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Club Porsche de France

### Magny Cours 2005



The event in March at the Magny Cours racing circuit was the meeting which kicked off, so to speak, Club Porsche de France's season. A splendid spring weekend awaited the almost 150 participants who attended over the course of the two days, 43 of whom had registered for the sprint test, 23 for the long-distance race, and 17 for the regularity competition. Apart from several classics, a new Boxster S and a current 997, it was mainly RSs and GT3s from all years of manufacture that were being driven. The greatest admiration was reserved for a racing version of the GT3 RS and, of course, a fantastic newly-restored 2.6 RSR.

Driving took place on the Friday and the Saturday. Friday was chosen ahead of Sunday because experience had shown that participants rarely took in the whole of the Sunday programme. Most start to pack up from early afternoon to get home in good time, not least because they have to go to work on the Monday. For this reason, the Friday was chosen for free driving for all, while the competitions were concentrated on the Saturday. Whilst the number of participants in the races is steadily increasing, the good news is that the number of young people participating is also on the rise.

Those whose experience of this event goes back some time had missed the presence of the former President of the Club Porsche de France, Philippe Aunay, at this event who had unfortu-

nately passed away some months previously. We will all miss him greatly. Until a new president has been elected (expected in the coming winter), Philippe Brétille and the members of the Club office will do their best to deal with any issues and resolve any problems as they occur.

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## Porsche Club Francorchamps

# Porsche Francorchamps Days 2005



The Porsche Francorchamps Days rank among the most popular events in Europe – as evidenced by the fifth such event, which was held between the 20th and 22nd of May. Those who like to put their Porsche through its paces on a racing circuit will love this event. There are three optional categories: “Fun” for amateurs with production vehicles, “Sport” for experienced drivers, and finally “Racing” for owners of racing cars.

Particular thanks go to the Belgian Porsche importers D’Ieteren for the great commitment they have shown. Their staff were able to get hold of spare parts at short notice when required, whilst mechanics from Porsche centres carried out minor repairs and servicing free of charge. D’Ieteren also arranged an attractive presentation of the current Porsche model series – through to the Carrera GT.

The Porsche Selection Truck also proved a popular attraction. The

attempt at a new record for driving as many Porsches as possible on the race circuit simultaneously was a sight to behold. In co-ordinating the attempt the organisers drew on the experience of last year’s event. The sight of so many Porsches is difficult to describe: just try to imagine a packed motorway on Bank Holiday Saturday, and with every vehicle of the same marque. Enthusiasm levels were raised still further when the result of the count was announced: 658 Porsches – a new world record.

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## Porsche Classic Club Austria

# Second F. A. Porsche Cup in Zell am See



If 2003 was a top event, then the same can certainly be said of the second staging of the F.A. Porsche Cup. Organiser Fred Kroissenbrunner, the board of the Porsche Classic Club Austria and the Porsche Club Salzburg, which was also involved this time, had added further highlights to the event supported by the Porsche Club Verband Österreich. This ensured enthusiasm among the participants from eight nations. Numerous honoured guests had travelled to Zell am See to attend the event and, as Anne Philipp from Porsche Club Support mentioned in her address, there was “no club event anywhere else in the world that was attended by so many members of the Porsche family”. All those present were honoured by the active participation of Prof. Ferdinand Alexander Porsche, his wife Brigitte and two sons Mark and Dr. Oliver Porsche.

On the first day of the event, a Saurer 5 GF-type vintage post office bus brought two groups to a tour of the premises of Porsche Design; this was

followed by a driving competition. Participants sought best times in their Porsches in a slalom and sprint trial held on the airfield. In temperatures touching 31 degrees, this sporting part of the event was a hot and sticky affair. Gerry Haag of Porsche AG was also on hand to provide information and material about vehicles exhibited by Exclusive and Tequipment.

On the following day, 158 Porsches made their way to Austria’s highest mountain, the Grossglockner, to line up on Austria’s highest parking spot for the obligatory photo. Even Ferdinand Alexander Porsche, accompanied by his family and several friends, was there. Thanks to a perfectly functioning police escort, the impressive convoy of vehicles reached its next destination without any problems – the Domplatz in Salzburg, which is normally inaccessible to cars.

After a cool drink and a snack on the roof terrace of the Hotel Stein, everybody set off again for Zell so as not to miss the gala dinner in the marquee on the airfield. Part of this evening was dedicated to F.A. Porsche. To mark his 70th birthday this year, an impressive firework display was put on on the airfield’s runway, which was followed by applause lasting several minutes.

