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Porsche Club of America

Space Requirements: Porsche Hospitality Tent at the American Le Mans Series

Together with Porsche Cars North America (PCNA), the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) and Porsche Club Coordination, Porsche Club of America organized special hospitality events for its members and Porsche visitors at last year's American Le Mans Series race. At the event, Porsche Club members and Porsche owners were not only able to park their Porsche on the car corral, but also had the opportunity to partake of refreshments, relax and follow the television broadcasts and reports on the race on the large screens. The events were also visited by Porsche Motorsport team members and drivers.

Overall, Porscheplatz Events were carried out at 10 of the 12 races held last season. More than 2,000 visitors and 1,140 Porsches reflect the success of

this series of events. In the 2008 season, Porscheplatz Events will take place at 9 of the 11 races held in the ALMS season. A highlight of the relatively young season was the presentation of the RS Spyder in Sebring. Porsche owners are welcome to visit Porscheplatz and experience this exciting season with Porsche and the Clubs first hand.

Porscheplatz Event dates:

15/03/08, Sebring
19/04/08, Long Beach
12/07/08, Lime Rock
19/07/08, Mid Ohio
09/09/08, Road America
24/09/08, Mosport
30/09/08, Detroit
04/10/08, Road Atlanta
18/10/08, Laguna Seca

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Porsche Club Ortenau

On the Road with 99 Porsche fans, 56 Porsche Vehicles – and 6 Porsche Clubs

To mark the end of the 2007 season, Porsche Club Ortenau organized a trip for all members of the newly founded Porsche Club Süd-West-Kooperation, a community of six regional Porsche Clubs – Baden, Baden-Baden, Kurpfalz, Ortenau, Pforzheim and Südliche Weinstraße. Blue sky, no rain, dry roads, and the sun also made an appearance – what more could you ask for on the road?

In a rally, the individual Porsche Club convoys reached the town hall of the historical town of Gengenbach, where Porsche Club Ortenau waited to welcome the guests with a stand-up reception. An ideal starting point for a tour through the heart of the Black Forest: The vehicles were positioned in a picturesque manner in front of the town hall. On registering, each participant received their documentation including a roadbook.

While the Porsche fans were enjoying culinary treats on the market square and under the arcades of the town hall, Jürgen Zeferer, President of Porsche Club Ortenau, welcomed all the Clubs and their members, as well as the then President of Porsche Club Deutschland, Ilse Nädele, Anke Brauns from Porsche Deutschland GmbH and the current President of Porsche Club Deutschland, Dr. Fritz Letters, a frequent guest at Porsche Club Ortenau.

After Jürgen Zeferer had given a brief description of the details of the trip, the guests took up their positions for a group photo in front of the town hall. Then it was time for the first of the seven guided groups to go. They were sent off on their journey at ten minute intervals. The 112 km long drive took them through lovely streets and the

wonderful hilly landscape at the heart of the Black Forest. “Why go abroad when there is so much beauty on our doorstep?” no doubt went through many of the driver’s minds as they passed through these surroundings.

With a holiday feeling, the Club members drove through forests and fields, past Gaisberg and Streitberg to Elztal. The journey then continued to Simonswäldertal.

After a short stop in Simonswald, it was off to Furtwangen, Schönwald and through Triberg, famous for its waterfalls. Then the journey progressed down the valley along the B33 to Gutacher Vogtsbauernhöfen, where the restaurant “Zum Hofengel” was waiting to serve the guests with food and drink.

The atmosphere was relaxed and the guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The evening meal was a lovely end to a wonderful day shared with fellow Club members.

The last of the four highly successful events marked the start of the Winter break for the newly founded Porsche Club Süd-West-Kooperation. Everyone is now looking forward to the 2008 season!

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