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Christmas Message

Dear Porsche Club Presidents and Porsche Club Members,

We have come to the end of yet another successful and busy year. The last twelve months have flown by, which is not surprising when you look back at how fast Porsche has raced down the road to growth. Our new top-performing brands generated particularly impressive unit sales, turnover and results for the 2006/07 business year that ended in July. Of course, this success was not simply handed to us on a plate – it is all down to a clear long-term strategy and hard work.

The new Cayenne generation performed exceptionally well. Despite a three-month gap in availability of the Cayenne – production of the previous generation ceased in November 2006, and the new models did not roll out until the end of February 2007 – unit sales figures for our third series were almost at the level of the previous year. The charm of the current Cayenne lies not only in its attractive design, but also in its inner qualities. The completely overhauled engines make for considerably better performance than that of the previous generation and yet, thanks to direct petrol injection, use up to 15% less fuel under normal driving conditions.

However, our growth over the last business year was driven predominantly by the 911 series, which became a new record brand owing to a sharp increase in unit sales. The new 911 Turbo was particularly successful. We also had a memorable milestone to celebrate: In mid-June 2007, the 100,000th vehicle of the current 911 generation rolled off the production line at the parent plant in Zuffenhausen, Germany. It is common knowledge that the type 997 has only been in production since April 2004, but never before in the successful 44-year history of the iconic 911 sports

car have so many units been produced in such a short time as in what is now the sixth generation. The Boxster and Cayman have done a wonderful job of asserting themselves in their highly competitive market segments.

But Porsche has also made good progress in a completely different field, having now increased our stake in the Volkswagen Group to almost 31%. This brings our long-established partnership with Europe's largest car manufacturer that much closer. Together, we hope to successfully overcome future challenges for the benefit of both partners. Despite this close partnership, Porsche will always be Porsche, and Volkswagen will always be Volkswagen. To ensure that this is the case, we have restructured our company, creating the Porsche Automobil Holding SE as an umbrella group, to provide strategic management of both Volkswagen AG and Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG. That will allow Porsche to continue its successful operations independently and forge ahead undeterred in its established role as a manufacturer of premium sports cars. Porsche Club activities will remain unaffected by the restructuring.

After a turbulent few months, we all deserve a rest so we can start the New



Dr. Wendelin Wiedeking

Year with renewed energy. We are going to need this energy, as 2008 promises to offer Porsche many new opportunities that we must put to good use. I am counting on you, the Porsche Club Presidents and members, to be there by our side as always. With your tireless commitment as ambassadors for our brand, you have made an important contribution to the excellent global image that our company and its sports cars enjoy today. And for that I would like to thank you.

On behalf of the entire Porsche Managing Board, I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, a restful holiday season and a Happy New Year – may it bring you success, happiness and health.

All the best from Zuffenhausen.

Yours,

Dr. Wendelin Wiedeking

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1. News from Porsche AG

Company

Porsche Welcomes the Voting Right Ruling

Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG welcomes the ruling from the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg stating that plans under the Volkswagen Law to restrict voting rights to 20% are in breach of European law.

“With a voting share in Volkswagen of just over 30%, we are naturally very interested in fully exercising our voting rights”, was the initial response to the ruling from Dr. Wendelin Wiedeking, Chairman of the Porsche Managing Board.

Prime Minister Christian Wulff and his colleague, Economics Minister Walter Hirche, to continue in their roles on the Supervisory Board of the Wolfsburg-based car manufacturer. This would ensure that the trusted partnership continues.

Press release Porsche AG

The European Court also stated that the enshrined right of the German federal government and the State of Lower Saxony to appoint two representatives each to the Volkswagen Supervisory Board, provided they each have more than one share in Volkswagen, also contravenes European law. This means Volkswagen will in future be subject to general legal stipulations requiring shareholder representatives be elected onto the Supervisory Board by the Annual General Meeting.

