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## Porsche Club

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## Editorial

Statistics. Numbers and figures. Every six days a new coal fired power station is opened in China. In China Garden fried rice is 40cents extra. Extra power in a 911 Turbo comes when you press a tiny button called sport but not in a GT3. Jordan is a country between 28 and 31 north latitude, another Jordan won at Spa in 1998, and yet another is definitely larger than 28 or even 31. In battle, 4% is an acceptable death rate and in second year commerce in UCG the pass rate was 66 % at the end of first year. If we use letters it does not get better, a Boxter is type 986 or 987. MMR is a vaccine but its not either 100 % correct, cos it's the first letters of club members Michael, Margaret and Ruth who have just moved house and had a new baby.

Not one person or polar bear exercised their right of reply to last months presidents address to stand up for the green budget. It's the same with Ken Livingston's increase of the congestion charge to 40 euro per car per day if you drive something like a Porsche, or if you are just a small florist with a big van in central London trying to make ends meet. In my favourite films the good guy always wins. They range from Steve Mc Queen in Bullitt, Liam Neeson in Schindlers List and Johnny Depp in Pirates and even Julie Andrews in the sound of music. The little guy, and gal, after much hardship and unjustness triumphs. Well in central London just right now the fight of the little man is being fought not by Toyota, or Opel or Ford but by what was 10 yrs ago regarded as a minnow on its last gasp, Porsche.

Of course the greens will say it's a commercial effort on Porsches behalf as they stand to loose

millions. My ass it is. Porsche have always stood for principals and honour. Now that's an old fashioned word ,honour. To them that matter, the motto is death before dishonour. We're back to statistics again and the 4% who give their lives so the 100% of us can go about our lives in freedom. My bet is that Porsche are in this world for something other than the bottom line. They are an extension of what some call the little man in the shed syndrome. Many of the greatest inventions and innovations have come from the bottom of peoples gardens, the shed.

The first Porsche came from the shed in Gmund Austria so I think Ken will loose, just like the punk in Dirty Harry or the evil things in Harry Potter. Ken, beware, cos the little man has had enough. It was not armies that brought the downfall of the roman empire, but unjust taxes.

I've been enjoying the GT3 this month with spins to West Cork and Mondello. The reaction I get from people as I drive around is similar to what a nun must get when driving around in her bra. People just look and or take photos. Tomorrow I hope to go to Killarney to check out the hotel for our annual dinner which is on Sat 12th April. Brian Gorman has got us a super deal, if you don't believe me then just Google the hotel and see for yourself. Its 194 miles from Dublin which will allow you clear out all them winter cobwebs. The roads in Kerry were described by the Finnish MEP as the best rally roads in the world, him Ari Vattanen of course. And you can drive them for free, no congestion charge of 40 euro. No you would not get Jackie Healey Rae doing that. Listen up and learn Ken.

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I'm shy and one of the things I hate is going to events where I know nobody. I suppose a number of our members who don't come to club events feel the same. Well don't be shy about coming to our Killarney event cos you will be among friends from the start. We are receiving support from Porsche Centre Dublin so it will be even better value. Those green fingered ones among us can even slip back into their sheds at the bottom of the garden after the weekend.

We had our first monthly club meeting in the Radisson Stillorgan, St. Margaret's on March 3rd, a lovely venue, thanks to manager Neil Lane. Now I wonder was St. Margaret a nun and does she know what its like to drive around in ..... ? Bet she does not have the photos though !



## Track & Social Events



## 2008 Racing Calendar Released

April 6th : Mondello Park.  
April 19th: Oulton Park (UK)  
May 17th : Mondello Park.  
June 7-8th: Mondello Park.  
June 28th: Kirkistown.  
July 5-6th: Anglesey (UK).  
July 20th: Mondello Park.  
Aug 9-10th: Phoenix Park.  
Sept 13-14th: Mondello Park.  
Sept 27th: Kirkistown  
Oct 3rd: Spa (Belgium)

PCI members are welcome to all these events and the racing members of PCI have assured us all of a warm welcome as they battle amongst themselves for their very competitive championship.

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## Upcoming Events in 2008

**March 2008 :** For the month of March, Porsche Centre Dublin are offering PCI members a 10% discount on all parts and labour. This offer is only for the month of march and for paid up PCI Members.

**March 21st :** PCI track day at Mondello park . This time around it is the 2.2 mile International circuit. As a result costs are slightly higher at €180 for members, €210 for non-members. Sign on and registration from 12pm with cars out on track at 2pm until 6pm. Contact Ted Gaffney at [tedgaf@aol.com](mailto:tedgaf@aol.com) or on the phone at 087 1249444.

**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.



## Track Day March 21st.

Mondello Park is once again the location for the first track do the year for PCI. This time around we will be on the International Circuit and we hope that we can see you there with your cars on track - or even just to watch and take in the atmosphere. As usual, gates open at 12.30 and the first cars are out on track for 2pm. Pricing is €180

for members and €210 for non-members. Bring your own helmet if you have one !

We have included the PCI track day guide for you this month also.

Contact Ted Gaffney on 087 1249444 or at [tedgaf@aol.com](mailto:tedgaf@aol.com) if you have any questions.



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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# Track Days at Mondello Park



**Porsche Club**  
Ireland



**MONDELLO**  
INTERNATIONAL RACING CIRCUIT **PARK**



## The Drivers Guide to PCI Track Days at Mondello Park

Porsche Club Ireland typically runs three track days a year at the Mondello Park racing circuit in County Kildare. The purpose of this informational document is to brief members on not only what to expect at a track day, but also what is expected of both them and their car.

