

## 6. Classic reports

Porsche Classic Club Belgium

### 30. International Porsche 356 meeting in Ostend



On the 5th of May more than 150 Porsches made their way to Ostend to attend the 30th International Porsche 356 Meeting. Rarities among the vehicles present included three Porsche 550 Spyderys, a 904, and even a Porsche phaeton. The buffet on the first evening at the Thermae Palace Hotel provided an ideal getting-to-know-you opportunity for the participants, who had come from France, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, the USA and Belgium.

The excursions were the focal point of the three days to come. On the Friday, the 6th of May, an excursion took participants along remote winding country roads to Bruges where the programme included a tour of the city and a boat trip. The visit to the De Halve Maan brewery, which dates back to 1546, was also a lot of fun.

The rally the next day took participants over the border into the Netherlands and then back along the Belgian coast to Ostend where a gala dinner was put on in the kursaal in the evening. This wonderful meeting concluded on the Sunday in both laughter and tears – the latter because former club president Walter Pauwels Amt resigned his post, much to the regret of us all!

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**Porsche Club 928 Netherlands****International  
Porsche 928  
Meeting**

The sound of popping champagne corks heralded the new record: a total of 187 Porsche 928s had come to Voorschoten in the Netherlands for the International Porsche 928 Meeting. But the meeting, held between the 14th and 16th of May and supported by the Dutch Porsche importer Pon, had other highlights in store.

The participants, who had travelled from all over Europe to attend the meeting, enjoyed marvellous excursions through the land of windmills – including visits to a pottery, the port of Rotterdam where a paddle steamer trip was also laid on, and the Louwman Collection, a very interesting automotive museum in Raamsdonksveer.

The return journey from the museum to Voorschoten was an unforgettable experience: a convoy stretching 2.5 kilometres and consisting of nothing but Porsche 928s wound its way briskly through the weekday traffic courtesy of a police escort. The successful meeting, which was rounded off by entertaining even programmes, also saw Porsche Club Support appoint Volker Spannagel as an honorary member.

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**Porsche Club 928****Porsche 928 at the Schlossmarkt in  
Langenselbold**

The invitation came from the Hotel-Restaurant Dragonerbau in Langenselbold in which the Porsche Club 928 had organised its get-togethers several times before. During the 14th Schloßmarkt, a local trade fair, members of the club had the opportunity to present their pieces of jewellery right in front of the hotel, an event which even received press coverage.

A total of 16 Porsches, including twelve 928s, two 911 Carreras, a 944 and an 924 S, more than did justice to their role as eyecatchers, as proved by the reactions of the public. The Porsche Club brochures on display and an overview of the technical data that had been drawn up for each vehicle completed the much-observed presentation of the classic Porsche.

At the suggestion of the trade fair management, Roland Kurz, Chief Executive of the Porsche Club 928, kindly presented a paper on the Club and the Porsche 928 which the many visitors

observed with interest. In conclusion, the club members expressed their thanks for the invitation. The meeting disbanded with an invitation to return next year for the 15th Schloßmarkt.

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## Porsche 356 Registry, USA

### Porsche weddings

It began with Phil Carney and Sandra driving a Porsche 356 Convertible D to the marriage of his cousin Micah. The photographer spotted the car and immediately decided: "It's got to be included in the wedding photo." When Sandra's daughter married a year later, she also wanted to have the 356. With the luggage rack bedecked in sunflowers and golden ribbons and the obligatory "Just married" sign, the 'D' looked magnificent in the photo. But this wasn't to be the last time that the blue car was used. Two more appearances at weddings followed.

Taken aback by the popularity of his car at weddings, Phil Carney asked around to find out whether there had been any other weddings featuring a Porsche. Here are the results of his enquiries:



#### Micah and Jen

The wedding took place in the spring of 2002. The photographer was adamant that he wanted the Porsche 356 in the picture.



#### Edgar and Nadja

Married in secret on the 30th of July 2004 in Lawrenceville, Georgia. They then sent the photo with their 356 A Speedster by e-mail to all their friends, most of whom just had to look at the number plate to realise what had happened.



#### Richard and witnesses

Richard with consoling witnesses August 2003: It was supposed to be a wedding in the Porsche 356, but the engine was being overhauled and was not ready in time. Richard quickly arranged for a replacement, but it was missing some important parts – and unfortunately the many offers from friends to lend him a Porsche came too late.



#### Chris and Sundae

In October 2003 Chris and Sundae used the 356 Convertible D not only as a decorative requisite for the wedding photo, but also as a good luck vehicle.



#### John and Michele

Tied the knot in June 1994 in Palo Alto, California. A borrowed Porsche 356 Convertible D went along too. They celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary at the "50 Years Speedster" anniversary meeting in Monterey.





**Dave and Cid**

Dave and Cid married in September 2003 in Las Vegas, and are shown here on the road to Taos.



**Roland and Rosemarie**

In July 1962, the couple spent a large part of their honeymoon in a Porsche 356 B Roadster travelling across the USA to Canada – a total of 7,500 miles.



**Rich and Paulette**

Another 356 connection: On this day in May 1991, the couple had already had ten years to get to know each other.



**Chris and CarrieAnne**

Married in August 2004 in Breckenridge, Colorado – with bridesmaid and the Convertible D. It had been hailing just five minutes before the photo was taken.



**Michael and Kelly**

The pair married at harvest festival in 2003. He in a 63-series Cabrio, she in a 64-series Coupé with sliding roof.



**AJ and Carmen**

Married in August 2004, with a Porsche 911 awaiting them in front of the church. A Porsche Diesel Standard was a wedding gift.



**Phil and Hilary**

This Porsche 356 Limousine, known as the “white whale”, was built specially for the couple’s marriage in September 2001.



**Wade and Courtney**

The marriage took place in May 1999 in Juneau, Alaska in a green borrowed Porsche 356 C Coupé. The bride's father accompanied the couple on their honeymoon in a 356.



**Brett and Julie**

Appetising souvenir photo of the marriage in July 1981: the cake was in the shape of a VW Beetle and a Porsche 911.



**Mike and Kate**

Married in October 2004 – another use of Phil Carney's 356 Convertible D as a wedding car.



**Ray and Maureen**

This couple had a 64-series Porsche 356 Coupé as their wedding car in 1966. The car brought their newborn children home from hospital.



**John and Andrea**

At their marriage in June 1998, the Porsche 356 used by the couple as their wedding car was the very same one in which Andrea had been driven home from hospital by her parents shortly after she was born.

And last but not least:



**Dirk and Anne**

Anne from Porsche Club Support married Dirk, who also works for Porsche, in September 2004 at Schloss Liebenstein near Neckarwestheim. The perfect wedding car was a Porsche 356 Cabrio.

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