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Editorial

Men. Why do we do it. I've touched on why does one buy a Porsche and have suggested that there is no logical reason from our partners point of view, and they are right but reading a piece on Sir Ranulph Fiennes made me wonder again.

In case you don't know, he is a friend of the royal family, well of Charles anyway, he's an explorer and now in his 60s. He served with the SAS while an officer in the army and has climbed many mountains, not Everest, yet, and has hacked off some of his toes to prevent gangrene in the Antarctic after suffering frost bite. He's also had a series of heart attacks and has had heart surgery and now he's off to climb Everest.

Not a smart move, or logical. His wife who's 25yrs his junior is worried he might not make it. He says he acknowledges her worries, but, and heres my point, there are things that have to be done in the mind of a man, whether it involves risk or illogical acts but you know we men just get on and have to do them. Its nothing personal

against our women folk, but that's how it happens when we buy a Porsche.

The club, our club , goes from strength to strength. We venture to Munster and Killarney (no silly at the back, they are not two different places, rather Killarney is in Munster, like Munster are in Rugby). A relaxing weekend in a lovely setting in the hotel Europe is promised. So you now see, Europe is in Killarney, not the other way around. Its a Kerry thing, same as Kerry footballers. Where else can they have a bomber Liston who is allowed to board flights without being whisked off as a terrorist but Kerry. And a Bishop who used whizz around in his BMW and more. And drink Murphy's. I'll be bringing the GT3 to Killarney and anyone wanting a blast, I mean spin, just give me a shout. Vivienne will be bringing the Cayenne. She's hoping it snows so she will have to tow me home.

I enjoyed the first track day on good Friday, thank you Ted and Karen. Good weather and lots of track time meant happy faces. I must of given about ten people

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practise laps in the race car. And I only spun once, when giving Pat from Belgard his laps.

The world belongs to those that do, so get out there, wash your Porsche if that's your thing but above all else, use it. And don't forget to wave when passing another Porsche.



It is time again for a little bit of Karting and since we had one event already this year in Co. Kilkenny, this is the continuation and part of the PCI-Carting Championship for Sunday Drivers.

Denis Collins has organised this time and provisionally booked Watergrass hill in Cork on the 20th of April for 14.30hrs.

We need for PCI-Members/Porsche drivers to contact either Denis Collins at 087/2569512 or George on 051/563935 or 085/7818824 and confirm their intent of participation so that Denis can firm up the booking, before the time-slot is being given to other People.

Track & Social Events



The 2008 track day season kicked off with a bang on March 21st this year with record numbers of drivers braving the International Circuit at Mondello Park in Co Kildare.



It was the first time in a number of years that the International track played host to Porsche Club Ireland and the members showed their enthusiasm with a large number of people braving the sometimes inclement weather with their toys.



Whilst rain briefly visited the circuit after the novices had a 20 minute session on track, it did not last very long and soon the track began to dry up and people could get to grips with the longer 2.2 mile circuit.



It was an incident free day as we have now almost come to expect and the larger circuit ensured that the novices and wannabe (but don't want to hurt the car) racers didn't feel crowded by the more experienced track day veterans and racers.



As usual Ted and Karen Gaffney performed sterling work in organising and overseeing the day. Despite the amount of people that turned up, they can't have been too busy as Ted and Karen were spotted heading out on track at one stage ! Still though, I think we can let them away with a brief excursion on to the track as a reward for all their work in the past and into the future.

A special thanks also to Terry Holmes to supplying the images opposite. The normal 'unofficial' photographer took the day off to play with his new toy on the track. Terry also carries out all the photography for the Porsche Racing series and a full set of images from all the racing events can be found on his website at

<http://www.thphoto.net>

Upcoming Events in 2008

April 6th : Porsche Racing at Mondello Park. All PCI members welcome to join the racers at their corporate box for a day or racing.

April 12th : PCI Annual Dinner at the 5 star Hotel Europe in Killarney. Costs are €180 per room bed & breakfast with the dinner costing €55 per head. Contact the Hotel at 064 24070 quoting Porsche Club Ireland. There is also a special rate of €290 for the Friday and Saturday night. This is for a lakeside room and offers PCI members a discount of over €100 on the package.

April 19th : Porsche Racing at Oulton Park (UK). Worth a trip to see our members in action on foreign soil !

May 17th : Porsche Racing at Mondello Park. All PCI members welcome to join the racers at their corporate box for a day or racing.



For Sale : 1983 Porsche 924

Recent top end engine rebuild.

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Phone: 087 9250049

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Track & Social Events



Are you a 993 owner ? If so, then why not join the 993 owners register.

PCI 993 Register

CALLING ALL 993 OWNERS!

With ever increasing numbers of 993's joining the ranks of PCI , we have decided to form a 993 registry.

993 Fanatical member Bernie Lynch approached the club about forming this register of owners and we couldn't help but agree with his idea.

In order to get the ball rolling we would like all PCI 993 owners to email your car details to : 993@porsche-club-ireland.com

Please include your name , the year of manufacture , type of 993 and any other details you wish , for example: modifications, service details, length of ownership and of course what you would like from the new 993 registry.

It is our hope to introduce meets , drives & pub nights in the coming months and maybe even a 993 club forum where you can share the highs and lows (not that there will be many of these!) of this exceptional Porsche, so please do log on and register your 993 ASAP.

