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Porsche Club of America, Wild Rose Region

“Bullrun” over the Wild Rose Country

When you think of a bull run and Calgary you may be forgiven for thinking of Calgary’s world-famous exhibition and stampede, the largest outdoor show of its kind in the world. However, the “Bullrun” in this case is actually a high-performance rally cross the across the North American continent, with about 100 exotic cars covering over about 3,500 miles (5,600 km) in one week. A rally with fascinating vehicles, wonderful people and fun to be had all round.

This year’s “Bullrun” was held from 20th to 27th of June, from Calgary, Alberta (Canada) to Scottsdale, Arizona (USA), crossing several secret locations on the way. The drivers stayed overnight in luxurious hotels and were informed of the next stage of the rally each morning

before setting off. The drivers relied heavily on their navigators to work out the best speed/ distance/mileage combination to get to the next checkpoint. On arrival at the checkpoint, they received information on the next destination.

Porsche Club of America, Wild Rose Region offered its support to the organizers of the “Bullrun” at an early stage to make the launch event in Calgary even more spectacular. Our Club members added their own cars to the starting line-up and helped to escort the drivers to the Canada/US border.

Despite the wealth of unique vehicles belonging to participants in the race, our Club members gravitated to the

Porsche models lining up for the “Bullrun”. These included several 911 Turbo, a 928 S and a 911. Our Club members brought their own 911 Turbo, 911, Boxster, Cayman, Cayenne, a Carrera GT and a 912 to the “Bullrun” party.

Several thousand Calgarians took part in the early-morning festivities. A number of blocks of downtown Calgary were closed off by Police for the starting line-up. Our Club members began decorating their escort cars with “Bullrun” stickers. The call to start the engines was given at around 9am and the cars roar off the start line led by pace cars. The start involved each car (including Wild Rose Region Club members) getting the confidential location



to the first checkpoint. The cars raced off in different directions to reach the next checkpoint in the fastest possible time. Our Club members enjoyed the roar of the engines, while accelerating through the downtown Calgary surrounded by the colours and logos labeling the "Bullrun" horde.

Kerry Smith, Rick Osuna and Ellen Harris, talented photographers of the Wild Rose Region, took a number of amazing pictures. Kerry Smith sat as a passenger in Steve Warner's 911 SC and took a whole host of action-packed shots of the "Bullrun" cars during the drive. Rick Osuna got some amazing snaps of the cars from up on the street lights.

The Wild Rose Region cars were also featured in numerous YouTube videos alongside the "Bullrun" cars. Webmaster Gord Veltenaar put some of the best videos on the Club website. Many of the "Bullrun" participants lost their way in the unfamiliar setting, but the Club members were on hand to direct them back onto the fastest route to the first checkpoint – the Bar U Ranch, a famous ranch south of Longview, Alberta.

The Wild Rose Region events Chair, Steve Warner, had informed all Club members of the rules prior to the event. And it paid off. The vehicles escorted by the Club were among the first to reach the checkpoint. Fritz Peyerl led many of the "Bullrun" vehicles safely to the first stop in his 912, dodging the police stops in the Turner Valley and the Longview corridor along the way. Martin Kratz and Tom Chong led the "Bullrun" camera team and several other "Bullrun" cars back on course in their 911 Turbos after their unintentional detour to the north. When the "Bullrun"



staff realized that they were back on track, they waved and passed our Porsche 911 Turbo.

Erik Dumas, our safety Chair and Vice President, had the opportunity to step in as navigator in one of the "Bullrun" cars. Dumas thought it over for a fraction of a second, balancing his job responsibilities, vacation entitlements and last but not least the promise of experiencing of a truly amazing rally, accepted the offer and joined the Team Bigsky.

The "Bullrun" cars continued their journey from the first checkpoint to the Canadian-American border. From there, the cars journeyed on towards further adventures in Montana. We waved Dumas off, knowing that stories of his numerous adventures would be told time and time again over the next few years.

The Club members had so much fun with the event that Wild Rose Region plans to enter up to four cars in the "Bullrun" next year.