Finally, plans under the Volkswagen Law to increase the required majority vote for organisational decisions taken at the Volkswagen Annual General Meeting from 75% to 80% of represented ordinary shares were declared in breach of current European law by the European Court. The judges' ruling was in line with the view of the European Commission, according to which the core elements of the Volkswagen Law contravene rights to the free movement of capital.

Porsche accepts that Lower Saxony is appropriately represented on the Volkswagen Supervisory Board, in view of its shareholding. Both Porsche representatives in the supervisory body, Chairman of the Managing Board Dr. Wendelin Wiedeking and CFO Holger P. Härter, would be happy for Lower Saxony's



Cayenne GTS Premiere

Pure Power

With the new Cayenne GTS, Porsche has reaffirmed the unique position of its successful series in the sporty off-road vehicle segment. The Francfort IAA was the scene of the model's global premiere. The Porsche Cayenne GTS features a performance-enhanced 4.8-litre V8 engine; it is lowered by 24 mm and boasts a specially developed chassis and suspension, making it more powerful than ever before.

This is the first Cayenne to offer the Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) system with steel springs, a combination previously reserved only for Porsche sports cars.

The Cayenne GTS 4.8-litre engine with Direct Fuel Injection (DFI) boasts 405 HP (298 kW) at 6500 revs per minute, 20 hp more than in the Cayenne S. The maximum torque remains unchanged at 500 Nm at 3500 revs per minute.

Porsche's most sporty off-road vehicle comes with a six-speed manual gearbox as standard and a shorter final drive ratio than the Cayenne S (4.1:1 instead of 3.55:1). With this technology on board, the Cayenne GTS sprints from 0 to 100 km/h in 6.1 seconds, precisely 0.5 seconds faster than the Cayenne S.

The Cayenne GTS is fitted with Porsche Traction Management (PTM) permanent

four-wheel drive as standard, as well as the PASM adaptive chassis and suspension. When combined with an optional air suspension system, Porsche Dynamic Chassis Control (PDCC) can improve driveability and comfort. The redesigned 12-way sports seats and leather Alcantara upholstery set off the sporty interior.

You can tell the new Cayenne GTS at first glance – the front and rear spoilers



are the same as those of the Cayenne Turbo, and the striking 14 mm wheel arch widenings offer plenty of room for the standard 21-inch alloy wheel rims with 295/35 R21 tyres. In addition, two new colours have been developed exclusively for the GTS: GTS Red and Nordic Metallic Gold.

The new Cayenne model boasts average consumption of 13.9 litres/100 km using a Tiptronic S transmission, in line with EU standards; global roll-out will start in February 2008.

Press release Porsche AG



Cayenne GTS

Engine:	8-cylinder engine with aluminium crankcase
Power output:	298 kW (405 hp) at 6500 rpm
Maximum torque:	500 Nm at 3500 rpm
Maximum speed:	6700 rpm
Drag coefficient::	$c_w = 0,36$
Displacement:	4806 cc
Weight:	Unladen weight 2225 (2245) kg Permissible gross weight 3080 (3080) kg
Top speed:	253 (251) km/h
Acceleration:	0 bis 100 km/h in 6.1 s (6.5 s) 0 bis 160 km/h in 14.7 s (15.2 s)

Values in brackets apply to vehicles with Tiptronic S.



2. Event Calendar

Techno Classica 2008: The Complete Classic Package

The 20th world trade fair in Essen for vintage, classic and prestige cars, motorbikes, replacement parts and restoration promises to be even more successful than last year. Porsche will again seize the opportunity to present its classic car services and a selection of its historic vehicles to trade experts from around the world.

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33rd International Porsche 356 Meeting

The 33rd international meeting from May 1st to 4th in Aalborg, Denmark will celebrate 60 years of the Porsche 356. Participants can expect an exciting and varied agenda. Highlights include a rally through northern Jutland, bus tours to the Rebild Bakker national park and through Aalborg the capital of northern Jutland and a Concours d'Elégance. A gala evening will round things off.

