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Porsche Club 3 Lacs

A new Club in the Swiss highlands



Triumvirate:
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Georges Plancherel (President) and
Secretary Eric Zuccatti



Under the management of three Porsche enthusiasts, the youngest Porsche Club in Switzerland celebrated its founding on the 21st of October 2006 in the "Hôtel-Restaurant de l'Ours" in Sugiez. This place was chosen strategically because it lies exactly between the three lakes Neuchâtel, Bienne and Morat.

No cost and effort was spared in the organisation of our first meeting, because

80 people had announced their coming and we did not want to disappoint them.

A Porsche 911 3.0 RS from 1974, a 959 from 1986 and almost the entire range of the current catalogue (997 Turbo, 997 GT3, Cayenne Turbo S, Boxster S, Cayman S) decorated the hotel car park.

It was an altogether positive meeting and we received inquiries about the pro-

gramme for 2007 from all sides. It was clear that these initial members will form the core of the Club and are committed and willing to promote its fortunes. An optimistic perspective!

After dinner, the new members had the opportunity to enjoy an aperitif and get to know each other against the background of the new Porsche models presented by Marco Conconi from the Sales Department of the Porsche Centre in Berne, and to swap experiences of the automotive industry.

We were able to sign up no less than 71 members for the new Porsche Club 3 Lacs that evening. Although there is still obviously a lot of work to be done to get the 2007 program started, we are sure that the founding of this Club had a lucky star: that of a shared passion!

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Porsche Club Danmark

Premiere Feelings at the 35th Anniversary



The Porsche Club Denmark celebrated its 35th anniversary with a visit to the Danish Porsche importer in Copenhagen. The event to which the Porsche Importer Michael Lassen 60 welcomed the members, took place on the 8th of November 2006.

His entertaining speech included a preview of the impressive 8,550 square metres of the Porsche Centre currently being built and scheduled for completion by the Spring of 2007. He announced two veiled visitors as guest stars of the evening: Pre-premiere emotions in Denmark.

Afterwards, Porsche Club Denmark's President Jesper Krumhardt welcomed the guests and delivered a brief, positive report on the current developments in the Club. During the last 4 to 5 years, the Club has grown rapidly from about 100 members to now exactly 383 members. The positive effect of this: More members give the Club a more solid financial basis which allows bigger and better events. Better events in turn attract new members. The Slalom Cup and Track Days events especially are attracting more and more spectators every year. All in all a very promising development which is a pleasure to be a party to.



Following a very tasty buffet prepared by Michael Lassen and his team, the Porsche Importer gave us a closer look at the new Porsche Centre and unveiled the guest stars: the new 911 Targa 4 and a black GT3 RS with orange rims. Both vehicles were closely inspected by the guests with a satisfied smile on their faces. A break provided a welcome opportunity to swap knowledge and experience the Porsche product portfolio a little more intensively.

Sales Manager Andres W. Czerkas explained the technical improvements and new features of the latest Porsche

models in an exciting and well-made video and photo presentation. His information about the Variable Turbine Geometry used for the first time in the new 911 Turbo as the first vehicle with a petrol combustion engine was particularly interesting. He answered the questions of the interested guests, of course, with great technical expertise.

All those present enjoyed this successful evening as a special way to celebrate the 35th anniversary. Special thanks go to Michael Lassen and his team for making this an unforgettable experience.

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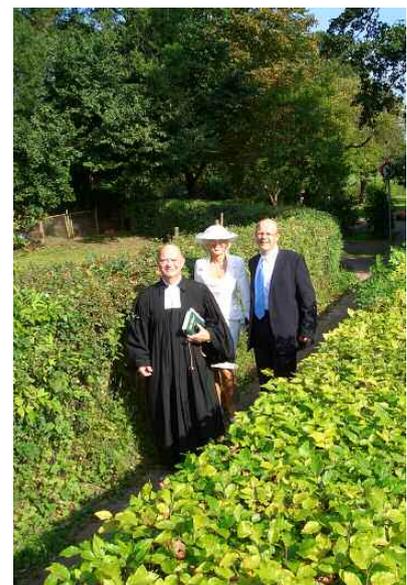
Porsche Club Monasteria

Porsche ties the knot

On Friday, the 15th of September 2006 – exactly one week after the Porsche Club Deutschland Treffen in Munich – the president of the Porsche Club Monasteria, Christine Brüggemann (now Wenker) and the business manager of the Porsche Club Monasteria, Rainer Wenker, gave their marriage vows on the Amrumbank lightship in the Ratsdelft in Emden.

All of you who attended the Porsche Club Deutschland Treffen in 2005 will certainly remember the lightship. The church ceremony was held afterwards by Pastor Horst Wendelken (President of the Porsche Club Ostfriesland) in the old dyke church of Jarssum. The wedding guests were then invited to an East Friesian tea ceremony. The bride and groom arrived by Porsche of course. They are now “boxstering” their way through life together.

