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Porsche Club Baden

Welcome to Bavaria: Porsche Club Baden Annual Trip

The trips organized by Kurt and Gisela Schaber are always an insider's tip among members of Porsche Club Baden. This time, the Club invited members to take part in an annual trip on 3rd of October 2008 to the lakes in upper Bavaria, and a first friendship meeting with Porsche Club München. The Schabers once again used their extensive experience to plan an amazing trip.

The first destination was Lake Starnberg. After lunch at the "Härings Wirtschaft" restaurant, the travellers admired the spectacular view of the mountains and breathtaking villas on the lakeside from their vessel the MS Starnberg. In the evening, guests enjoyed specialities of the Bavarian region at the Hotel "Hoisl Bräu" restaurant in Promberg in the heart of the alpine uplands.



The highlight of the next day was the first friendship meeting with Porsche Club München. The Porsche fans got along like a house on fire, and the meeting was filled with lively discussions. The group drove together from

Promberg to Tegernsee, where they savoured the gourmet menu served at the restaurant "Maiwerts Fährhütte". The speeches held by Porsche Club München President Karl Heinz Junge and Porsche Club Baden President,





Marita Kunzmann livened up the atmosphere with Club introductions and anecdotes. The journey continued along the alpine roads, crossed the Austrian border to Leutaschtal, and ended up in Kühtailerhof, where homemade Porsche cakes were presented by the landlord and landlady of a local pub. The guests from Baden took leave of their Bavarian hosts, already looking forward to the next meeting. The drivers waved good-

bye to Bavaria on the following day at the baroque Andechs monastery with a meal of Weißwurst (Bavarian veal sausage) and pretzels, before embarking on the return trip to Baden. We would like to thank Kurt and Gisela Schaber for organizing the event, and Jürgen Schultz for managing the finances.

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Porsche Club Oman

Summit Meeting in Oman: An Exciting Cayenne Off-Road Experience

The scene was set: Ten Porsche Cayenne positioned ready for off in front of the steep sand dunes, itching to prove what they are capable of. The track would have proven impossible for most vehicles, but was a welcome challenge for the Cayennes.

The two-day Cayenne Desert Camp in the Wahiba Desert, 250 km from Muscat, was organized by Porsche Club Oman in January and February, and offered a whole host of exciting challenges for participants – particularly as some of the drivers had little experience in the dunes.

After a day packed with adventure, the groups returned to the camp for an evening filled with entertainment and an exclusive evening meal.

On the second morning, the participants were ready for a longer and more challenging route. Although some of the drivers were new to this style of driving, and still had to work on their abilities in the dunes, the passion and dedication of the participants proved more than enough to compensate for their lack of experience. After all, the goal of these events is first and foremost driving pleasure and the Cayenne is a more than capable partner.

Porsche Club Oman also organized a trip from Muscat to Jebel Akhdar, a drive of around 160 kilometres through picturesque landscapes. The highlight of the trip was the final 30 kilometres through ascending mountains – the drive along the 2,000 meter high Jebel Akhdar, the highest jebel (summit) in Oman. The trip is only permitted for vehicles with four-wheel drive.



The pictures prove: the year held a whole host of eventful moments for members of Porsche Club Oman.

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Porsche Club of America, Wild Rose Region

Porsche Cars Canada: Ready for Off with Launch Control

Every year, Porsche engineers develop new solutions and with every new development the performance is increased, consumption reduced, the vehicle made more comfortable and the driving characteristics improved. Now the 911 models have been given an engine with direct fuel injection (DFI), the Porsche twin-clutch gearbox (PDK), a new communications system (PCM), an improved aerodynamic front and rear apron, and Porsche Launch Control.

Parallel to the introduction of the new features, Porsche also founded Porsche Cars Canada to gain a stronger standing in the Canadian market. Porsche Cars Canada continues to work closely with Porsche Cars North America, but also enables a greater understanding for the complex and diverse market in Canada.

In mid-October, Porsche Cars Canada organized the opening event for the market launch of the new Porsche 911. Porsche drivers from all parts of Canada, including members of Porsche Club of America, Wild Rose Region,

Vancouver Island Region, Toronto and Halifax Region, came together to discover Porsche's "inner strength" – a discovery which, of course, could only be made on the race track. In this case a converted aeroplane runway at the regional airport of Niagara.

The test drivers were informed of the various improvements made to the Porsche 911 in four units – with an extensive technology presentation, a cross-sectional model of the new PDK transmission, comparison drives with automatic and manual transmissions, a slalom run and several acceleration and braking tests.

Porsche Cars Canada was justifiably proud of the PDK transmission – but Launch Control is yet the reason for Porsche fans to buy the new model. Just imagine pressing the Sport Chrono Plus button, putting your foot down on the brake, and flooring the accelerator completely – the car revs in the limit range, but the wheels stay still! The display tells you that Launch Control is activated, you take your foot off the brake

and race down the track at maximum torque in what is best described as a rocket start. No wheel spins, pure power evolution! It's the experience of a lifetime.

Many participants were impressed by the wide range of technical developments, including the low fuel consumption, the front and rear LED light units, and the new aerodynamic mirrors, which help to keep the side windows clean. But the test drivers kept coming back to Launch Control. Needless to say the drivers are not likely to have the opportunity of using Launch Control on city roads (no matter how tempting it may be). During visits to a race track, however, or given a chance of taking part in a race, Launch Control is the new toy on every Porsche enthusiast's wish list this Christmas! And we have all been good, haven't we?

