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Porsche Club Chile

Trips and adventures

2005 was a very eventful year for Porsche Club Chile. Various events provided the members with the opportunity to enjoy nature and the culinary delights of their own country, and also to experience the performance potential of their Porsche on the racetrack. The wide variety of activities brought the Club members together in a family atmosphere to see out the year with a big New Year's Eve party. At the same time, there was the celebration of the purchase of the second Carrera GT by a member of Porsche Club Chile. The two Carrera GTs are the only ones in the whole of Latin America. What were our events like? We present three of them below.

Destination Zapallar

Club members set out from Santiago, the Chilean capital, on an unforgettable journey to the coast and Zapallar. The journey took in a very demanding road with steep inclines that required caution and narrow bends which were a pleasure to drive. Just one and a half hours later the members had arrived at their destination of Zapallar, one of the most exclu-



sive resorts on Chile's central coast. Thanks to Porsche, the journey there, where many members have holiday homes, was truly an experience.

Participants were spoiled with a meal of fish and seafoods such as salmon, oyster and king prawns in the famous "El Chiringuito" restaurant. After the meal there was still plenty of time for interesting discussions while the local residents admired, with curiosity,

the many gathered Porsches. It was evening before the Club members started for their way back to Santiago. The numerous bends provided just as much pleasure on the return journey, and after arriving in Santiago everyone agreed that they had had a fantastic day.

Instructors provide driver training

To enjoy owning a Porsche to the full, it is necessary to gradually get used to and learn how to handle its power and speed. The Club members therefore took the opportunity to test their cars out on the racetrack at Las Vizcachas overseen by five instructors. More than 20 different models and vintages of Porsche had gathered, and it was very easy to see what progress had been achieved through technical developments of individual vehicles over the years. The instructors provided an impressive expose of the secrets lurking beneath the bonnet.





The event was sponsored by three companies. Representatives from Michelin provided the technical service on the track. Next to the circuit, the "Las Condes" clinic had posted an ambulance and two doctors to respond quickly to any accidents. And finally Starbucks was on hand to provide coffee, cold drinks and pastries.

However, the event did not just provide an opportunity for owners to improve their driving skills; there was also time to meet friends and exchange experiences. The large number of participants (around 40) caused the Club to offer further driver training events in the future.

Spectacular year-end

After a year of hard work, there is nothing better than meeting up with good friends, enjoying comfortable hotels and beautiful scenery and feeling a fresh breeze on the face – especially at the wheel of a Porsche. The Club's New Year's Eve celebrations were designed specifically to cater for such wishes. Around 60 participants drove to Temuco in the south of Chile before getting into their Porsches and driving to the "end of the world" – the most southerly tip of Chile. Thirty Porsches took the new road to the south, crossing a green and wild landscape as far as La Angostura. The Club members spent two days in this beautiful Argentinian town which lies in the middle of the Patagonian Andes.

Accommodation was provided by the Hotel Correntoso, a hundred-year-old building situated at the summit of a hill on the banks of the Correntoso river and Lake Nahuel Huapi in the middle of a national park. The sunny days were spent with pony trekking, canoeing and fishing. Several people also took

the opportunity to drive to Bariloche, a pretty tourist town in Argentina renowned for its chocolate. Others simply enjoyed the scenery and the amazing colours cast by the evening twilight.

After spending days in the fresh air it was back to the north in the Porsches. The destination this time was the five-star Hotel Park Lake in Villarrica, which is situated on the shore of Lake Villarica. In the shadow of snow-covered volcanoes and waterfalls, Club members enjoyed themselves rafting or sailing, or just relaxing by bathing in the thermal springs. A casino, golf course and tennis courts provided yet further variety.

On the last night of the trip, everybody celebrated at a New Year's Eve party in the hotel's huge drawing rooms. The year drew to a close with an outstanding dinner which was followed by dancing. For the Club it was the end of a fantastic year.

Everybody returned to Santiago the following morning. Some chose to fly, while others opted to enjoy their Porsches for a few hours more. Hopefully it will not be too long before the next Porsche Club Chile event.

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Porsche Club Philippines Reborn



Porsche Club Philippines celebrated its rebirth on the 29th of January 2006. And the celebrations were not just about driving. A varied programme presented by the country's well-known talk-show host Cito Beltan awaited the many Club members, Porsche owners and guests of honour present at the Porsche Centre Philippines.

