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Porsche 914 Club Holland

Porsche 914 Anniversary in Groningen: For the Love of an Exotic Car

Some 20 years ago, Porsche AG awarded the Porsche 914 Club Holland its official status as a Porsche Club. The big celebratory event was held in Groningen, Holland, from June 15th to 17th 2007.

The Porsche 914 Club Holland welcomed 70 Porsche 914 and their proud owners at the international Meeting 2007 in Groningen. The participants came from Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, England, the USA and, of course, the Netherlands.

On Friday, the participants set off from the meeting base, the "Hampshire" hotel, to visit the windmill museum "De Wachter". A guided tour of the museum offered an opportunity to see the vari-

ous hand-crafted pieces. Then there was a short drive to the "De Drentsche Aa" restaurant to round off the day.

A drive was lined up for Saturday at 9 a.m. Beautiful country roads led through the picturesque Groningen surroundings to Pieterburen and the "Waddengenot" restaurant. After lunch, there was a visit to the Seal Rehabilitation Centre in Pieterburen. The sanctuary shelters, cares for and treats sick and vulnerable seals. As well as watch-

ing the seals, you can enjoy an exhibition and short film about the creatures in the visitor centre.

In the evening, various stands were set up in the "Hampshire" hotel offering all sorts of useful things for the 914 community. Of course, many people used the time to share experiences and take photos of the impressive fleet of 914s. The evening anniversary gala then awaited the participants. The band "Combo Time" got the party in full



swing, and some of the participants danced enthusiastically until the early hours.

On Sunday, the action started at 10 a.m. at the hotel with an 80-kilometre trip to the mediaeval fortress, "Bourtange", in East Groningen. The ancient fortification, which has now been completely restored to its former splendour, was never conquered or destroyed. There was some time to buy gifts in the traditional shop within the fortress walls or soak up some culture in the museum. The participants enjoyed a delicious round up lunch together in a restaurant in the picturesque marketplace.

In the afternoon, the international 914 Weekend and the 20th anniversary celebrations of the 914 Club Holland came to an end. Everyone had such a varied and unforgettable weekend!

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Porsche 356 Club Deutschland

129 x 356 + 1 x 718: Annual Meeting of the Porsche 356 Club Deutschland

Every year, the Porsche 356 Club Deutschland holds an annual meeting in different parts of Germany. This year, the Club invited its members to the cathedral city of Cologne.

From September 14th to 16th 2007, more than 250 Classic enthusiasts, bringing with them 129 classic Porsche vehicles from the entire 356 model range, gathered in Cologne for the annual meeting. On Saturday, there was a trip from Cologne to Homburg Castle in Nümbrecht in the Oberberg District. From there, the rather unusual convoy drove to Kürten to visit the Porsche Centre Bergisches Land.

The visit to the Porsche Centre was a unique experience for everyone involved. The Porsche Centre has to thank Michael Noruschat for making it all possible. In a client meeting, he learnt that the Porsche 356 Club section Cologne was to provide the location for the 32nd national meeting of the Porsche 356 Club Deutschland.

The Porsche Centre management agreed without hesitation to support the meeting in the form of sponsorship and technical assistance. The big day was September 15th. That afternoon, the Porsche Centre site in Kürten-Neuensaal was transformed into an old-style moto-





drome. Customers and fans of vintage cars were delighted at the countless historical gems from the automotive world. With 356 Bs, Cs, Cabriolets and Speedsters, almost the entire range was there – including one of the truly rare Porsche 718 RSK Spyders, whose owner had travelled all the way from Spain especially for the event.



Thomas Ernst, the 356 meeting coordinator from Cologne, summed up the mood of the day: "Without such excellent support, meetings like this would not be possible."



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