So if you are interested, please email Bernie at the email address above. Unfortunately this will be an email only list and your details will not be shared with anyone without your express permission.

If you are interested in forming your own registry for your model - be it 997,996,968,944,944, or any other non numerical model, please contact Alan Weadick at alan@weadick.com to get an email address up and running and to get the details published in PCI E-News.

PCI Annual Dinner

The 5 star Hotel Europe has been chosen by the club committee for our annual dinner. The hotel has undergone extensive redevelopment since Dr Porsche's visit in 2004, including the total redesign of the public areas, lounges, conference centre and ballroom, as well as the addition of a luxury Spa.

Hotel Europe has been closed for the 2007 season to facilitate this €40 million project and will re-open on 15th March 2008. The finished product will be at the top of the 5* market and will be a truly magnificent resort hotel.

The hotel has offered PCI a "once off" special rate for accommodation, of €180 per double room, which they will upgrade to Lakeview rooms at no additional charge. The normal rate for this would be €290 per room, so as you can see, this is really a very special rate.

In addition, the hotel has extended the special rate to €290 if you wish to book for both the Friday and Saturday Night.

Last year was a resounding success with more members than ever making the effort to come along and meet fellow Porsche owners, so we really hope that you will come along and join us in Killarney for the weekend.

The dinner itself will take place on 12th April 2008 and quite a number of members are planning to make a weekend of it and travel down on the Friday. This will allow for a run around the ring of Kerry or other famous roads on both the Saturday and the Sunday.

Do let us know if you are planning to go - so we have a rough idea on numbers, but book now with the hotel on 064 24070 and quote Porsche Club Ireland to them.





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Destination Nurburgring 2008 - Funball Rally



2008 Charity Trip to the 'Ring

Destination - Nurburgring 2008
11th to 15th of July 2008

This event was set up by two brothers (Anthony and Mark Connors) to raise funds for the Irish Cancer Society. The Funball Charity Rally event consists of 20 cars leaving Ireland and travelling through the U.K, France, Belgium and stopping at the world famous Nurburgring in Germany for a fun filled day of driving around this amazing 20.8km track, before the long haul back through France to Cherbourg and ferried back to Ireland.

The event will take a total of 5 days, covering over 2000km. The event has been organised from the start as a charitable non-profit event. In order to keep the entry sponsorship for each car down to a minimum, and our fun to a maximum, we will also be looking for major sponsors to help us on our way.

All applicants must be over 18 years of age and hold a current full drivers licence. All Drivers must have Co-Driver. Sponsorship raised per car includes: Ferry crossings to UK and Europe return, Hotel stop-

overs, 8 laps of Nurburgring, fuel supplement and a lap of the ring in the BMW M5 RING Taxi (for the car that raises the most sponsorship).

Your Sponsorship of €5000 minimum covers 2 people per car, sharing a hotel room. We are limited to 20 spaces, therefore places will not be secured until full deposit of €2000 is received

All cars must carry sponsorship from main sponsors. (up to 50% of car). Your deposits are non-refundable until the €5000 sponsorship is reached.

All Sponsorship money totalling €5000 Must be received by Funball charity rally by the 30 June 2008. (DEADLINE). Deposits will be refunded on receipt of donations. T-shirts, sponsorship cards, collection buckets and letters of authorisation from charity will be supplied on request.

Full details and booking forms are on the events website at

www.funballrally.com

Event Schedule

Day 1 – Friday 11th July 2008

05.00 Waterford Meet for Briefing (Top Garage, Cork rd)

06.00 Leave Waterford Rosslare (73 km)

08.00 Ferry leaves Rosslare to Fishguard ,

10:00 Leave Fishguard, for Dover, (535 km)

16.30 Arrive Dover,

17:20 Ferry Leaves Dover, to Calais,

19.50 Arrive Calais,

20:00 Leave Calais to Omer 37km

20:45 Arrive Omer stay in hotel over night

Day 2 – Saturday 12th July 2008

08:00 Meet for Briefing and Breakfast

09:00 Leave Omer to Kerpen, Dusseldorf. 393km

14:00 Arrive Kerpen 2hr Go-karting championship at the Michael Schumacher Go Karting Centre

16:30 Leave Kerpen for Cologne, 41km

17:15 Arrive Cologne, Stay in hotel over night, Cologne Lighting Festival (Large firework display)

Day 3 – Sunday 13th July 2008

07:30 Meet for Breakfast and Briefing.

08:00 Leave for Nurburgring 87km

09:15 Arrive Nurburgring, Open day Nurburgring

18:30 Leave Nurburgring for Cologne

19:45 Arrive in Cologne Stay over night Cologne

Day 4 – Monday 14th July 2008

06:30 Meet for Briefing

07:00 Leave Cologne for Cherbourg (773km)

17:00 Arrive Cherbourg

18:00 Ferry leaves for Rosslare

Day 5 – Tuesday 15th July 2008

11:30 Arrive Rosslare

12:00 Leave Rosslare

13:15 Arrive Waterford via car ferry Passage East (73km). Media Pictures and Presentation of

Donations to the Irish Cancer Society

Please note: This event is a charity run in aid of the Irish Cancer Society and is not associated with Porsche Club Ireland in any way.