During the event, the Club logo of the Porsche Club Philippines was unveiled, and the guests learned about the aims of the Club which is headed by its president Ramon Ang and supported by the importer PGA Cars. PGA Cars Inc. was represented by its Chairman Miguel

Coyioto and Chief Executive Robert Coyioto Junior.

One of the first actions of the Club was the appointment of local boxing idol and World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight champion Manny Pacquiao as an honorary member.

The Club is planning various activities for this year and is hoping to attract more new members. Anybody interested in participating in the scheduled events should contact the Club.

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Porsche Club of Bahrain In action for a good cause



The Manama Festival took place ahead of the Formula One GP of Bahrain. Porsche Club Bahrain took part in various activities at the festival to support the Hope Institute for Special Education for disabled children in Isa Town. The festival, which drew thousands of visitors with its many high points, such as the breathtaking airshow, also included a parade of particularly fascinating cars and motorcycles. But the Club was able to offer more than just its vehicles. In the Club's own tent, members enthusiastically sold tickets for the 2006 Annual Charity Concert 2006 which took place on the 4th of March at the Gulf Hotels International Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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Porsche Club Tschechien

1. International meeting in Prague



The first international meeting of the Porsche Club Czech Republic met with a great response. The participants, who numbered about 90, were made up of members of Porsche Clubs from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, Austria, Croatia, Belgium, France, Monaco, Estonia, Sweden, Turkey and Lithuania. Representatives of Porsche AG also came to Prague. Eva Sevcíková, President of Porsche Club Czech Republic, welcomed the Porsche enthusiasts at the Old Town Hall: "we will be showing you the magnificent sights of the capital Prague so that you can experience for yourselves the history, culture and tradition of our country".

To achieve this, the Club had organised a comprehensive and informative programme designed to enthuse all those present. Having visited the Old Town Hall with its historical rooms and the Old Town square, everybody met in the parish hall, an art nouveau style building dating from about 1905 to

1911, where guests were enchantingly entertained by the well-known Stamic Quartet with works by Czech composers such as Bedrich Smetana, Antonin Dvorak and Leopold Kozeluh.

This was followed by an interesting boat trip with an interim stop at the Kampa peninsula and a visit to the Karlsbrücke Bridge. The next destination was reached by car. The forecourt of Prague Castle provided sufficient room for the Porsche vehicles to line up which, of course, attracted curious glances from many a passer-by. Participants enjoyed both the castle and St. Veit Cathedral. The evening was spent at Hrzansky Palace to the accompaniment of Walachisch cymbal music and performances by the Valasek children's folk dance club.

The Sunday began with a small excursion from Cerninsky Palace. The first stop was Novy Bor, a region famous for its glass industry. Following a very interesting visit to a glassblowing

factory, the next stop was Vratislavice. It is a place that is of particular importance to Porsche enthusiasts, as Professor Ferdinand Porsche was born here in 1875. After visiting the house where he was born, there was a visit to the nearby Sychrov Palace where this marvellous event concluded. The event received a positive response without exception, and everybody is looking forward to the next international meeting of Porsche Club Czech Republic.

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Porsche Club Holland

50th anniversary of Porsche Club Holland



starting from the Porsche Centre at Gelderland. The first attraction is a visit to a Porsche plant in Leipzig. This is followed by a visit to Berlin and a journey through the idyllic Luneburg Heath.

Incidentally, membership of our Club is open to every Porsche owner in the Netherlands. Anybody who would like to experience a little of the Club atmosphere can come along to one of our meetings without obligation. If you are interested, you can contact our Club office. The address is:

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2006 is the year that Porsche Club Holland celebrates 50 years of its existence. Porsches were first sold in the Netherlands in 1950, and six years later 70 vehicles had been registered. On the 28th of April 1956, 16 enthusiastic Porsche drivers founded Porsche Club Holland. One of the founders of the Club was Ton van Heuzen, who is still an honorary member and still drives and enjoys a Porsche.

Today the Club is still a very lively one, and is characterised by a love of the Porsche marque and the friendly relationships of its members. The annual events calendar includes a variety of

meetings and activities which take place over one or more days. Whether it is a visit to a Porsche plant, a trip through the Ardennes, a driver training course, rally or social event – there is something for everyone.

Every member receives a quarterly full-colour Club magazine containing reports on events and news on all matters Porsche, with the world of Porsche brought to life in the published letters and photographs.

The Club's anniversary is being marked with a four-day event called FAB50. It will involve an excursion between the 28th and 31st of May,



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