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A Christmas Greeting

**Porsche Club Presidents,
Porsche Club Members,**



When the first snowflakes on Porsche's parent plant from the sky over Zuffenhausen fall we know one thing: another year is drawing to a close.

2005 was a very special year for Porsche. Not just because our company – despite a difficult overall economic environment – bucked the trend within the sector by taking another major step back on the road to growth. The fact that we are able to work hard and turn our target-oriented efforts into commercial success has already been amply and impressively demonstrated in previous years.

No, what came as a genuine surprise to even the experts within the sector was our tie-up with Volkswagen AG. Now that the initial excitement has subsided a little, even the more critical observers are coming to realise that this commitment makes equally good sense for both parties.

Quite apart from the fact that it was Prof. Ferdinand Porsche who had once laid the foundation stone for the Volkswagen company with the famous "beetle", in recent years Porsche has worked in close cooperation with VW in the areas of development and production. It is a successful cooperation which we want to build on in the future. It was quite apparent that a participating interest would put further coop-

eration on a firm footing. Then there is the fact that Volkswagen AG was in danger of being acquired by groups of investors who may possibly have split the group up for a high short-term return. Should Porsche stand by and do nothing? Certainly not.

We therefore acted decisively – and thereby safeguarded our successful business system for the future. The partnership with Volkswagen will help Porsche to continue on its unwavering path back to growth. The development of a Cayenne with a hybrid power system, which is expected to be on the market by the end of the decade, is just one of the future projects that we will be realising in conjunction with Volkswagen.

Even apart from this strategic position that has been taken up, much has been done at Porsche in 2005: The Boxster welcomed a new generation, and with the market launch of the current 4-wheel drive variants of the Carrera the new generation of the 911 family is almost complete. The engineering and design of these attractive sports cars have been enthusiastically received by the market. Then there is the Cayenne, which is also enjoying healthy levels of demand in its fourth year of production – far higher than our original expectations, in fact.

With the new Cayman S, which is due to be delivered to the first customers very soon, we are now fully back in the black. Rarely before has a new model received so many plaudits in advance of the start of sales as this two-seater, mid-engine coupé with which we are closing the gap between the Boxster and the 911. Last but not least, we would like to mention our future fourth

series, the realisation of which we decided on this year: From 2009, the Panamera, a four-door front-engine, rear-wheel drive sports coupé, will provide a stiff challenge to the competition in the luxury limousine segment. Be surprised.

In recent months we have achieved a lot – not least through the support of Porsche enthusiasts from all over the world. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you, the presidents and members of the Porsche Clubs, for your generous support.

Let us use the holiday period ahead of us to spend time with our families and recharge our batteries so that we can continue the Porsche success story. May I, on behalf of the entire Porsche Board, wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and successful 2006.

Best wishes from Zuffenhausen

Dr. Wendelin Wiedeking

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1. New from Porsche AG

Porsche Lizenz- und Handelsgesellschaft

New Porsche Design Stores opened



The Porsche Design Group (Porsche Lizenz- und Handelsgesellschaft mbH & Co KG), with its head office in Bietigheim-Bissingen, has opened new Porsche Design stores in Hamburg, London, Tokyo and New York in the last half-year.

“Porsche Design is to be developed into one of the leading premium brands in the high-quality accessories segment in the coming years. In line with the positioning of the brand, we are pursuing an exclusive and selective sales concept for Porsche Design”, says Dr. Siegmund Rudigier, chief executive of the Porsche Design Group.

At the heart of the store concept is what has been dubbed the “gate to the future”. It consists of three plasma monitors positioned in the store on the left, centre and right-hand walls, and the “scan table” – a square slate block positioned in the centre of the store in which scanner and monitor are integrated. As soon as a customer puts a product on the scan table, animated films showing product images and information appear on the three plasma monitors. The virtual impression created is that other gate opening – the “gate to the future”.



Another new feature in the store architecture is “night shopping”: Arrows attached to the showroom window enable the customer to surf through the product range interactively at night. Using touch control, all of the products in the shop window can be viewed and the corresponding information called up.

With stores already opened in Berlin, Munich, London, Beverly Hills and Costa Mesa/Los Angeles, the company now has eight of its own stores

worldwide. According to Rudigier, a total of 30 such stores will emerge over the next five years.

Worldwide club support of Porsche AG

New drive concept for sporty off-road vehicle

Porsche plans Cayenne with hybrid engine



Porsche AG is planning to launch a fourth variant of its sporty off-road vehicle, the Cayenne, on the market by the end of the decade. The vehicle will be fitted with a hybrid engine (spark ignition gas engine and electric motor) developed in conjunction with the Volkswagen Group.

