

Editorial

**Dear Porsche Club Presidents,
Dear Porsche Club Members,**



The team of the worldwide Porsche Club Coordination

“You need a past to build a future”. This is the theme of our article on Dr. Heinz Rabe, who has collaborated with Porsche’s historic archive to publish the diaries left by his father, Porsche’s former chief designer Karl Rabe. “The entries are so fascinating that I just had to share them with the company”, says Heinz Rabe.

Tradition and pedigree bring obligations. That is why the Porsche Club Coordination and the Classic department get so involved in the numerous oldtimer races and classic motoring exhibitions. In this issue, we report on the Retro Classics exhibition in Stuttgart and Techno Classica in Essen, where Porsche once again had its own stand.

The rest of the year includes plenty more highlights for fans of our classic Porsche cars. For example, this issue contains the registration form for the Oldtimer Grand Prix at the Nürburgring.

Regardless of whether it is classic or modern vehicles that get your pulse

racing, as a Club member there is plenty to look forward to at the International Motor Show (IAA) in Frankfurt. As well as an exhibition of the latest Porsche models, one of the highlights – as it was two years ago – will be the special Club Evening organised by the worldwide Porsche Club Coordination of Porsche AG. We are looking forward to a fascinating evening with plenty of international guests and lively discussions. You need to book early – previous years’ events were a huge success and, as always, the number of participants is limited.

The current debate on harmful emissions from cars will shape the future of the automotive industry. The EU Commission wants new cars to emit less carbon dioxide (CO₂). In this issue, you can read an interview with Herbert Ampferer, the man responsible for environment and energy at Porsche AG. In it, he reports on Porsche’s investments and initiatives for its new generation of engines for the Cayenne and on the future of hybrid engines. Ampferer out-

lines the consequences for Porsche if the regulations for reducing CO₂ are applied across entire fleets. He is in favour of setting different limits for specific sectors.

“None of our customers should have to apologise for driving a Porsche” is the message from Dr. Wendelin Wiedeking in the international press to all Porsche drivers and all fans of the Porsche brand. We know that in the current situation you are being asked lots of questions on these issues by friends and colleagues. On our homepage, we have provided you with some more detailed arguments under Porsche Clubs/News. Here, you will find Porsche AG’s position in the debate on optimising fuel consumption and reducing emission figures.

Driving pleasure and responsibility – both of these are core values in Porsche’s brand philosophy. It is a commitment that we put into action – not just at present while the issue is being debated, but every single day.

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