On the Sunday, the programme included a visit to the Porsche family vault at

Schüttgut (the Porsche family manor). All participants later gathered on the airfield to experience current and historic Porsches in action, such as the 917/10 owned by one of our members, O. Jacobs. The Porsche Museum was represented by Mr Klaus Bischof with two fascinating vehicles: a Formula 2 Porsche 718 and a Porsche 550 Spyder Carrera Panamericana. Three instructors from the Porsche Sports Driving School were also present. They did impressive laps with the participants in vehicles that they had brought along specially for the purpose, including a GT3 RS. It was an impressive finale to this successful event.

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**Porsche Club U.A.E./Modulum**

**Formula 1 drivers in the GT3 Cup**



An incentive event staged by Credit Suisse was held ahead of the Grand Prix of Bahrain at the Dubai Autodrome. Felipe Massa, one of the drivers of the Sauber team sponsored by the Swiss bank, acted as a “taxi chauffeur” in a GT3 Cup flown in from Germany. His passengers included important banking customers from the United Arab Emirates. After three laps as passengers at racing pace, they were given the opportunity to test out the road-worthy Porsche vehicles on the race-track.

As experienced instructors, the President of the Porsche Club UAE, Karim Al-Azhari, and his motorsport manager Blair Cole gave their highly motivated guests an insight into the secrets of the track. The local Al Nabooda LLC Porsche centre kindly provided the cars for this part of the programme.

Several weeks later, the bank invited guests to attend a similar event at the Hockenheim circuit – this time with

Jacques Villeneuve and vehicles from the Porsche Sports Driving School. Both events show how even Formula 1 sponsors like to include the fascination of the world of Porsche in their programmes.

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**Porsche Club Estonia**

**Canoe Racing for the second time**



Porsche Club Estonia opened this year's season on the 30th of April with the second staging of the Canoe Racing event. The event had been held last year for the first time with great success. Canoeing was not the only activity on the agenda, of course. The main part of the event was a rally featuring Porsche vehicles – this time over 144 kilometres. The rally's destination was not announced in advance, however those who closely followed the instructions in the road book duly arrived about two hours later at a location near Hotel Veskilla on the banks of the Pärnu river on the site of a former mill.

The excursion included various enjoyable tasks. For example, drivers had to fill up with exactly 5.00 litres of fuel, and take their receipt to the destination as proof. After lunch at the hotel, everybody looked forward - some more keenly than others – to the 10 km canoe trip. With a temperature of just four degrees Celsius, the prospect of capsizing the boat was far from a rosy one. Fortunately, however, everybody was dry upon arriving at their destination, and participants enjoyed a convivial club evening at the hotel.

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## Porsche Club Kirchen-Hausen

### Pure Italian zest for life



Between the 12th and 16th of May, the Porsche Club Kirchen-Hausen, in close co-operation with Porsche Club Germany and Porsche Deutschland GmbH, staged its 8th international Porsche meeting in Vidiciatico. A dinner featuring Italian delicacies was the overture to this event which offered numerous highlights – including a visit to the new Gaggio Montano Saeco plant (with the Porsche convoy accompanied by the local carabinieri) or, alternatively, a visit to the dream city of Florence.

Once again people spent the evening celebrating together. Whether it was at the village evening in Vidiciatico, the summer celebration in Conca del Sole or the festive evening, the atmosphere was always outstanding, with the Porsche Club Kirchen-Hausen contributing to the atmosphere in no small part. While the Boxster and 911 drivers enjoyed the winding roads around Vidiciatico or took excursions into the

mountainous surroundings, the Cayenne drivers ventured out onto unsurfaced roads as guided tours took them through the vast Parco Regionale. The routes took them over old Roman bridges, through historic mountain villages and across impressive landscapes. Participants stopped for either a midday barbecue or to eat at a rustic rifugio.

Other parts of the programme at this meeting included a regularity trip on a sealed-off stretch of road and an excursion to Montese where all the Porsches gathered in the piazza. They were enthusiastically welcomed by the local population. Both here and in other villages almost every house or building was decorated with a flag, pennant or banner to welcome the Porsche guests from Germany.

The successful event concluded with the traditional fair on the Monday with Don Giacomo who blessed the vehi-

cles in the piazza. Warm thanks go to the Porsche Club Kirchen-Hausen, and the Haas family in particular, for staging this magnificent event and the relaxing Whitsun period in Tuscany.