The track days are not run for profit, so prices may vary from time to time to reflect both the amount of drivers attending and the cost to the club of renting the circuit. Those members that have previously attended Track Days all agree that the prices represent good value for money.

PCI track days are fun events at which you can push yourself and your car within controlled surroundings as little or as much as you want. Track Days are not competitive and timing of laps is not allowed. For safety reasons, the use of hand held cameras and camcorders within the cars on track is forbidden.

The cars ( and the drivers ) can encounter high loads and stresses when out on track, so anybody taking their car out should be satisfied that it is up to the job. Unless the car has been recently serviced, it is advisable to get the car checked out prior to going on track. PCI operates an open pit lane policy, so nobody should feel under pressure to complete as many laps as possible in any one stint on track. You can just come and go as you please onto the circuit.

No driver ( or passenger ) will be allowed out on circuit unless they are wearing the correct colour wristband. Drivers will only receive their wristband once they have completed the drivers briefing. Late arrivals will be accommodated, but bear in mind you may not receive the briefing immediately upon arrival.

Novices are brought on a few sighting laps before coming back in to allow the more experienced drivers out on track. These laps are to show drivers the lines and give them some confidence in being on circuit.

### Crash Helmet

A crash helmet must be worn at all time when a driver or passenger is on track. It does not need to be FIA approved - but it should be in good condition as it may be all that's between your head and something solid in the car. The club will have some helmets available but they may not be sufficient to go around. Therefore if you have your own, bring it with you.

### Clothing

There is no requirement for special clothing, but as a minimum arms and legs must be covered at all times. This mean that short and t-shirts are not allowed. Full length trousers and full length sleeves are mandatory - regardless of the weather.

### Driving Licence

All drivers will be required to show their Driving Licence when signing on before the track day. This is to ensure you are old enough legally to drive a car. If you don't have your license with you - you can't go on track. Its as simple as that.

### Insurance

Your road insurance will be invalid when participating in a track day at Mondello Park. At present we are not aware of any Irish insurer who offers track day cover or will insure track day participation under normal road insurance. If you are involved in an incident with another vehicle or part of the track, you pay for your own damage to the vehicle.

### Insurance Indemnity

All drivers and passengers going on circuit will be required to sign an insurance indemnity form from Mondello Park. You should read this form carefully and be satisfied with the terms and conditions before you sign it and take part in the track day.

### Passengers

No passengers under 18 are allowed under any circumstances on the circuit.

# Track Days at Mondello Park



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## How to behave on circuit and preparing your car for the track

### Overtaking

At Mondello Park, overtaking is by consent only. If a faster car is catching you then you should pull over to the right and use your indicators. Conversely, if you are a faster car catching another vehicle on circuit, you should only overtake on the left - and only when the car ahead has signalled their consent. Failure to obey these rules will result in the offending faster OR slower car being black flagged ( and taken off circuit ).

### Flags and Marshals

The flags in use on the day will be explained during the drivers briefing and the marshalling points will be shown on a circuit plan. Failure to observe flags and marshals instructions will result in removal from the track by the offending driver.

### Fuel

The nearest petrol stations are located in Naas and Prosperous. So make sure your car has at least half a tank of petrol before you arrive. The car will consume fuel at a very high rate on track - so if you have to drive off to get more you will lose a lot of track time.

### Vehicle Contents

You should make sure all unnecessary and loose items are removed from the car before you set off on circuit. These items are likely to run around in the car under hard braking and potentially jam under a pedal. Mobile phones should be switched off to avoid distraction when out on circuit.

### Vehicle Condition

Make sure you are happy with the overall condition of your car. Oil caps should not be missing or trim should not be loose on the car. In general, make sure that you don't pose a danger to other drivers with the condition of your car - but also ensure it is safe for you to drive.

### Lights

Headlights and driving/fog lamps must be taped-up to avoid glass falling on the circuit. Plastic headlamps

are not required to be taped. Insulating tape is ideal for this purpose as it can be easily removed.

### Tyres

Tyres should be in good physical condition with no damage to the sidewalls. If the tread is low, this may improve the handling under dry conditions - but it may be dangerous under wet conditions. Remember tyres are all that is between you and the road, so its vital that you have good tyres on your car.

Tyre pressures generally do not need to be increased for track use. In fact you may need to lower the pressure depending on how hard the car is being driven and how hot the tyres get. In general, leave the tyres as they are until you need to change them to adjust the handling of the car.

### Lubricant Levels

Ensure there is sufficient oil and water in the car as you will be driving the engine at high revs. This will result in increased consumption of oil. However, do not overfill the oil as this can result in you being pulled off circuit for dropping oil. Bring spare engine oil and top if required during the day.

### Brakes

The brakes will see the hardest use of all on the very technical Mondello Park circuit. Worn pads will result in brake fade and worn discs can leads to distortion in the discs themselves. Brake fluid should be changed every 2 years on a Porsche regardless - so only use high temperature fluid (DOT4 or DOT5) in your car.

### Noise

Mondello Park is situated in a semi-residential area. Most 911's and pretty much all other models are fine on circuit. However, excessively noisy vehicles may be asked to show a degree of restraint when on circuit to ensure there is no inconvenience to neighbouring homes. If these vehicles are still too noisy, they will be black flagged and taken off circuit.