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Porsche Club Singapore meets Porsche Travel Club

From Weissach via Epernay to Stuttgart: A tour of enjoyment of the special kind

One week before the first football game of the World Cup 2006 kicked off in Germany, 42 members of the Porsche Club Singapore landed in Stuttgart to begin quite a different adventure—a visit to the Porsche factory and a 5-day trip through the Champagne region of France with the latest Porsche models—organised by the Porsche Travel Club

A rather cold and windy day welcomed our arrival in Stuttgart. We stayed at the “Hotel am Schlossgarten” at the beginning and end of our 8-day trip. Most of us were very tired and suffering from jetlag the first evening but the traditional German dishes at the “Ochs’n Willi” restaurant wetted our appetites and raised our spirits.

The tour kicked off with a day trip to the Porsche Museum and the factory in Zuffenhausen. Then we went on to the Porsche Research and Development Centre in Weissach, where we were invited along for a ride in the new 911 Turbo, a 911 Carrera S and a Boxster S. We were most impressed! The sightseeing tour ended with the drive back to Zuffenhausen, where we looked round the Classic department and inspected the Porsche Restoration Shop. In the evening we had dinner with Matthias Menner from the Porsche Club Coordination in the Italian restaurant “Amici” in Stuttgart.

The Start

Our visit to the Porsche factory and the exciting test drives in Weissach were only the beginning of our journey. Now we could hardly wait to set off on our trip through the French vineyards.



Collecting the cars from the Porsche AG in Ludwigsburg was an experience in itself. There was an excitement in the air you could almost touch as we stormed the models allocated to us. The 22 Porsches stood sparkling in red, silver and black in line before us. Each of them bore a plate with the name of the driver and passenger and each car had been specially chosen to meet the desires of the respective member.

We were ready for the first leg of our journey. For some of us, it was the first time we had had to drive a left-hand drive Porsche on the right-hand side of the road. We had lunch at the Restaurant “Krone” in Herxheim-Hayna. Then we continued our drive along romantic country lanes, through hillside vineyards and idyllic little towns towards Luxemburg and France. Finally we came to our first stop-over, the Hotel “Linslerhof” in Überherrn.



We had time to take a little stroll through the enchanting countryside before dinner, some of us relaxed in the hotel garden, had a few drinks and cigars and lapped up the sheer beauty of the picture-book surroundings.

On the Way to France

The next morning saw the start of another wonderful summer day with a clear blue sky. After breakfast we crossed the border into France. Having arrived in Verdun, we crossed the Marne Bridge and arrived at the city gates—an impressive building resembling a fortress.



This was where we stopped for lunch at the “Le Coq Hardi” restaurant. After lunch we took a short drive to a monument in remembrance of the 1st World War erected on a hilltop. One of the biggest battles of the 1st World War took place in Verdun. This short excursion gave us a moment for personal reflection and remembrance.

The weather was now just right for a drive through the French countryside to the famous wine growing region of the Champagne. The almost deserted, winding roads were ideal for testing our Porsches. About two hours later we reached our next overnight quarters, the “Hostellerie la Briqueterie” right at the heart of the quaint Champagne countryside.

We were about to enjoy the highlight of our journey—to taste Champagne directly in its region of origin. We had dinner in the hotel restaurant. We were in-

vited for a wonderful meal, accompanied by a Champagne which excellently rounded off the delicious Foie Gras, the lamb and a selection of cheeses.

Champagne!

The third day of our journey began with an interesting visit to the houses of Moët & Chandon. After a short introductory film, we were asked to put on our jackets and were taken on a tour of the Champagne cellars. We saw the more than one thousand bottles of Champagne stored there in various stages of production and stepped out of the cool, dark cellars half an hour later.

After our first group photo on the steps of the Moët & Chandon building we then drove to a nearby church. It stood in a hilltop vineyard and gave us a breathtaking view over the Champagne region. We had found the ideal place for our official group photo—the 911 and the members of the Porsche Club

Singapore majestically high on top of a picturesque vineyard.

We continued our journey through the vineyards of the Champagne and drive towards Nancy. Our journey took us over the winding roads of the Vosges, through the beautiful countryside of Alsace to our stop-over for the third night: the “Le Parc” hotel in Obernai.

Obernai is a delightful tourist town with its own unique architecture. The evening began with a wine tasting at an estate quite close to the hotel.

Day 4 of the France Tour.

With almost half our journey done, we now headed back East towards Freiburg. We stopped for lunch at the “Le Val Joli” in Le Valtin. The surrounding landscape was wonderful. Lunch was a buffet of French dishes which we enjoyed outdoors against the idyllic backdrop of green fields and a babbling brook.