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## Porsche Club Italia

# Porsche Club Open Meeting



The launch of the Porsche Club Championship 2005 in Italy could hardly have been a bigger success. Linked to the race date was the Porsche Club Open Meeting organised by Porsche Club Italia, regional Porsche clubs, Porsche dealers, Porsche Italia and the Porsche Sports Driving School Italia. Numerous Porsche customers had received an invitation not just to attend the races, but also to get to know all facets of the the world of Porsche and the club scene. So it was that around 800 spectators gathered at the race circuit in Monza – with a good 200 others participating in the various competitions or organised events.

Three pits from which the current Porsche range of road cars and a GT3 RSR were presented served as hospitality areas. Here Porsche Italia demonstrated its marketing activities and the close co-operation with the Italian Porsche clubs.

A total of 167 drivers took part in the various races. The attention of the large numbers of representatives from the press was drawn, in particular, by the GT3 Cup Challenge Italia which attracted 20 cars, and the Boxster Cup Lady which was held for the first time. Lady drivers wishing to participate in the Boxster Cup had to be members of a Porsche club. The race featured Boxster S cars, with the 14 starters supported during the competition by professional motor sport teams free of charge. It was also interesting to see several club presidents offering tips and tricks to their wives as they participated in the various events.

For spectators and participants alike it was a weekend full of excitement and variety.

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## Porsche Club of New Zealand

# 30. Anniversary of the Porsche Club of New Zealand



The three-day anniversary party held in the Hawke's Bay Region on New Zealand's North Island was intended to become one of the biggest events in the club's history. The response ahead of the event was overwhelming, but for logistical reasons the number of participants had to be limited to 120.

The event, which took place from the 3rd to the 6th of June, featured a varied and entertaining programme for the participants; apart from visits to the region's major vineyards, there were also tasks to be carried out. For example, a rally was held on the Saturday at a place which probably bears the longest name in the world: Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu.

Each participant received a book containing 25 photographs and many puzzles en route. Despite much to-ing and fro-ing, many of the participants were unable to complete all of the tasks.

Our team did succeed in getting hold of a black wine gum sweet, but the hubcap of a car from 1975 eluded us. Over the course of the day we demonstrated our talent for cleaning and our skill in handling a toy Porsche to gain further points for the rally.

The day ended on the Te Awa vineyard with a dinner, live music and dancing. The Sunday saw a visit to the Mission Estate Winery where a breakfast buffet had been arranged in an enchanting chapel. Highlights of the day included a slalom which blindfolded drivers had to negotiate under instruction from the passenger. In the afternoon, 60 participating vehicles lined up at the Hawke's Bay Go-Kart Club where the public had the opportunity to admire the 356, Carrera RS 2,7, GT3 and 911 from all years of manufacture.

The focal point of the Sunday evening was the gala dinner laid on at the Black Barn vineyard. The presentation cere-

mony for the photo rally also took place here, and our guest from Germany, Jutta Aldenhoff from the Porsche Club Support, held out the prospect of a plant visit for our club in 2006.

Brunch at the Craggery Range Winery the following day completed this unforgettable birthday celebration.

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## Porsche Club of South Africa, Cape Region

### Porsche Club Event with Cayenne



The Porsche Club of South Africa, Cape Region held its Porsche Club 4x4 Event on a private farm near Silverstroomstrand, a small town on the west coast of South Africa. Of particular note here is the exemplary interaction between Porsche dealers and the Porsche Club: the Porsche Centre Cape Town has lent generous support to this wonderful event. The instructor was Johan Smith, a well-known four-wheel drive expert, who introduced the participants to some tips and tricks for off-road driving. These included reducing the tyre pressure in the rear wheels to one bar while leaving the front wheels at 1.2 bar so that the tyres would not slip off the rim.

The instructions for driving in sand were: select low-range mode, close the differential lock, switch off PSM and engage second gear. The third driving stage was chosen as the opportunity arose. Things progressed nicely

so long as nobody decided to stop, switch the engine off and enjoy the view. Anyone forgetting to carry out the instructions given after the engine had been started wouldn't get beyond the next incline.

The participants soon got a feel for driving on difficult terrain and mastered all of the requirements. They were supported by the brilliant Porsche Traction Management system which directed the torque to those wheels that are in contact with the ground when a wheel hangs in the air, or which enabled steep downhill sections to be negotiated without applying a foot to any of the pedals.

This exciting day had not only increased the drivers' self-confidence – it had also impressively demonstrated to everybody involved the off-road capability of the Porsche Cayenne.



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