The environmentally friendly drive concept in the Cayenne makes provision for the use of a so-called "full hybrid". That is to say, the vehicle is to be fitted with a spark ignition internal combustion engine and an electric motor which can be operated both independently of each other and jointly. A second clutch between the two power units ensures that the electric motor can function completely independently if required. So-called power electronics then use the accelerator pedal position to calculate the electric energy that has to flow from the storage battery housed in the rear to the e-motor in order to achieve the desired driving power. When the sec-

ond clutch is engaged both the combustion engine and the electric motor transmit their power to the transmission. When the electrical energy is consumed, the e-motor switches off automatically and the drive is then exclusively through the combustion engine.

These three different operating phases allow exclusive use of the electric motor not only during moderate starting up at traffic lights and when manoeuvring in a car park, but also during journeys in residential areas where the speed limit is 30 km per hour. Braking using the electric engine is also possible. The electrical energy created is stored in the battery and can be re-used later for journeys in electric mode.

The hybrid concept favoured by Porsche connects consumption-reduced, emission-free driving in electric mode with Porsche's typical driving dynamics. By

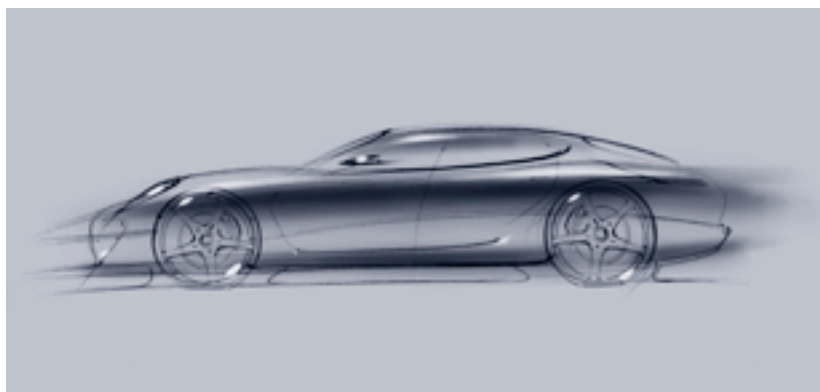


using the electric motor, fuel consumption is reduced by around 15 per cent. The reduced fuel consumption was key to the decision in favour of the hybrid Cayenne.

Porsche press release
of 13 September 2005

"Green light" for fourth Porsche series

"Panamera" sports coupé to enter market in 2009



series will be profitable, however, we will be working more closely than we have before with certain system suppliers." According to the Porsche boss, the German share in terms of the value added will be something in the region of 70 per cent. Like the 911, Boxster and Cayenne before it, the Panamera will bear the quality mark "Made in Germany".

Porsche press release
27 July 2005

The Supervisory Board and the Board of Directors of Porsche AG have given the green light for the development and production of another vehicle series. The new vehicle will be a premium class 4-seater, 4-door sports coupé available in various engineering types. It will be powered by a front engine with rear-wheel drive. The "Panamera" – the name is derived from the legendary La Carrera Panamericana road race – will be the fourth series produced by the Stuttgart-based car manufacturer, and will succeed the 911, Boxster and Cayenne. It is expected to appear on the market in 2009. The total investment, including development costs, for the new series will run to at least one billion euros, and will be financed internally. The plan is to sell a minimum 20,000 of the cars a year.

The Panamera may be made in Leipzig, where the sporty off-road Cayenne and the high-performance sports car the Carrera GT are currently produced. However, detailed talks still need to be held at the Leipzig plant between the Board of Directors of Porsche AG, the management of Porsche Leipzig GmbH and employee representatives. An extension to the

existing assembly shop would be required from 2006/2007. If the Leipzig plant is awarded the contract, around 600 new jobs could be created. Around a further 400 new jobs will be created in total over the term of the project at the parent plant in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen, where the engines will be produced for the fourth series, and at the development centre in Weissach.

Dr. Wendelin Wiedeking, Chairman of the Management Board of Porsche AG says: "We have taken plenty of time over this decision. But of one thing we are now quite certain: the 'Panamera' will be very much a Porsche because it has all of the typical sports car traits. In terms of performance, design and driving dynamics, it will do full justice to Porsche's high standards. In this sports coupé we will be offering our customers an attractive top-class package."

Dr. Wiedeking announced that Porsche will produce the Panamera autonomously. "We will develop our own platform in Weissach for what will be our fourth series. There are no plans for a cooperation project with another car manufacturer. To ensure that the new

Porsche Leipzig

Porsche Leipzig Experience



Enjoy a Porsche experience in Leipzig that is more intensive and exciting than ever before. "Porsche Leipzig live" gives you undreamt-of possibilities to experience the Porsche legend at close quarters. Imagine immersing yourself in an experience which includes a guided tour of the production of the Cayenne and Carrera GT and a visit to the tower at the customer centre – and much more besides. Extend your visit to the plant with a brunch or four-course meal in Porsche's own restaurant. Treat yourself to a ride in a Porsche Cayenne Turbo or the 911 GT2 on the FIA-certified circuit with a professional Porsche driver at the wheel. It's guaranteed to set the pulse racing. You can, of course, also book yourself an adventure off road.