Back to Germany

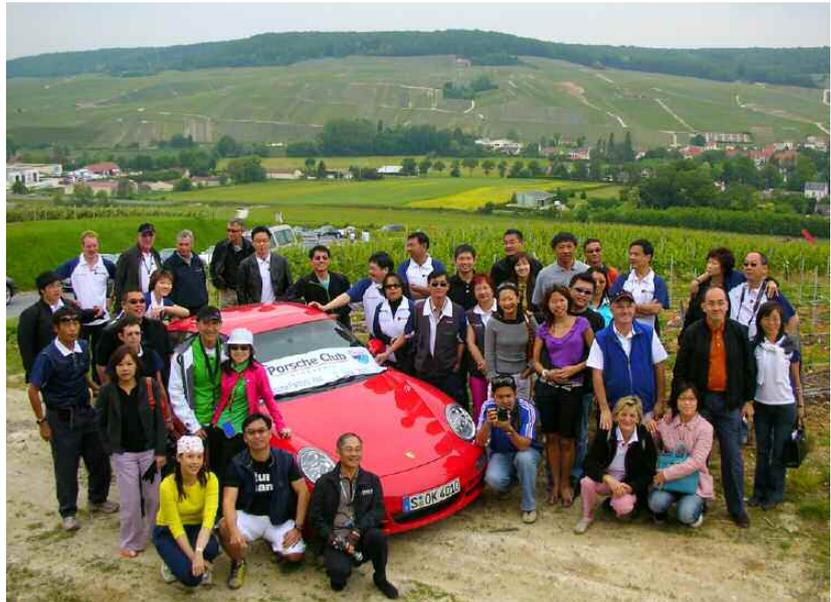
Our journey continued along the impressive mountain roads of the Vosges and Southern Alsace. Our return to Germany was just as uncomplicated as the drive to France two days ago. The last leg took us via the motorway to Freiburg. Freiburg is a pulsating city quite in contrast with the sedateness we had experienced in the countryside.

The last day of our five-day tour began. We refueled our cars for the last time with a heavy heart. Today was the day we would be separated from our beloved Porsches which had accompanied us on several unforgettable drives over winding mountain passes and quiet country roads.

We drove along spectacular mountain roads through the Black Forest to the "Traube Tonbach". After lunch we set off for our final destination, the Porsche AG in Ludwigsburg. There we handed in the cars and returned to Stuttgart by bus.

It was a warm and sunny day back in Stuttgart – very different from the cold, dismal day of arrival one week ago. In the evening, the Porsche Club Singapore held a farewell dinner as a thank you to the people from the Porsche Travel Club who had made this tour such a big success. We ate at the chic "CUBE" restaurant on the top floor of the new Stuttgart City Art Gallery.

The journey behind the wheel of a Porsche ended in Stuttgart, but for many of us, the memories of this exhilarating journey through the famous vineyards of the Champagne, the picturesque countryside and the camaraderie of our thrilled Porsche friends will remain with us for a long time to come.



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Porsche Club Great Britain

„fourty+five“ – 45 Years of Porsche Club Great Britain



It began in an unusual way: but, considering the event was only announced the same day as a small footnote in the "Autosport", it was amazing that anyone came to the first meeting at all. Now, this event for which seven enthusiasts met in September 1961 in the cellar bar of the Grand Hotel in Birmingham is considered the spark that fired the founding of the Porsche Club Great Britain. What followed is a 45-year history.

The Porsche Club Great Britain celebrated its 45th anniversary in 2006. At the time these seven English enthusiasts founded it in 1961 in Birmingham "to commonly experience the fascination of Porsche", Porsche only had one model series on the English market, the 356.

The Porsche Club Great Britain celebrated this anniversary in fitting fashion with an expensively produced brochure entitled "fourty+five".

Fourty plus five—this brochure looks at the activities of the Club that can boast 16,000 members in 31 regions during the last five years since its "round figure" anniversary celebration.

It contains a report on the Porsche Parade 2002 organised in Newport, Wales, and the regularly held National Meetings and participation in the English Classic Car



Shows or organisation of the 28th international 365 meeting in Brighton in 2003.

In 2002, the Club was also heavily involved in the creation of the Le Mans Classic. The Festival of Speed in Goodwood, at which the Club had its own booth and exhibitions, is also a firm fixture on the Club's agenda since then.

There is a special feature on the activities in Brands Hatch. There, the Club was involved with exhibitions of historic Porsche racing cars in 2004 and 2005.

There is also an interesting report on the Club's own camp at the Le Mans 24-



hour race, with which the Club attends the entire three days with more than 450 members, and rounds off the racing event with a varied Porsche programme.

Congratulations to the Porsche Club Great Britain on the last five successful years and their 45th anniversary! We eagerly look forward to the next "+five"!

The brochure fourty+five can be ordered directly from the Porsche Club Great Britain or under www.porscheclubgb.com.

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