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Porsche Club Singapore

20th Anniversary of Porsche Club Singapore at the Porsche Pit Stop Singapore

In one single unique event underscoring Porsche's unparalleled motorsports heritage, the Porsche Pit Stop Singapore brought together Porsche Asia Pacific, Porsche Centre Singapore and the Porsche Club Singapore for a very special three-fold celebration.

The day kicked off with the official Porsche Carrera Cup Asia Season and media launch, that was hosted in Singapore for the first time in line with the announcement of Porsche Carrera Cup Asia's participation as a support race to the 2008 Formula 1™ SingTel Singapore Grand Prix. The new partnership with the financial service provider DBS and project development company SC Global was also announced. More than 80 local and international media teams followed this special event and broadcast it throughout Asia.



Porsche Club Singapore also celebrated in 20th anniversary during the Pit Stop event. And in addition, the brand new Porsche Cayenne GTS and the 2008 version of the 911 GT3 Cup were unveiled by Guest-of-Honour, Min-

The participants and their 119 Porsche just before the start of the Porsche Commemorative Drive

Presentation of the Porsche Classics at the historical site of the Singapore Cricket Club



ister of State for Trade and Industry, Mr S. Iswaran and Mr Karsono Kwee, Executive Chairman of Stuttgart Auto, the official Porsche importer in Singapore.

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The fascinating programme at the historical Singapore Cricket Club, right next to the Marina Bay Street Circuit, included the first Porsche Commemorative Drive and a Porsche Kids Driving School (PKDS), teaching basic road safety rules to children aged five and above and giving them the opportunity to put their newly acquired knowledge to the test in Porsche pedal cars.

The Porsche Commemorative Drive comprised of 119 classic and contemporary Porsche cars, including a Carrera GT, a 911 GT3 RSR and the Cayenne S Transsyberia which were on display at the driveway of the Grand Hyatt Singapore before joining the convoy at Orchard Road. The remaining convoy flagged-off from Dempsey Road public car park, cruising along Orchard Road before making a spectacular 'Pit Stop' at the Singapore Cricket Club where visitors enjoyed the stunning view of the fleet. More than 500 Porsche enthusiasts and invited guests enjoyed refreshments, found out more about the offers available from Porsche Design Driver's Selection and tried their luck on the Mobil1 race simulator.

Even in the midst of the celebrations, the less fortunate weren't forgotten. The manager of Porsche Centre Singapore, Mr. Karsono Kwee, made two donations to children-related beneficiaries on this very special day – a S\$50,000 donation to the Straits Times Pocket Money Fund and another S\$50,000 donation to the Mainly I Love Kids (M.I.L.K.) Fund.

Porsche Club Singapore is presented with an anniversary gift by Karsono Kwee, Manager of Porsche Centre Singapore, and Christer Ekberg, Managing Director of Porsche Asia Pacific to Howard Delaney (centre), President of Porsche Club Singapore



Unveiling of the new Cayenne GTS by Karsono Kwee and guest of honour S. Iswaran, Minister for Trade and Industry



Porsche Club Estonia

Success Right from the Starting Line: Season Opening for Porsche Club Estonia

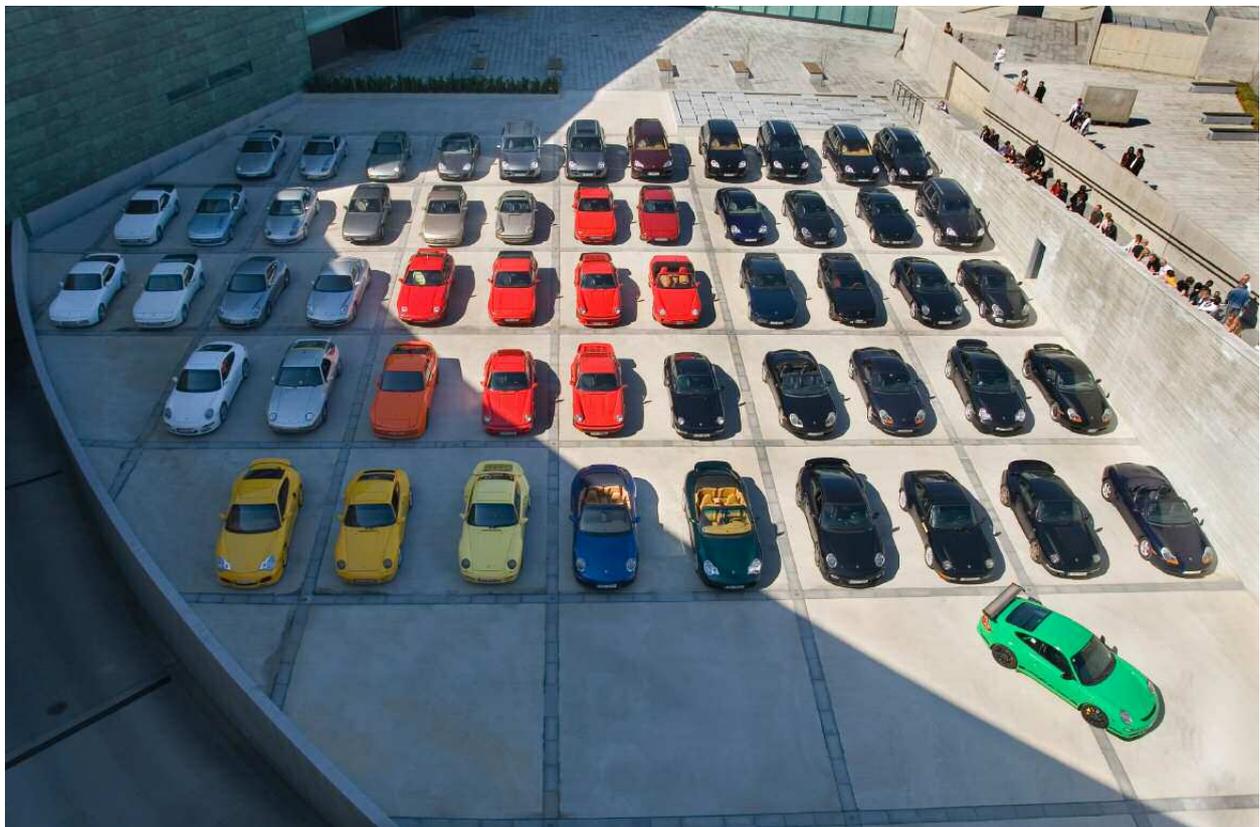
Porsche Club Estonia holds three major events each year: The season opening event in April, an international Track Day in August and an end-of-season event in October or November. The Club also takes part in "Multiple Track Days", an annual Topspeed competition held at an airfield, and usually also takes a trip to a Porsche factory with its own Porsche vehicles – Uusikaupunki factory is only 300 km away, Leipzig is 1,700 km away and Zuffenhausen is 2,100 km away.