A host of offers are available through to a complete experience day with a three-course menu and an ample drive both on the circuit and off road. Then

sit at the wheel yourself and an experienced instructor will be on hand to provide valuable tips. Curious? Then call one of the following telephone numbers today to order your Porsche Leipzig live brochure, or take a look at the Porsche Leipzig website: www.porsche.de/leipzig

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Renovation work in Weissach



Renovation work is in full swing at the Motorsport complex in Weissach. Great strides have been made since the first sketches for the redesign were submitted in January 2005. Just a month later the Porsche Board of Directors approved the renovation of three buildings and the creation of corresponding car parking facilities. The parking deck, including storage building for Cup vehicles, is expected to be followed by the office block and then the customer sports storage with offices and lorry terminal. The reorganisation is expected to be completed by the end of 2006. Porsche CEO Dr. Wendelin Wiedeking was not going to let anything stop him lending his own energetic support. When the so-called "hut" was pulled down in the Weissach Flacht part of the plant, he personally drove the digger.

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2. Event calendar

Porsche Club Sverige

Porsche Parade 2006 in Gothenburg



It's something that all Porsche Club members and their families shouldn't miss: The Porsche Parade 2006 in Gothenburg from the 29th of June to the 2nd of July which will offer a varied programme. The first day will begin with an opening celebration, followed the next day by a celebration of 30 years of the existence of the Porsche Club Sverige; there are also numerous driving events planned. The 1st of July will see a Concours d'Elégance and a Porsche Parade through the centre of Gothenburg on the main street which is normally closed to cars. The day will finish with a gala evening, with a departure brunch on the Sunday bringing the programme to a conclusion.

All further information at www.porsche.com, under the category of "Motorsport & Events, Porsche Clubs".

Visitors should make their own hotel reservations at the Gothia Tower Hotel (www.hotel-gothia.se).

The Swedish Porsche Club is also offering a very special service: It has drawn up a programme which will enable Porsche members travelling to the event to experience Sweden at its most beautiful. Whether it's a boat trip on the Dalsland Canal, an exploration of Stockholm with its charming Old Town and interesting museums, a visit to a silver mine or just a trip through extraordinarily beautiful areas – the

five-day programme has something to enthuse all comers. Precise details and costs can be obtained from Johnny & Gunilla Lachmann at lachmann@telia.com, or from Lars & Anita Kjellin at lars.anita.kjellin@telia.com. Don't miss this unique opportunity.

Club members arriving from abroad without a car still have a number of opportunities to take part in the Parade 2006 in a Porsche. The Porsche Importer in Sweden, for example, will offer club members a limited number of vehicles; the cost will be in the region of € 110.00 per day (fuel costs are not included).

If the supply of cars provided for the purpose is exhausted, Porsche AG can still come to the rescue. Total costs could be as follows, but may vary:

Participation in the parade, excluding following programme:

Vehicle collection from PAG
Journey from Stuttgart to Gothenburg (return travel arranged by our forwarding agent)

Number of kilometres: ca. 1,300

Cost per kilometre: € 0.76

Pro rata costs for return transport: € 495.00

Total costs: ca. € 1,483.00

not included: Petrol, ferry and accommodation!

Participation in the parade, including following programme:

Number of additional kilometres: ca. 1,200

Cost per kilometre: € 0,76

Total costs for following program: ca. € 912.00

Total for Parade & following programme: ca. € 2,395.00

not included: Petrol, ferry and accommodation!

All participants must sign a rental agreement with an excess of **€ 3,000.00** before taking possession of the vehicle.

Club members who would like a vehicle to be provided should contact Porsche Club support as soon as possible.

Participants arriving from overseas also have the opportunity to take part in a guided tour of the plant in Zuffenhausen, with a dinner, on the 26th of June 2006. You can then continue your journey from Stuttgart to Sweden. If you are interested in this offer, please let us know as soon as possible.

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Le Mans Classic 2006

The Le Mans Classic event, first staged in 2002 and held every two years, is a great favourite with historic motorsport enthusiasts. The 2006 event will be held from the 7th to the 9th of July: 400 racing cars dating from 1923 to 1979, including all Porsche models from this era, will bring the past of the legendary Le Mans 24-hour race back to life.



The Porsche Clubs, especially the Club Porsche France 911 Classic, and RS Magazine and Porsche AG will be supporting the event, which is being organised by the agency Patrick Peter. As a Club special, 911 places will be available in the Club car park for Porsche 911s, as well as a hospitality tent and an supporting programme which will include an exhibition of historic racing cars. Only members will have access to the Club site. All recognised European Porsche Clubs will receive further information in January 2006; the information will also be available on Porsche AG's Club Services website.