Further informations:
Porsche 356 Club Danmark
www.porsche356.dk



Welcome to Italy: Porsche Parade 2008 in Sardinia

The Italian Porsche Club Association, Federazione Italiana Porsche Club, invites you to the Porsche Parade 2008.

Following the event in Sweden in 2006, the traditional meeting of all Porsche Clubs worldwide will take place in Sardinia in 2008 – with places available for a maximum of 250 vehicle teams.

The Club would like to welcome you to the Costa Smeralda from May 8th to 11th 2008 – the beautiful sunshine, crystal-clear sea and brilliant colours make this island one of the most magical places in Italy.

Accommodation consists of three carefully selected 5-star luxury hotels and resorts. The luxurious Cervo Hotel Costa Smeralda Resort is located in the famous Piazzetta in Porto Cervo. The Romazzino Hotel Resort is adjacent to the white sandy beaches of the Costa Smeralda. The Cala di Volpe is a luxury Hotel hideaway, built to resemble a mediaeval village with turrets, terraces, leave-framed walkways and shaded courtyards.

A unique opportunity to spend a few days in good company, staying in illustrious hotels on the Costa Smeralda, drinking good wine, savouring Mediterranean dishes, meeting old friends and making new ones.



Four unforgettable days in Sardinia

Thursday, May 8th 2008

- Participants arrive and are received in Porto Cervo; transfer to the reserved hotels
- Welcome drinks and dinner in the evening in the Piazzetta in Porto Cervo

Friday, May 9th 2008

- “Mare e Terra” photo rally. During the day, the participants will be split into two groups to take a boat trip to the Maddalena Archipelago and will journey along the exquisite stretch between the Costa Smeralda and the Gallura region
- Lunch together at midday
- Dinner with sea view

Saturday, May 10th 2008

- Concours d'Elégance in the “Marina Vecchia” in Porto Cervo in the morning
- Buffet lunch in the Piazzetta in Porto Cervo
- Porsche Parade in the early afternoon, starting from the “Marina Vecchia” and ending at the Costa Smeralda Yacht Club
- Gala dinner in the evening in unbeatable surroundings by the sea. Award ceremony and farewell

Sunday, May 11th 2008

- Individual departure in the morning

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A 100-METER DASH ISN'T RUN IN OLD FLIP-FLOPS, EITHER.



The Porsche Cayenne is a versatile performer – on every type of terrain. The more the driver demands from the car, the more it's in its element. Thanks to the Michelin Latitude series, the same applies for the tyres. For the new Porsche Cayenne, Michelin has developed some new tyres with modest rolling resistance and therefore better fuel economy without any compromise in the performances. This is the reason why it can bear the N-designation – the sign of Porsche quality.

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295/35 R21 Latitude Sport NO

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3. Information Exchange

Porsche Tequipment

Ready for Winter



Success stories: Snow chains designed especially for Porsche models, non-slip and waterproof rubber floor mats and the 19-inch Cayenne design wheel set with winter performance tyres

For summer tyres, winter starts when temperatures fall below around +7 degrees Celsius. It is around this temperature that the tyre's compounds begin to harden, extending the braking distance. To ensure that your Porsche continues to deliver the usual Porsche vehicle safety even at low temperatures, we recommend using winter tyres such as those from Porsche Tequipment. The 19-inch Cayenne design complete winter wheel set, for example, provides both good traction and style. The individual 10-

spoke design is a real head-turner and gives the wheel a lightweight appearance. With the specially designed snow chains fitted, you can be assured that your Porsche will even take you safely to the most isolated ski resorts.

Pack up all the ski equipment you need in the ski and snowboard carrier from Porsche Tequipment. There is room for up to four pairs of skis plus two snowboards. Or for up to six pairs of skis, or up to four snowboards. The integrated lock

protects the equipment from theft. The locking roof box gives you even more storage space, boasting a capacity of about 310 litres. The aerodynamic plastic box can be opened from both sides and has integrated ski holders inside, so even your equipment can defy adverse outdoor conditions. The ski and snowboard carrier and the roof box are available from Porsche Tequipment for the Cayman and 911 Carrera Coupé models and for all Cayenne models.