We returned home (with the exception of Dumas) with a sense of satisfaction and removed the decals off from our vehicles, full of memories of our spectacular experience. Peyerl left the sticker on his 912 and never tires of telling his stories of guiding the "Bullrun" 2008 in Calgary. The "Bullrun" itself ended in Scottsdale with a spectacular party.

The stories of the Bullrun shared among car enthusiasts will be told and embellished many times in years to come. For the members of Porsche Club of America, Wild Rose Region, it was a unique opportunity being involved in the "Bullrun" 2008 and its legends about people, roads and engines.

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Porsche Club Roland zu Bremen

Mobile Motto: Drive Hard, Play Hard

With this motto, Club President Michael Pledl invited members of Porsche Club Roland zu Bremen to attend this year's traditional summer celebration in Teufelsmoor.

Worpswede in Teufelsmoor near Bremen is not just a village in the Elbe-Weser region. It is also the birth place of the first German artist colony formed in 1889. Paula Modersohn-Becker, Heinrich Vogeler, Bernhard Hoetger, Otto Tetjus Tügel and other artists lived and worked here. To this day, Worpswede is a meeting point for interesting people from the fields of art, culture and economy.

The unique transportation methods of the bog, the traditional local Torfkahn boats and the diesel-run railway vehicle "Moorexpress", met with stiff competition with the arrival of the sports cars from Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen. Club members stormed Eichenhof in Worpswede in force in their Porsche 911 and Cayenne models. With a passion for detail, the Eichenhof team created a great atmosphere in the restaurant which was infectious for everyone present.

The grill buffet created a summer feeling and catered for everyone's needs. The drivers doubtless put on several pounds after enjoying the delicious rump steak and filet of fish. Towards evening, President Michael Pledl presented an assault course for the "little guests". On the prepared mountain bike, the young guests took off on the course either with or without their dad. The future Porsche pilots were ecstatic to receive the trophies to mark their victory.

We celebrated way into the night. The Bog, Worpswede and the Eichenhof were an unforgettable experience.

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Porsche Club Göppingen

Sun on a Rainy Day: Annual Trip 2008 South Tirol

22nd of May 2008: Ten Porsche vehicles stood in front of the Dornstadt Autobahn service area, spick-and-span and ready to embark on the annual trip. The destination: Sand in Taufers in Ahrntal.

The weather was moderate and the mood superb: Christine Saile, the organizer of the trip, presented each driver with a lovingly designed programme containing the route and schedule for the next few days.

The engines were started at 9.45 am. The drivers took off in the direction of the Ulm/Senden motorway, continuing along the curvy country roads through the amazing countryside of the Allgäu region to the first stop close to Unter-

ammergau. The drivers met with a welcome surprise: a hearty brunch with champagne (soda and fruit juice for the drivers), sausage, cheese, tomatoes, cucumber, fruit, coffee and a selection of cakes had been prepared for the participants. The meal received a resounding applause.

No longer spick-and-span after driving through the changeable weather, the vehicles proceeded to their goal – the Design-Hotel Feldmüller Hof. The weather

decided to be kind as we progressed on our journey and the Cabriolets were able to arrive at the goal with their tops down.

The interior of the Design-Hotel met with a chorus of “Oh’s” and “Ah’s”, as did the reception with aperitifs, accompanied by a selection of small delicacies. After the evening meal à la carte and the subsequent visit to the hotel bar, everyone retired to bed full of optimism that the weather would improve in the morning.

Friday morning arrived: Rain! We had planned to visit the scenic castle Burg Taufers and a drive to Kaltern. Christine Saile had the alternative programme already prepared. But no sooner had the



vehicles reached the road, the clouds moved aside and the sun came out. The roofs of the Cabriolets came down and the planned drive over the mountain passes could commence. The cosy lunch in Canazei was not even dampened by the return of the rain.

At the end of the mountain pass tour through impressive countryside with fantastic views, the drivers took a short break in a rustic mountain village. The action-packed trip to Grödnertal drew to a close in glorious sunshine, with a drive over Passo di Gardena, Passo di Sella, Passo Pordoi, Corvara Badia, Stern la Villa, Bruneck and Sand in Taufers.