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Porsche Parade Japan

Porsche Club Japan will be staging the traditional Porsche Parade Japan on the Suzuka race circuit between the 26th and the 28th of May 2006. Around 200 vehicles are expected to take part. The event will include not only driving on the circuit itself, but there will also be a comprehensive supporting programme for Porsche Club members and their families. Details of the programme had not been finalised when Porsche Club News went to press.

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31. International Porsche 356 Meeting

The Registro Italiano Porsche 356 is organising the international Porsche 356 Meeting for the third time; the 2006 meeting will be staged from the 25th to the 28th of May in Padua. The event will feature numerous high spots, including a visit to the Venetian Villas, a photographic competition, a Concours d'Elégance, and driving several laps on the Adria International Raceway. A detailed programme of the events, available in several languages, and an application form are available from the website at: www.RegistrotalianoPorsche356.it

Mille Miglia 2006

A date has now been set for the 24th staging of the Mille Miglia Storico: between the 11th and the 14th of May 2006, the finest racing and sports cars from 1927 to 1957 will once again be making the journey from Brescia to Rome - and back. Among the 373 vehicles taking part, there will, of course, be many Porsches to admire. Every year the event draws thousands of enthusiastic spectators, with starters coming from all over the world. In principle, the route will be the same as the Mille Miglia 2005. The first car is scheduled to set off at 8 p.m. on May - with the preceding hours taken up by a technical inspection on the Piazza della Vittoria in Brescia. Information is available on the Internet at: www.millemiglia.it



Porsche Model Club Winter Swap

The 9th International Porsche Model Club Winter Swap will be staged on the 18th of March 2006 in Stuttgart-Degerloch – the world's biggest exchange and exhibition of 1:1 to 1:220 scale vehicles and Porsche automobilia. Around 2,500 square metres of space will be available to the 75 suppliers, with many collectors and exhibitors from Europe and beyond expected. The event, which will take place in the SSB Waldaupark near the television tower on Friedrich-Ströbel-Weg 4-6, 70597 Stuttgart-Degerloch, is on from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The entrance fee is 5 euros, with children under ten admitted free.

Further information is available from the general secretary of the Porsche Model Club, PO Box 2, NL-7800 AA Emmen, Netherlands, Tel.: +31 (0)599 67 14 42, Fax: +31 (0)599 67 10 44, E-mail: info@koop-co.nl

3. Information exchange

Porsche Design Driver's Selection

Make a wish and these presents will arrive.

Do you get annoyed too when other people get irritated about things that not even a David Copperfield could change? Take the weather. True, a cold isfront from Russia is hardly a white tiger that we can make disappear into a shoebox. But rather than getting upset as nature's mood changes, we should look on the bright side. The weather will do what it will, and winter

has its good side too. Powdery snow in the mountains, for example, frozen lakes for ice skaters, and snowmen built by children in our front gardens. There are so many things to look forward to.

And winter is not yet upon us. So when your neighbours are not in the best of moods because it's cold and wet out-

side, well, that's the time for them to write out their wish list. That will lift their mood. Here are some ideas for presents from Porsche Design Driver's Selection.



Porsche Centre for Children

A robust copy of a Porsche Centre with lifting platform, hoist, petrol station, car wash and descent ramp. With three model cars and removable roof. Suitable for children from 4 onwards.



Individually numbered

A 5,000-limited edition Porsche collector's cup. With images of the Porsche 911 Carrera RSR. Dishwasher-compatible.



Limited Edition

Carrera-GT model made from Swarovski crystal, limited to 1,500 copies worldwide. Aluminium plinth with carbon frame.



Smart sporty job

Child's sports car, simple to fold away. Suitable for the boot of the 911. With optional baby's bathtub, can also be used for infants.



Functional elegance

Highly-functional ladies jacket for business and leisure. Waterproof, windproof and breathable. Quilted, detachable inner jacket



Soft centre

High-grade down jacket with a particularly high-quality soft down filling. Two-way zip fastener, hood in the collar.

Further information and order details under: www.porsche.de/shop

Porsche Tequipment

With advice and assistance

History will not have to be rewritten: Porsche has not reinvented the wheel – just made it sporty. The latest evidence of this comes in the shape of the 19-inch Carrera Sport wheel, with GT silver metallic wheel spokes and highly-polished rim flanges which will soon also be available for the Boxster.



Designed like all Porsche Tequipment wheel/tyre combinations for extreme sporting appeal and safety, it also has great aesthetic appeal. The extremely sporty styling is immediately evident in the individual, dynamic appearance.