Sludge and snow belong outside, and the interior of your Porsche should be no exception. The made-to-measure rubber floor mats are available for all Porsche models as of the current model year, making dirt a thing of the past. The mats are non-slip and waterproof, meaning you have plenty to celebrate this winter.

Neat and spacious: The ski and snowboard carrier and roof box



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Small But Mighty

The New Porsche 911 GT3 Toy Model from Dynamic Concept

The French company Dynamic Concept has produced a unique scale model of the Porsche 911 GT3 under licence from Porsche AG. To ensure a high level of detail, this model was produced in an extremely rarely used scale of 1:6.

With the dimensions 860 mm x 420 mm x 265 mm (l x w x h), this is an extremely accurate model of the Porsche 911 GT3, made from 70 parts and taking a total of 42 hours to manufacture. The production team used high-quality materials and worked from photos and original 3D drawings supplied by Porsche AG; the impressive results are plain to see in the model's exceptional detail.

The Dynamic Concept model of the Porsche 911 GT3 was produced in France as a strictly limited edition of just 200 units. Each car comes with a certificate of authenticity.

Customised versions of the car are also available. With the "Car Configurator Edition", customers can choose the paintwork and the colour of the brake shoes from a selection of 16 original colours.

What is most remarkable about the model is its weight – a proud 14 kg without packaging. Other fascinating features of the car are its chrome finish, glossy black base, resin bodywork, individually num-

bered metal plates and the durable Perspex display case it comes in.

The model is available from:

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4. Reports

Porsche Club do Brasil

Class Reunion: 20th Porsche Sport Driving School in Brazil

The Porsche Sport Driving School has a long tradition in Brazil, one that continued last year with the Porsche Club do Brasil in Curitiba hosting its 20th Porsche Sport Driving School in Brazil.

To celebrate this anniversary, the Porsche Club hosted a Porsche Parade from September 22nd to 23rd 2007. More than 60 Porsche vehicles were involved, a record for Curitiba. The event programme included competitions such as the "Regularidade", timed races where drivers had to keep to strict time requirements and average speeds, and a Flying Lap – three laps at top speed, where the best of three laps decides the winner.

The complete range of Porsche sports cars roared over the racetrack, from the 911 Carrera, the Boxster and the Cayman right up to a handful of Cayennes. The winners of the "Regularidade" races included a unprecedented number of female Boxster drivers and co-drivers.

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Porsche Club Seetal Luzern

**Train Like a Professional:
Porsche Club Driver Training at Magny-Cours**

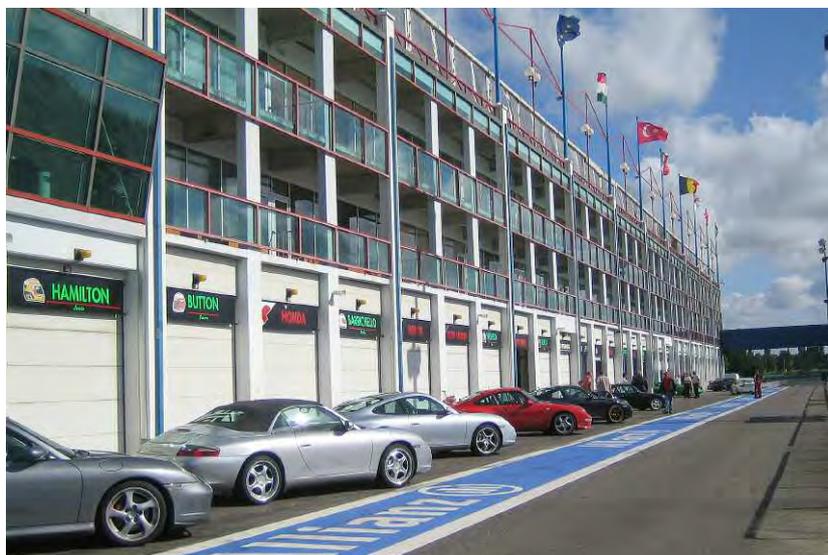
The Porsche Centre AMAG Zug and the Porsche Club Seetal Luzern organised a joint three-day driver and safety training event from September 2nd to 6th 2007 at the Formula 1 racetrack at Magny-Cours. This third training event was a resounding success, not least because of the presence of professional racing driver Marcel Fässler.