The eventful and rainy day ended with a walk to a traditional South Tirol wine cellar. The food was exquisite, the wine excellent and the mood exceptionally sunny!

A hike was planned for Saturday. Although the weather was dull at 18°C, it was dry with no sign of rain. Strengthened with the ample breakfast buffet, we started on our trip through the Ahrntal on a 3-hour hike to the Kofler-Paul hut. Our guides Andi Heinzmann and Severin Elsässer ensured that we were kitted out with hiking sticks before setting off. The journey took us through an impressive alpine mountain landscape, where the mountain spring shone in its full colourful glory.

Of course we ended our hike with a trip to a traditional hut, where we enjoyed delicious local specialities.

We were free to spend the rest of the day as we wished and take advantage of the hotel's own indoor swimming pool, sauna, whirlpool and sun terrace.



We met up again in the evening for a meal together in the hotel. An excellent three-course menu was the perfect end to our stay in the Design-Hotel Feldmüller. Some guests partook of a final drink on the terrace and mused over the events of the day.

Sunday morning, departure in sunshine, 19°C. And forecasts predicted that the temperatures would rise. We looked forward to the ultimate driving pleasure – ten Porsche vehicles meandering through the Ahrntal to Bruneck.

We stopped for a break in the middle of the breathtaking mountain landscape near Imst, parking our Porsche vehicles against a backdrop of outstanding scenery. We then embarked on the return journey over the long-distance pass to Kempten, Memmingen and Ulm. We all bid a final “farewell” in Ulm. It was difficult to say goodbye after the wonderful days we spent together. But we have the next trip to look forward to.

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Porsche Club Estonia

International Porsche Track Day Estonia: An Impressive Line-up

Porsche Club Estonia attracts attention time and time again with exciting and successful events. This year, these included the International Porsche Track Day Estonia. "It was the best event in the 12-year history of our Club," raved an extremely satisfied James Herne.

The starting line-up pointed toward a hard but fair competition. The Top Ten position was made up exclusively of Porsche GT3s. A 911 Turbo also qualified impressively and even a Boxster took its place among the "Big Boys" of the competition – due to the fact that the driver is regarded as probably the best Estonian amateur racer.

The Club sponsor Kummimees Tyres supported the Track Day by offering a set of Michelin Pilot Sport Cup tyres as a prize.

The Top 3 positions were the same as last year:

1. Tarmo, 997 GT3 RS
2. Hannu, 996 GT3
3. Heikki, 996 GT3

Tarmo secured the overall victory of the Porsche Club Estonia Open Cup 2008 even before the end of the race series. The last race of the season was held on 20th September.

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International Porsche Track Day Estonia: Impressions



Porsche Club of America

**Road Worthy:
The Porsche USA Parade 2008**

Porsche drivers from all over the USA gathered in Charlotte, North Carolina, on June 27th to July 3rd for the 53rd Porsche USA. This year, the parade was organized by the Carolina Region of Porsche Club of America.

The Porsche USA Parade is a must for all avid Porsche enthusiasts. It takes over a different city each year, followed by a host of loyal fans. The special feature of this year's parade was the Concours d'Elégance in the city centre. "Most events of this kind take place on golf courses. We hold them right in the middle of the city", says Harvey Yancey, the organizer in Charlotte. "The goal was to hold the events only a few minutes apart from each other by foot."





Around 200 Porsche vehicles lined up along Tryon Street to compete in the different classes. Like every year, many of the Porsche owners travelled to the USA from all over the world. The vehicles taking part in the Concours ranged from the Porsche 356, various evolution stages of the 911, right through to such exotic models as the Porsche 959 or the Carrera GT. Over 500 vehicles from all model series and eras also

took part in the Porsche Paddock event held adjacent to the Concours. Participants included representatives from practically every model year and type produced in the history of Porsche vehicles. The vehicles spilled over into the neighbouring streets of downtown Charlotte – a spectacular sight for locals and tourists. But the focus wasn't only on the vehicles. "It is the people that make the event special. Everyone is in a good

mood, wants to have a good time together and, of course, get a glimpse of the vehicles brought along by the other drivers", says Fred Young from Michigan, also highlighting why the Parade is popular among so many Porsche enthusiasts. The motto is: "see and be seen, see old friends and make new contacts".