19-inch Carrera Sport summer complete wheel set

- For 911 models (type 997) without tyre pressure control
Part number: 997 044 602 09
- For 911 models (type 997) with tyre pressure control
Part number: 997 044 602 10
- For Boxster (type 987) without tyre pressure control
Part number: 987 044 602 09
- For Boxster (type 987) with tyre pressure control
Part number: 987 044 602 10

Shift throw reduction is also synonymous with sportiness. It can be combined with all aluminium, wood and carbon gear levers in the Tequipment programme.



Shift throw reduction

- For Boxster (type 986) and 911 models (type 996)
Part number: 000 044 700 26
- For Boxster (type 987) and 911 models (type 997)
Part number: 997 424 983 00

Effective accents are created by the door sill trims with illuminated type logo and additional aluminium gear lever and handbrake lever combination. This includes a full aluminium gear lever with leather trim in the interior colour, and matching handbrake lever covered with leather in the interior colour. Thoroughbred detail: the aluminium insert with Porsche logo.



Optional gear lever/handbrake lever in aluminium

- For Boxster (type 987) with 5-gear transmission
Part number: 987 044 800 70 + colour code
- For Boxster (type 987) with 6-gear transmission and 911 models (type 997)
Part number: 997 044 800 70 + colour code

You can obtain the corresponding colour codes and part numbers for the door sill trims with illuminated logo from your Porsche partner.

All products are also available factory-fitted through Porsche Exclusive.

Further information on the complete Porsche Tequipment product range can be obtained from your Porsche partner or the Internet at: www.porsche.com.



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5. Reports

Porsche Clubs Latin America

Porsche Clubs in Latin America expanding

Thanks to the Porsche Clubs in Latin America, Porsche owners in this region have enjoyed a host of different events for a number of years. They range from the Porsche Club breakfast to outings, driving events and informal meetings. The clubs play an important role in the leisure time of Porsche customers, and offer ideal opportunities for enjoying the vehicles to the full in a safe environment. There are now ten Porsche clubs in Latin America with over 1,500 members – clear evidence of the close commitment and loyalty to the brand. Here are some examples of the club's activities in recent months:



Porsche Club de Mexico New regions established

The active members of the Club Porsche Mexico and the Director of Porsche de Mexico, Fernando Flores Beristain, approved the inclusion of two further regions on the occasion of an extraordinary meeting held on the 3rd of September. Jorge Rios Hellig, President of the Club Porsche Mexico, welcomed the regions of Puebla and Aguascalientes by handing over the official club logo to their representatives. In doing so, he and his predecessor Sergio Nieta were living up to their promise to support the establishment of new regions in Mexico. Despite its 15-year existence, the club had not had a presence outside Mexico City.

Porsche Club Dominican Republic Out on the racetrack

On the 6th of August 2005 members of the Porsche Club Dominican Republic met at the Santo Domingo race circuit to test the latest Porsche models. Over 50 vehicles gathered at this Porsche Sport Driving Experience, which had been organised by the local Porsche dealer. Local instructors representing Porsche AG offered helpful tips for an optimum driving style. The club, which was founded in 2001, sets particular store by Porsche's motorsport tradition on the occasion of its meetings, and therefore the race circuit has become a "second home" to club members.



**Porsche Club Argentina
Many activities**

The Argentinian Porsche importer Nordenwagen S.A., which also represents the Porsche Club Argentina, arranged a Sport Driving School in August 2005, based on an official Porsche Sport Driving programme. A Porsche AG instructor also attended this two-day event at the military site of Campo de Mayo outside Buenos Aires. The Porsche Club Argentina is one of the most active clubs in Latin America and organises numerous events. Planning includes, for example, a Cayenne Week with a trip through the beautiful Patagonia and the annual Porsche Festival at the racing circuit in Buenos Aires. In July, the club had undertaken an unforgettable tour to Germany, which included a trip through the Black Forest, several laps of the Hockenheimring, and a visit to the Zuffenhausen plant.



**Porsche Club do Brazil
Sport Driving Schools**

The sport driving schools are very popular with the Brazilian Porsche Club. The events held in Curitiba and at the Interlagos Formula One track alone attracted more than 60 drivers. The events calendar includes three Sport Driving Schools, a Porsche Club Racing Festival and, of course, six racing weekends for the newly-established GT3 Cup Challenge. With some 250 members, the Porsche Club do Brazil is the largest Porsche Club in South America.

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Porsche Club of America, Golden Gate Region

Boxsters of the California Highway Patrol



It is a story to make you smile. A few months ago, the word was that the California Highway Patrol (CHP) would be discarding its Camaros and replacing them with Porsche Boxsters. It soon turned out to be a misunderstanding. But we're sticking to the facts. Yes, there had been a Porsche Boxster in the CHP Outfit, temporarily – but it was only the one.