The first day was dedicated to vehicle handling and how to deal with hazardous situations. Under the instruction of sports director Heinz Arnold, participants were divided into groups, each under the guidance of two instructors. They learnt how to approach and drive through bends, mastered evasion manoeuvres and practised controlling a vehicle nearing its handling limits.

On the second day of training, it was time to go out onto the track to experience some pure driving pleasure. Under guidance, the drivers practiced following the ideal line with the braking, turning and apex points.

With customers of the Porsche Centre AMAG Zug being given the opportunity to receive some training on Monday and on Tuesday morning, the race track was open to Club members on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday. This gave the 41 "racers" from the Club the perfect opportunity to put the Porsche driving dynamics to the test while at the same time honing their own driving skills. One of the highlights of the day was an appearance by professional racing driver Marcel Fässler, who took the opportunity to train for the racing series with his co-driver.

The Porsche Centre AMAG Zug provided a Porsche mechanic and workshop



vehicle for the duration of the event. The Club would like to thank all its sponsors, the organisers Martin Kammerbauer and Heinz Arnold and the volunteers for their dedication to this successful third driver and safety training event.

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Porsche Club Deutschland

25 Years of Porsche Club Deutschland: In All Its Splendour

25 years of Porsche Club Deutschland – what better reason to spend a couple of thrilling days in the midst of the Porsche family in Stuttgart.

There was a huge farewell parade for the outgoing President of the Porsche Club Deutschland, Ilse Nädele. The “old-timers” and friends from Italy, Sweden, Luxembourg, France, Scotland and England quite naturally made the most of the opportunity to say an official goodbye to “their Ilse”.

The rainy days running up to the parade would not have gone down well with the Cabriolet drivers, so everyone was hoping for better weather. And as it turned out, the Porsche drivers were blessed

with three glorious September days with bright blue skies and pleasant temperatures.

The special weekend got started on Thursday at the Maritim Hotel in the centre of Stuttgart. Participants received the event goody bag on arrival. The light-blue T-shirts with the 25th anniversary logo were a particular hit. If you wore blue you were a participant; those in green belonged to the organisational team.

And the organisers had plenty to do! At the final count there were more than 400 people to serve at dinner that evening. The close ties between the company and the Porsche family were underscored by the presence of Hans-

Peter Porsche, who mingled constantly with the participants throughout the event. Bernhard Maier, Managing Director of Porsche Deutschland GmbH, gave the opening speech. “I personally think of the Porsche Clubs as a large family whose members are scattered not only throughout Germany but across the entire globe. This year they have found their way to the Swabian metropolis to celebrate in the midst of the Porsche family. Together with you, the Porsche Clubs, we will put all our efforts into ensuring that our brand is successful in the long term.”

By Friday the sky was already bright blue. Over 200 Porsche vehicles were exhibited in the Concours d'Elégance, held in the courtyard of the baroque





castle built by Duke Eberhard Ludwig (also known as the “Swabian Versailles”). The vehicles proved how beautifully classic cars can blend with the glow of past centuries. Each participant was welcomed by Ilse Nädele and Hans-Peter Porsche with a handshake and a few personal words.

The cars were classified into groups and displayed, freshly cleaned and pol-

ished, to the Ludwigsburg crowd, the participants and the strict panel of judges. Many of those taking part seized the opportunity to have a free guided tour around the 300-year-old baroque castle.

In the evening, things moved on to Göglingen in Zabergäu. More than 400 Porsche friends were invited to this ancient noble wine cellar. Five buses fer-

ried the guests along the charming country roads through lovingly restored villages, to be welcomed in the court of the restaurant “Deutscher Hof” with a glass of red or white wine.