This year's opening event began with making a lovely Porsche photo in the yard of the Estonian National Art Museum. We arranged 55 Porsche vehicles in a pre-defined colour order. The

photo turned out better than we had expected – the only alternation was that a Carrera GT had originally been planned for the first row instead of a 911 GT3

RS. Unfortunately, the car didn't arrive from customer services on time. So almost every sixth Porsche in Estonia can be seen in the photo!



After the photoshooting, we drove to the Tapa military aircraft field to take part in a type of competition which was completely new to us. Participants had to brake and turn around on a 400 meter mark, the left to the left and the right to the right, and drive back again. For the general safety of all participants the finish was set as a stop-finish. This meant that the participants had to cross the starting line with their front wheels, but not with the rear ones. If the rear wheels of the vehicle crossed the start line, the participants had to reverse.

We had never organized this type of competition at our events before, but it turned out to be a resounding success. Many participants asked us to hold the competition again as soon as possible. And the enthusiasm was shared by the spectators who were able to watch the proceeding right up close from one location.

The next competition was a four-hour orientation rally to Lake Peipus, which ended at a hotel. The evening concluded with a gala dinner, a Porsche quiz and the presentation of the Club video. New members were also welcomed.

The strongest among us went to sleep at 5.30 in the morning. It was a complete Porsche-weekend!

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Porsche Club of America

My Grandpa Says ...

(a little report from a big fan)

The Porsche 911 has a long lasting, loyal fan community. As my Dad said, "No other car can make you feel like you're flying." The latest Porsche slogan is "There is no substitute." Whenever I've ridden in my Grandpa's Porsche 911 I've always felt excited, happy, and cool, very, very cool.

Grandpa says that Porsche cars are still made by the family of the man who designed the Volkswagen Beetle, Prof. Ferdinand Porsche. And that the Porsche factory is still in the same town in Germany. The town is called "Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen" and "Stuttgart" can be seen on the crest attached to all Porsche hoods.

The first Porsche 911 model was built in 1963 and was called 901. The name

was later changed to 911. The 911 is still made today and has held onto its classic look throughout the years. Grandpa says, the Porsche 911 is called the most coveted, high-performance sports car in the world.

Grandpa is a member of the South East Michigan Region of the Porsche Club of America. And the Club holds a race at the Gingerman Raceway in South Haven each year. Participants compete against each other over two days. My Grandpa drives his Porsche 911 as the Pace Car because Grandma will not allow him to turn it into an actual racecar. That's what his Porsche 924 is for. Grandpa is a real big fan.

In the United States, when pronouncing Porsche you can always tell if someone

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is a true fan by the way they say the name: "Porsha" – true fan, "Porsh" – not a true fan. I always used to think that Porsche meant "Poor Chevrolet".

Grandpa was not happy about that and he corrected me so I would not make the same mistake again. Mom still laughs about it.

I love my Grandpa's Porsche 911 and when I'm grown-up I'm sure he'll let me drive it.

Stephen and Gary Ambrus

**Look how cool I am sitting in my Grandpa's Porsche!
One day it will be mine (I hope)!**



**Grandpa in his Porsche 911 in
Waterford, MI during Drivers Ed**



**Grandma and I sitting in "our" pace car
watching the race**