The story began when Officer Herman Quon had the idea of using a Porsche Boxster to draw attention to the CHP's "Designated Driver Program". The idea of the campaign was to prevent road accidents caused by excessive consumption of alcohol. The advice given is simple but effective: Anyone planning to spend a cosy evening drinking wine or beer should nominate a driver beforehand who would remain sober and get everybody home safely.

Carlsen Porsche in Redwood City wanted to support the campaign and the original idea, and temporarily provided a Boxster S which Officer Quon, with a few minor adjustments here and there, converted to make it look like a standard police car. For example, he covered the doors with a white protective foil to which he applied the CHP crest. At the rear he provided a Highway Patrol logo made from stick-on letters.

The car soon became a top eye-catcher, being used, for example, at a charity event, where it was the lead vehicle in a parade consisting of 55 exclusive vehicles on Highway 1. The CHP presented the Porsche at various opportunities, and, following several jocular remarks made by officers, the rumour referred to at the beginning soon gained momentum. Officer Quon can still be satisfied with himself.



The Boxster has been an outstanding success in accomplishing what he set out to achieve with the "Designated Driver Program".

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Porsche Racing Club Finland

Good Start



The Porsche Club Finland is one of the oldest Porsche Clubs in northern Europe, and will celebrate 35 years of its existence in 2006. Driver training has always played a key role in the club's activities. Ever stricter safety regulations, however, have made informal competitions on race circuits visibly more difficult over the years. However, with so many people unwilling to give up such events, the Porsche Racing Club Finland (PRCF) was formed in November 2004, growing to over 60 members in a very short space of time. The PRCF is now a member of the Finnish FIA Organisation AKK and is authorised to organise races on a grander scale.

The first event was organised in conjunction with the parent club Porsche Club Finland at the Ahvensito circuit in Hämeenlinna, one of the best-known circuits in Scandinavia. More than 70 Porsches took part in the racetrack and slalom events. For the sake of fairness, the vehicles were split into three

categories. The local Motorsport Club of Hämeenlinna, the Ahveniston Auto-urheilijat, assisted in the organisation of the event and provided valuable professional tips. Everything went off magnificently, with participants and spectators alike enthralled.

The Porsche Racing Club Finland expects even more vehicles to attend the next event. Members of other Porsche Clubs who would like to race in Finland should contact us. Gentlemen, start your engines.

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Porsche Club Steiermark

Three Nations Rally: Austria-Slovenia-Italy



This year, 90 participants drawn from Switzerland, Germany, Slovenia and Austria – divided into 42 teams – gathered for the third staging of this challenging event. The Porsche Centre in Graz was the event's starting point. The first stage saw the competitors being checked for regularity in the beautiful Styrian winegrowing country where they had to maintain an average speed of 50 km/h on a section of the route. They then had to complete the same section at a previously-announced average speed of their own choice.

This was followed by other tasks, including a navigation stage in the Caravanche mountain range on the Slovenian border. Anyone finding one of the points they were looking for along the route had to document the find using a digital camera. Participants with good control of their Porsche were later able to collect points during the subsequent slalom



held by the Motorsport Club Ferlach, while connoisseurs of Porsche history could make up ground on their competitors in a quiz.

The second day, which began in Kranjska Gora in Slovenia, proved to be equally demanding. The final competition took place in Italy at the Sella Nevea pass. Everybody then headed for Tarvis where this year's Three Nations Rally drew to a close with a splendid Italian meal.

The two days offered a fantastic mix of routes ideally suited to Porsche and tests which even the well-prepared teams found quite a challenge. This year's winner was Professor Rasto Ovin from Slovenia. His prize was a short flight over Carinthia.

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Porsche Club Berchtesgaden

Excursion to Obersalzberg



The response to this event, which was arranged spontaneously by Porsche Club Berchtesgaden, was enormous: Numerous club members registered to take part in the event at a brunch in the new Hotel Intercontinental Resort Berchtesgaden, charmingly situated at a height of 1,000 metres. A convoy of 20 Porsches set about tackling the winding road up to Obersalzberg – where the gradient was up to 24 per cent in places. The Club vehicles then parked directly in front of the main entrance to the 5-star hotel.

It was a day when everything went off perfectly: the splendid weather, the variety of the journey, the fascinating mountain panorama with its breathtaking views of the nearby Salzburg region, the legendary Watzmann massive, and last but not least the excellent brunch – all left an overwhelming impression on those who took part.

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Porsche Club Holland

Porsche Zandvoort Days 2005



The second staging of the Porsche Zandvoort Days, organised by the Racing Division of the Porsche Club Holland, was met with a great response. Around 260 participants from 22 Porsche Clubs from all over Western Europe were welcomed to this second July weekend at the Formula One circuit beside the North Sea. Categories included Fun, Sports and Race, with the latter category reserved exclusively for racing cars with slicks.