It was so mild in the evening that some people made themselves at home in the gardens, preferring to sit under the clear and starry Swabian sky rather than the dignified wooden beams. The ambience among the guests was simply wonderful. The buffet was plentiful and the beer and Württemberg wine flowed, and as such people soon took to the dance floor. As there was a long Porsche tour to come the next day, the official part of the evening came to an end at around midnight and the guests were taken back to the hotel.

On Saturday, everyone met at the Porsche Centre at Stuttgart airport. In excited anticipation, the participants received the goody bag, the log book and the food provided for the first 145 km. Colleagues and helpers from Porsche Deutschland and the Porsche Centre had worked hard to plot the sports route, tourist route and direct route on well over 100 maps using coloured markers. Hans-Peter Porsche again mingled with “his” customers, accompanied by Sandra Mayr from the worldwide Porsche Club Coordination Team and her colleague, Anne Philipp.

The sports route was 250 km long with two time trials and 12 questions. The tourist route was 195 km long with one time trial, 12 questions and 3 further “guesswork” questions.

Reading a log book is one thing; following it is another. Although the route was accurately set out in the log book, most teams made it hard for themselves. But

the beautiful weather and the winding, almost empty country roads allowed them to enjoy “driving in its purest form”. Some gave up looking at the dashboard and the distance being covered!

After all those glorious kilometres on the road, the participants savoured the final hours leading up to the big evening gala event. It is always amazing how people manage to fit a dinner suit, evening dress, make-up bag and various pairs of shoes into a 356, a classic 911, a Boxster or a Cayman. Obviously Cayenne owners don't have to worry about that.

The “Old riding hall” (“Alte Reithalle”) of the hotel provided the perfect setting for the 400-plus participants and invited guests. In his speech, Hans-Peter Porsche had some very personal words to offer the outgoing President. “You have given outstanding service to the company and the Porsche brand in your capacity as President of Porsche Club Deutschland and as a colleague of the former Porsche PR Director, race manager and racing driver Huschke von Hanstein, who came up with the idea for the first Porsche Club, Porsche Club Westfalen, in 1952. I would like to offer you my sincere thanks for this, dear Ilse, personally and on behalf of the Piëch and Porsche families, as well as the members of the Managing Board and Supervisory Board!” Klaus Berning, Sales and Marketing Director at Porsche AG, extended the best wishes of his fellow board members and praised above all the Club members' dedication and the impressive attendance at the Porsche Sports Cup and the Club motorsport events.



After an exquisite gala dinner, the guests once again took to the dance floor. Hans-Peter Porsche and Ilse Nädele “kicked off” the dancing. The Las Vegas Live Band entertained the young and the young-at-heart until the early hours. The evening was especially significant for the guests from abroad who saw it as the official farewell to

“their Ilse”. Johnny Lachmann from Sweden gave Ilse a commemorative gift. Others simply seized the hour to thank her for her work.

There was a surprise on Sunday. The participants had Sunday brunch accompanied by Dixie music in the Weissach Casino, a stylish restaurant beyond

compare, located in the heart of Weis-sach's development centre. The Casino spoiled the guests with a stunning buffet and they really could not have wished for more. It is surely unique in the history of the club that every participant took home either a winner's trophy or a souvenir award.

It was a worthy end to a wonderful and unforgettable event. We would like to thank the sponsors Porsche, Porsche Deutschland, Michelin, Geldermann Sektkellerei, Maritim Hotels, Confiserie Heilemann and ADAC for their generous support, and the Managing Board of Porsche Club Deutschland for the months of preparation. But we must also thank the participants, who made this event so memorable.

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Porsche Club of America, Wild Rose Region

Rocky Mountain High: 25th Anniversary of the Wild Rose Region

The Wild Rose Region of Porsche Club of America celebrated its 25th anniversary with a trip to one of the most spectacular castles of the Rocky Mountains – the magnificent Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel in Canada's Banff National Park.

