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Porsche Club Great Britain

Porsche 356 successful at the Tour Auto



Jack Logan and Fred Hampton, 356 Registrar of the Porsche Club Great Britain, won the Index of Performance at the Tour Auto 2006 on a 356 Speedster GT. This vehicle is one of only six true-to-life prototypes with the light components typical of the GT model but without a pushrod engine instead of a vertical shaft engine. The six-day tour started in Paris on 24 April, and Logan and Hampton mastered it without a service team. Crazy, many may think but anyone who owns a Porsche 356 will understand them perfectly.

Their luggage remained on board with them at all times, and not in an accompanying vehicle, as did the prizes which they collected day by day. The Porsche reached the pinnacle of the index of performance at the very start, and despite all the various special tests, mountain races and circuit races which it underwent, the engine ran as smoothly on arrival in Cannes as it did at the start. A great success for the two Porsche friends, who were taking part on the Tour Auto for the 15th time.



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A trip through the Spessart to mark the start of the season



The trip had been planned meticulously. One week before the event, two Club members drove the 120-km long route and drew up a detailed road book, which also contained maps showing the route to take. These documents were then given to all the participants which showed up at the “Kinzigcenter” carpark in Langenselbold on 30 April. Eleven Porsches then headed off on the planned trip. However, the line of vehicles which formed did not just consists of Porsche 928s. There were also two 944s, one 924 and one Boxster to be seen. For one couple from Wiesbaden, this trip was a first as they had only recently joined the Club after finding the Club address in a vintage vehicle magazine.

No sooner had our engines started revving than the rain stopped and the sun came out. This made driving along the charming streets of the Spessart particular fun. Our first stop was at the historical forester’s lodge known as “The English man”, which King Ludwig 1 of Bavaria and his wife Therese

inaugurated in 1844. We had reserved places for the group in advance.

By chance, we happened to take a look outside and got a shock when we saw snow and sleet falling on the Spessart. For a few minutes, everything outside was covered in white. But no sooner were we sitting back in our cars than the snow stopped and the sun came out again, as if nothing had happened. “Perfectly organised”, as one Club member put it, grinning.

After the second leg of the trip through the Spessart, we headed towards the “Beim Fernblick” restaurant in Freigericht-Neuses for lunch. Some members of the group went horse-riding to relax so that along with the Porsches, there was an interesting display of horse-power (in every sense of the word!) all around the inn. We spend the rest of the afternoon here and used the time to share our thoughts with each other on anything that came to mind.



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