The variety of vehicles in the field was impressive indeed. They ranged from an early Porsche 928 right through to a present-day white Carrera GT – incidentally the only white example produced to date. Also notable was the large number of GT3 RSs being put through their paces on the route.

Those of the 4,500 visitors arriving in a Porsche were allowed to park in an area reserved exclusively for them. The result was a truly spectacular sight

of Porsche models from a wide variety of years and types.

But it wasn't the races alone which made the route to Zandvoort worth travelling. A total of 985 people took the opportunity to complete a circuit at race pace as passengers. Many younger car fans also completed a circuit as part of the "kiddy event", though at a much more sedate pace.

A Porsche Club Holland information stand, an exhibition of GT3 Cup vehicles and a presentation of classic vehicles initiated by Pon's rounded off this successful event.

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Porsche Sport Club Zürich

**Anniversary
excursion**



Porsche Sport Club Zurich celebrated 45 years of its existence with a four-day excursion which featured numerous high points. It all began on the Thursday with a visit to the Rolls-Royce Museum in Dornbirn and an entertaining guided tour by the head of the museum, Franz Vonier. The visit that followed to the only remaining private dairy in the Lechtal proved that Switzerland does not have a monopoly on good cheese.

The Porsche driving event was the main feature of the second day, not least because of the challenging route over the Hahntennjoch and, of course, there was the Club Gymkhana. An excursion to the neighbouring Bavaria region the following day took participants to sites such as the abbey of Ettal, Schloss Linderhof and Stift Weisskirchen. The event concluded on the Sunday with yet another trip out. This time, the cableway trip in superb visibility was an unforgettable experience. With so many wonderful memories packed away, the Club members then headed for home.

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Porsche Club Berlin

Club evening on the Wannsee



In August this year Porsche Club Berlin unceremoniously held its members meeting on water for the second time. As before, participants were guests at the traditional Potsdamer Yacht Club (PYC). Board member Christian Voigtländer, himself an active sailor in the PYC, had prepared two 11-metre regatta yachts together with his sailing friends – and then the event was underway.

At Böen in a 6-strength wind both crews, under the command of skipper Jürgen Orders and helmsman Christian Metzging, showed us what it means to sail such large yachts in regatta conditions. As both boats had crews of only three instead of the usual five, some of the Club members took the opportunity to put their sailing skills to the test. Because of the cloudy weather there were very few boats on the



Wannsee – so the conditions were superb for our yachts, “Avanti” and “Sweet Sixteen”, which have had many successes with their experienced crews.

After two eventful hours we re-entered the PYC harbour. Sailors and Porsche drivers then spent a lengthy time together in the cosy clubhouse. A different, but successful, members meeting.

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Porsche Club Göppingen

Perfectly staged annual outing



It was obvious from the approach journey from Süßen via Heidenheim and Nördlingen through the romantic Altmühltal that it was going to be a fantastic excursion. Simply everything was right: the beautiful route, the fabulous weather and the enjoyable rest along the way in a typical Bavarian beer garden.

During a further small break at a car park, another Porsche driver surprisingly joined the others, introducing himself as the vice president of the Porsche Club Regensburg and head of the Porsche Centre. This chance meeting was to have its consequences. For Willi Schreiber not only gave us important tips for our stay in Regensburg,

he also invited us to a veal sausage breakfast at the Porsche Centre in Regensburg. His crowning achievement was that he even managed to enthuse Walter Röhrli for this chance meeting, who then signed autographs and recounted some thrilling stories.

It was an experience which was one more highlight of the club outing. But even without this visit to the Porsche Centre Regensburg the programme was a success. Whether it was the convivial evening in Regensburg Old Town, the boat trip on the Donau or the extraordinarily interesting guided tour of the city with a visit to the castle – all of the events were met with great enthusiasm. The finishing touch was the choice of accommodation – the charming Hotel Sorat nestling in the midst of the Donau and, of course, the culinary delights.

In the “Ellwanger Berge” service area on our departure we all agreed that Alexander Moser, the organiser of this year’s 2005 annual outing, had given us some wonderful days with his commitment, and the town of Regensburg the prospect of some returning holiday guests.

We’ll certainly be back!

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Porsche 356 Club Japan

30th anniversary meeting



Around 70 smart Porsches, including a Carrera GT, gathered on the first weekend in October in front of the Redbrick Warehouse in Yokohama – a breathtaking sight. After a Concours d'Elégance, everybody set off on a two-hour journey to the Fuji Education Centre. A dinner party was then held in the nearby Country Club, the Taiheiyo Club, in the course of which representatives of Porsche AG and Porsche Japan expressed their congratulations on the 30th anniversary of the Club's establishment. Five founder members – Sumio Iseki, Kenji Sasamoto, Teruki Aoyama, Yoshiro Ichikawa and Masatoshi Sato Yoshifumi Kumazawa – were awarded prizes for their services to the Club.