The number of Club members who took part in the event was overwhelming. Porsche vehicles filled the parking lot at the meeting place, then formed a continuous convoy many kilometres long along the TransCanada Highway towards Banff National Park. From there, they completely filled the courtyard at the famous Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel to overflowing – much to the delight of the international hotel guests who naturally enjoyed seeing so many exclusive cars in one place.

Considering that almost 50 cars parked in the hotel courtyard and the 100 participants, we can surely be proud of what the Wild Rose Region Club has accomplished this year. For the anniversary run the Club brought out many members who had not been to any Club event recently, or in some cases ever. The friendly relaxed and open approach of the Wild Rose Region made everyone welcome.

We enjoyed a brief presentation of the Club's history and its charter (the original charter was on display). It goes without saying that the focus of a 25-year anniversary of the formation of a chapter of the Porsche Club of America is a look back over its own history.

We gave honour to the achievements of past Presidents, such as Harlow Rankin, Allan Botting, John Ferrara, Jeff Smith, Marvin Guenter, George Springer, Ron Davies, Ken Johnson, Mark Polson, Dana Lee-Trottier, Perci Hala and Ken McDon-

ald, each of whom left their mark on the Club, and upon whose hard work the Club has been built. The current President, Martin Kratz, read greetings from the Porsche Club of America and its President.

But what is a birthday party without presents? As an anniversary present, every participant received a special collector's edition silver jubilee Wild Rose Region car badge and a 10-dollar petrol voucher to use at Husky Oil stations.



Then the participants were invited to savour the culinary delights of the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel and the famous Sunday brunch, featuring hundreds of choices of exotic and exquisite dishes, desserts, wines and much more.

Afterwards, we met in the courtyard for a group photo. Kerry Smith, always the adventurer, took a spectacular shot from the top roof terrace on the seventh floor.

This anniversary event held on September 30th, set a number of Wild Rose Region records: It was the most successful Club event to date. Never before so many cars had taken part in a Wild Rose Region event and they created the longest continuous line of Porsche vehicles (we covered almost 3 kilometers of highway). Gracefully led by some immaculate Porsche 356 models, we brought 50 years of Porsche history together in one place – from a well-maintained 1957 356 Cabriolet right up to today's modern technology. We managed to bring more cars into the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel courtyard than the hotel had ever experienced in its entire history.

Lastly and most importantly we had the best and strongest Club spirit among our Club members!

Things look very positive for our Club for 2008!

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Porsche Club Roland zu Bremen

Serious Driving Calls for a Serious Celebration: Summer Celebration of Porsche Club Roland zu Bremen

The headline can be taken literally, as President Michael Pledl and Vice President Günter Mönning had something special in mind: With a speed yellow scooter, acquired especially for the Club event, Club members and guests set off in teams of two on a challenging course. Although racing drivers wear overalls, the dress code here was a warm winter jacket, gloves and scarf, cap and flying goggles. A real torture in the summer heat.

Several of the chicanes built in by the sports management team demanded maximum concentration and exceptional physical control. Apart from the father-and-son and junior groups, the teams were mainly mixed, and the female contingent was very strong indeed. Despite many great performances, there ultimately were winners from each group!

You could see the happiness on the participants' faces as they enjoyed the first real day of sunshine at the summer celebration after a long, rainy summer. The romantic setting at Varrel was awe-inspiring and brought the guests out onto the picturesque forecourt of the manor house, where they savoured sparkling wine and fresh raspberries. A barbecue was laid on for the Club members in the rustic garden. A summer salad buffet offered a real feast and an excellent selection of desserts and wines rounded off the meal.



The guests waited excitedly for the awards ceremony, as the Managing Board had gone to a lot of trouble, especially for the youngsters, with a few special presents from Porsche Selection. The organisers were rewarded for their efforts with bright, happy faces.

The speed yellow scooter found a new home that very evening with the two racing-mad boys, Alex and Maxi ...

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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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