Test drivers and Porsche Club members celebrated the first Porsche Cars Canada event together, held by a most generous host. Congratulations on an impressive start – with Launch Control!



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Porsche Club UAE

Experience that Pays Off: Driving Days at the Dubai Autodrome Race Track

Tyres screech, the air vibrates with excitement, the drivers experience a sudden rush of adrenalin. The excitement in the lead-up to the coming event makes hearts race – an unforgettable driving experience is just minutes away. And in surroundings where Porsche is completely at home – on the race track!

This is a fitting description of the unique experience of participants in the Porsche Club Driving Experiences event held in February and April 2008 at the Autodrome in Dubai. Porsche Club UAE has used the FIA-certified track many times in the past to hold a wealth of unique events for its Club members. New mem-

bers were also invited to the events, where they could take part in four professionally run training units, organized especially for them.

Even the advanced drivers were given the chance to test their abilities in addition to the newly learned tips and tricks in a time trial prepared in one of the seminars.

Experiences like these simply cannot be had on public roads. Only on a race track do you have the chance to experience what a Porsche is truly capable of, and the lucky Porsche owners who took part on the event lived the fascination of Porsche first hand – the feeling of being

part of the Porsche racing sport tradition, a tradition which spurs Porsche on to victory to this very day.

The Driving Days were sponsored by Porsche Centre Dubai and Michelin. A total of 71 and 60 drivers at each event took part with their Porsche vehicles.

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Porsche Club Bahrain

**Drive without Limits:
Bahrain Track Days 2008**

Porsche drivers rarely have the opportunity to find out what their vehicle is really capable of on city roads. Porsche Club Bahrain therefore organized the Bahrain International Circuit Track Day for its members. On this day in February, the members finally had the chance to put their vehicles to the test, and experience the inexhaustible performance of their Porsches on the race track.

All Porsche drivers are motor sport fans at heart – even if they don't take part in professional races themselves. Porsche Club Bahrain brought the pro-

fessional drivers at the race track together with its Club members and gave them the opportunity to profit from the wealth of expertise offered by these experienced instructors. On the long-awaited day, 70 enthusiastic participants listened attentively as they were instructed in the rules of the race and gained an impression of the race track.

Then the participants experienced an unforgettable moment, guaranteed to set the heart of any Porsche driver racing – individual instructions were given with an introduction to apex point, braking point, curve control and drifting.

The joy felt by all was indescribable as the impressive formation of Porsche models made their way around the track: a show run of 45 vehicles, as different in colour as the nationality of their owners, brought together to experience the fascination of Porsche together.

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Porsche Club Seetal Luzern

Porsche Driver Training in Burgundy: Stretches of Sun!

Porsche Club Seetal Luzern once again organized a two-day driver training event this year on the Magny Cours Formula One race track.

The race track was reserved exclusively for Club members, customers of Porsche Centre Zug, and additional guests, for an open driver training event. In short: optimal conditions for 43 "racers" to enjoy the full driving dynamics of their Porsche models and to gain more driving practice.

The highlight this year was the appearance of professional race driver Marcel Fässler. Porsche Centre Zug provided the Club with a Porsche motorsport me-

chanic complete with workshop and towing vehicle for the entire event, as well as two Volkswagen Crafters to transport the 74 wheels. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all sponsors and volunteer helpers for their dedication.

The enthusiasm shown by all could be seen clearly in the lively exchange of experiences while enjoying the aperitif and evening meal together at the hotel.

The event was once again expertly organized by our experts Martin Kammerbauer and sports manager Heinz Arnold, for which we offer our heartfelt thanks.

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Porsche Club Jeddah

The “Butterfly” Effect: Porsche Club Jeddah at the Jeddah Race of Champions

Porsche Club Jeddah recently made an appearance on Google Earth: in the form of the brightly lit Jeddah Race Way (JRW) with butterfly design. The site was host to the long-awaited Club race event for the end of season celebration, where Porsche owners and other motor sport fans came together to test their strength against each other.

Known as JROC for short (pronounced: Jay Rock), the Jeddah Race of Champions is famous for its high speed, making it the perfect event for Porsche vehicles – an exciting occasion filled with action was guaranteed! The event itself is made up of a series of knock-out races, in which two Porsche vehicles compete for the top position on the race track over three laps.

On the day of the event, the stage was set, and the participants were visibly

excited in anticipation of their star performance, as they waited in their positions ready for off, and to prove their skills in a head-to-head race. The excitement was tangible and you could feel the passion in the air. The spectators could hardly stay in their seats.

Most of the drivers knew the high-speed butterfly race track, as they had, during the “Test and Tune Days”, taken the opportunity to familiarize themselves with it. Now they had committed every detail, the sharp turns and the wide curves, to memory.

Nevertheless, the Club board members still accompanied some of the drivers on a final lap to check the track and explain each turn and braking point one final time.

And then they were off! The Porsche ve-

hicles didn't disappoint, with an average lap time of 1:24:654, proving that speed is a basic requirement for achieving top positions in the race. And it goes without saying that the precision, training and experience of the drivers also helped on the road to success.

All in all, it was an outstanding experience for drivers and spectators alike. A day which will be looked back on fondly for years to come!

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