The 13-strong membership of the Porsche 356 Club Japan in 1976 has since grown to 130. The enthusiasm for cars and the Club has happily passed on to the younger generation, so that the Club now has members of two generations of the same family attending Club events.



The next day, the vehicles set out on a regularity rally over 76 kilometres. The splendid scenery and a visit to a waterfall made the excursion thoroughly enjoyable. The lunch which followed at the Fuji Education Centre was an absolute highlight for many Club members: what better way to enjoy a meal than in close proximity to the cars and in the company of fellow Porsche enthusiasts? Everybody is looking forward to the next 356 Holiday in 2007.

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Porsche Club 928, Region Rhein-Main

Lively excursion



This year, members of the Porsche Club 928 were able to enjoy the outstanding touring qualities of their Porsche 928s to the full on several excursions. One of these excursions, in July, took members to Trier and the Porsche Centre where the premises and, of course, the latest Porsche models were available for inspection. Several 928s on the site testified to the fact that the Porsche Centre Trier also knows a thing or two about classic Porsche models. With all rooms fully air-conditioned, Club members, despite the very high summer temperatures, were able to enjoy the buffet provided in a pleasant atmosphere.

Previously, the participants at the event in Trier had visited the Porta Nigra and taken a trip around the town in an open top double-decker bus which provided an unhindered view of the sites.

The prospects were not quite so rosy at the start of the Rhein trip in September when the heavens opened to welcome participants gathering at the start area with their vehicles in Lan-

genselbold. Fortunately, however, the weather had brightened up by the time they reached the first stopping off point of the trip, the Niederwalddenkmal memorial at Rudesheim, and so the trip along the Rhein – with further stopping off points at the Loreley and Rudesheim - was not a washout. The excursion concluded with a meal on the picturesque terrace of the Weingut Hotel Schön, from where the Club members then set off for home.

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VW Porsche 914 Club Deutschland

Up and away in the Porsche 914



Once again, the VW Porsche 914s were able to put their qualities as high-fliers to the test - this time on the occasion of the 2nd Swiss Pass Trip in the Bernese Oberland. The first destination of this three-day event was Brienz am Brienzensee, the starting point of our trip through the mountains and valleys. The Swiss section had once again made meticulous preparations – from the rally sign right down to the onboard catering - and so it was that the 27 vehicles set off to climb the Sustenpass. The Furka and Grimsel passes were also conquered, with so many opportunities in between to be amazed by nature – whether it was the rock glacier “Bisihalt”, the ice grotto of the Rhone Glacier, or the magnificent view of lake Grimsensee during the midday stop at a height of over 2,000 metres, the trip provided unforgettable moments.

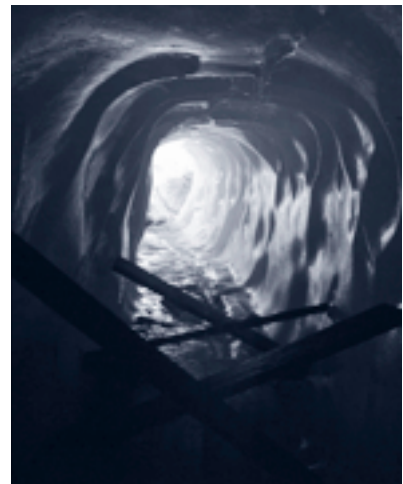
Late in the afternoon, the Mayor of Brienz welcomed the participants in the town hall, with the summer's day

evening spent on the terrace of the lake hotel Löwen under a starlit sky.

The following day's programme took everybody back to the good old days with a visit to the nearby open-air museum at Ballenberg. In over 100 historical buildings it was possible to see how people lived and worked in days of yore – a decidedly interesting experience.

All too soon it was time to depart. The 2nd Swiss Pass Trip was greatly praised by participants, and everybody hopes to see the event continue. Don't they say that all good things come in threes?

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Club für den klassischen Porsche 911

Excursion tracks

Anyone wondering what the Club had in mind for the 15th anniversary of the classic Porsche 911 in July this year only had to buy a newspaper. The Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung (WAZ) reported on the event on the 18th of July with a big article. How it all started is easy to explain. The Club had set out on an excursion with around 25 vehicles, and when it arrived at Velbert-Neviges along the way, a local reporter seized the opportunity, photographed the vehicles and interviewed their owners.

But readers didn't just learn about the day's programme, which concluded with a barbecue in Essen; they also learned that many of the 60 Club members came from North Rhine Westphalia and that they got together six or seven times a year. The furthest journey to these meetings is always that made by Dutchman René Hoogendoorn, but he is always happy to attend because of the friendly atmosphere. When asked about his 1965 version of the 911, he quoted the WAZ: "It runs and runs and runs." In short, it was an article which was a great joy to all Porsche fans and particularly, of course, to Club members.

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