendel Trophy

The inaugural Karwendel Trophy – an event organised by the Porsche Club Austrian Association – was a fantastic success. Porsche Club Tyrol, which organised the event, welcomed not only participants from Styria, Vienna and Carinthia, but also from Germany, Luxembourg, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland. Following the reception the previous evening and the drivers' meeting in the baroque civic hall in the town of Hall in the Tyrol, the morning of the following day saw around 50 Porsches set off on a 286-kilometre tour.

The Road Book was the participants' guide through the beautiful Karwendel Alpine Park. The mountain scenery, the brightly coloured leaves of the trees in the warm autumn sunshine and blue sky created an unforgettable scene. However, the drivers had to tear their attention away from this beautiful sight, at least for the time trials, if they were not to squander their chances of a victory.

The second day brought a challenging mountain test with a hidden time trial. A hearty cabin snack was followed by a trek to the Walder Alm. The day ended with a gala evening in the banquet hall of the assembly rooms in Hall and the prizegiving ceremony. The lucky winner also received a flight for two in a private jet from Innsbruck to Stuttgart to visit a Porsche plant.

The next day, a Porsche parade at the Upper Square in Hall – with music, veal sausage and Brezen pretzels – provided a fitting end to the event. As a memento, participants took away with them not just a host of wonderful memories from the three days, but also the 2005 Karwendel Trophy silver coin which each person had had struck



themselves in Hall's famous mint, the Burg Hasegg. Many are already looking forward to their 2006 coin.

Porsche Club Verband Österreich

Porsche Club Zytglogge-Bärn

Anniversary excursion



20, 20, 40 – those were the magic numbers of our anniversary tour: 20 years of the Porsche Club Zytglogge, 20 cars and 40 participants. The outing took us to the fascinating world of the mountains and afforded us the opportunity to enjoy a quite special type of locomotion. But first things first. The tried and trusted Inter Alpen Hotel Tyrol near Seefeld was chosen as the meeting point; in addition to a pleasant atmosphere and good food, the hotel also offers generous parking spaces for our vehicles.

The first day was a free day which some people used to go shopping in Innsbruck and Seefeld, while others preferred a hike in the mountains. At precisely quarter to five in the afternoon, everybody gathered at the hotel reception for the surprise that had been promised. All sorts of speculation had abounded, with the organisers amused by some of the ideas being circulated. To prolong the anticipation still further, there was first a gentle

stroll to a destination quite near to the hotel. Here, six horse-drawn carriages were waiting, whose total brake horse-power of 12 was respected as much by many of those present as that of their own Porsches.

To some, in fact, the jigger of schnapps served beforehand proved quite convenient, dispersing as it did any doubts and having a positive impact on the general good mood. The carriages then took the participants, who were increasingly favouring this mode of transport, to the Wildmoosalm where a snack was enjoyed to the accompaniment of rousing folk music performed by local stars.

But our Porsches were given their own chance, too. The following day, a convoy made its way through the Ötztal and on to the Timmelsjoch where we were inspired by the fabulous view of the wild yet fantastic surrounding mountains. With stopovers in St. Leon-



hard in Passeier, the Jaufen Pass and Sterzing, we then made our way back so as not to miss the anniversary Apéro on the hotel terrace. The satisfied expressions of the participants at the end of the meeting showed just how much everybody had enjoyed it.

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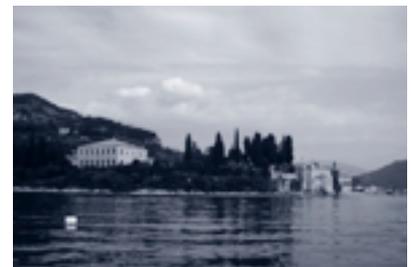
A journey to the south



The legend that is Porsche is never more apparent to members of the Porsche Club Mainfranken than when they are driving. So it was that a decision was taken during a club evening in the spring of 2005 to journey to the sunny South or, more precisely, to Lake Garda.

The idea became reality at the end of September as nine Porsches set out on the several hundred kilometre long journey to Italy. The participants enjoyed the approach to Lake Garda over the Alps as they looked forward to a taste of the dolce vita awaiting them at the end of their journey. Near Salo, close to the lake, several club members had located a small hotel which served as our base for the short break.

One day was reserved for a visit to a weekly market and a boat trip. The tour planned for the next day to take the Porsches into the surrounding area had to be called off due to the inclement weather. The reserve programme, which consisted of a visit to



the Mille Miglia Museum in Brescia and a visit to a factory outlet centre – not to mention fair sampling of the local cuisine – helped to ease the disappointment.

The sun was shining again the next day, however, and plenty of time was allowed for the return journey to visit small markets and idyllic villages – a gradual parting from the sunny South.

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Porsche Club Köln

Island experience



The trip had been meticulously prepared. After two years of planning, the members of Porsche Club Cologne set out on a journey to the island of Sylt in October 2005. Some of the 21 Porsches making their way to the north were driven by members of Porsche Club Aachen. It was the first joint tour arranged by the two clubs, and was to prove a successful premiere.

A picturesque hotel in Rantum in the south of the island was the starting point for various excursions – with and without the Porsches – for getting to know the many and diverse features of Sylt. There was more to discover between pasture land and metre-high dunes than many had dreamt. It proved an advantage that some of the participants on this excursion had already experienced Sylt as a holiday destination. The fish meal at Gosch, the visit to the oyster farm at Austernmeyer and a stop at the Kupferkanne – an artists' cafe in a former bunker – were all pleasing on the stomach and eye alike. The visit to the village of Keitum

with its numerous thatched historical houses provided a deep insight into the history of the island, while the wander on the beach or along the Morsum cliff was not only healthy, but also informative. Who would have thought beforehand, for example, that the island suffers from a loss of land due to the power of the sea?

It would not be possible to squeeze the complete programme of this five-day trip into just a few lines, but suffice to say that newcomers to Sylt were surprised at just how much this island has to offer. Everybody hailed the trip a success, with members of the two clubs successfully coming together, and a repeat of this particular event has certainly not been ruled out.

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Porsche Club Roland zu Bremen Summer celebration

Club president Michael Pledl had promised guests and members of the Porsche Club Roland in Bremen an unusual venue for the 2005 summer celebration. He didn't disappoint. The festival took place in the pretty village of Worpswede at the Diedrichshof whose terrace offers an impressive view of a unique garden complex.

The origins of the park go back to the early years of the 20th century when the sculptor Bernhard Hötger acquired the then Brunnenhof and began to create an ensemble of sculptured works, architecture, paintings and garden art. Following several changes of ownership, the garden today has been restored to its original splendour and diversity. Evergreen hedges form a framework for the sculpture garden, the distinctive fountain and the famous Worpswedens landmark – the laughing Buddha.

After a comprehensive tour through the park, the 40 participants of the summer festival met for a buffet grill on the terrace where, following the delicacies prepared by the chef of the Diedrichshof, they were able to while away the mild summer evening in a relaxed atmosphere.

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