The main topic of discussion among participants of this year's parade was, of course, the Porsche anniversary. The "60th anniversary of the Porsche sports car" was the subject of the "Heritage and Historic Display", a very special exhibition held in the Charlotte Convention Center. The vehicles on show were either privately owned or came from Porsche Cars North America, and included both series production cars and rare race cars from the past six decades.

The event week also offered a range of other activities: a time-speed-distance rally, an autocross on the Lowe's Motor Speedway, trips to local vineyards and driving competitions, as well as various seminars and workshops.



The long-time Porsche race engineer Norbert Singer held a presentation on the development of Porsche racing technology as part of the Heritage exhibition.



The Porsche USA Parade 2008 continued the success of last year's event with a total of over 2,000 participants. The 54th Parade will take place from June, 30th to July, 4 2009 in the Keystone Ski Resort, Colorado. The Porsche Club of America hopes to welcome even more visitors next year.

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Porsche Club of America

Top Position: Porsche Hospitality Events During the ALMS

In cooperation with Porsche Cars North America (PCNA), the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) and Porsche Club Coordination, Porsche Club of America organized the Porscheplatz Events once again at this year's American Le Mans Series races. Porsche Club members and Porsche owners were not only able to park their Porsche on the parking corral, but also had the opportunity to enjoy refreshments, relax and watch the television broadcasts and reports on the ALMS races on a large screen.

The American Le Mans series has been offering racing teams the opportunity to take part in both the legendary 24-hour race and an entire race season since 1999. The rules of the ALMS are based on the classic long-distance race, with two prototypes and two GT classics taking part in one race at the same time. The spectators watch four races in one – along with the ongoing excitement of fights for positions and overtaking manoeuvres.



In the automobile metropolis Detroit, the ALMS were approaching the home stretch of the 2008 season. "Detroit is one of the most beautiful city courses there is", raved defending champion Timo Bernhard before the start of the race. "The course is a wonderful mix of fast and slow curves. We drive the

course with a significantly softer setting than at the Mosport last weekend". Patrick Long was also looking forward to the last city race of the season. "Detroit is my second favourite race after Long Beach. There are always lots of fans in the stands and the atmosphere is amazing."



And the Porscheplatz Events also made a significant contribution to the pleasant atmosphere. As with the other races, the spectators watched the proceedings from a prominent position. In Detroit, 109 people experienced the race sport atmosphere live and up-close. On the corral, almost 75 Porsche vehicles covering all models and ages were an amazing sight and a magnet for visitors.

Porsche Director of Research and Development Wolfgang Dürheimer and head of Porsche Cars North America, Detlev von Platen presented the race vehicles to the visitors, explained the latest technology and outlined the rules of the race. The visitors also had the opportunity to find out more about the

latest vehicles. Farmington Porsche presented four Porsche models in Detroit and was on hand every day, together with sales staff.

Porscheplatz also took a spectacular position at this year's Grand Prix of Mosport, Canada. Spectators were able to watch the entire race from a hill. The event was first-hand proof of the popularity of the Porscheplatz Events, with a grand total of 82 Porsche vehicles and over 150 registered visitors. Two dealers presented actual Porsche models in Ontario. Downtown Porsche was present at the event with a Cayenne S and a Boxster. Pfaff Porsche presented a Cayenne GTS and a Cayman S. The appearance of the IMSA Emergency Extraction Team in their full force was a particular highlight and resulted in an extremely packed tent. All events were attended by a large number of works teams and drivers for the prototype classes, as well as the GT classes.

The Porsche Platz Events 2008 have been held in Sebring, Long Beach, Lime Rock, Mid Ohio, Road America, Road Atlanta and Laguna Seca, and will then be continued in the 2009 Season.

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