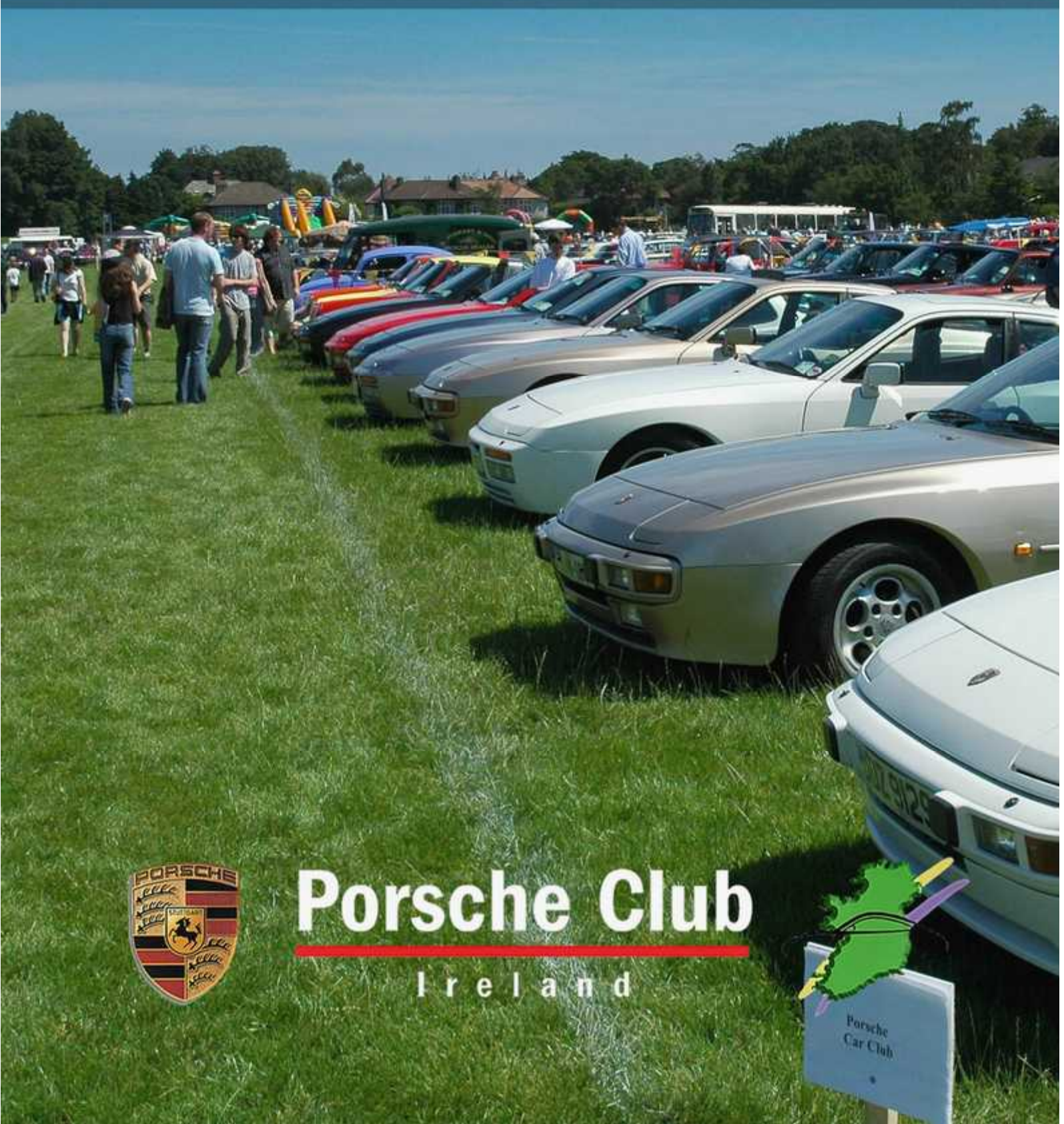


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Editorial

You know the world is changing when you read the specification for the 09 MY (model year) 911 and see that not only is full sat nav coverage available on China destined models but also that Japanese ones need the PCM replaced with a local Clarion System. Progress I suppose. Maybe they will get around to adding on the small road I live in in Glanmire next update. At least one person is reading this every month. I know because Harvey Gerndt is a long time Porsche man and member who pointed out a few mistakes with my reference to Ferry Porsche and the Tiger Tank in last months issue. Harvey, who's half German states that Ferry never designed the Tiger Tank and that it was a fairly crap old tank anyway. He's right, of course I meant the Jagedpanther, the hunting tiger that just made the end of the war. I was distracted by Angelina Jolie clambering on the turret and was looking at the wrong place. Harvey typifies a type of member who loves Porsche just for what it is and is a fountain of knowledge on what makes them tick. Thanks Harvey for the enlightenment.

Last year we held an event in the Raddisson St. Helens in Stillorgan and it proved to be our largest gathering ever. Organised by Brian Gorman and aided by our man on the inside, Neil Lane, it was a most enjoyable day. We are repeating the event this year, so bookmark Sunday August 3rd for your diary. Full details else-

where in this e news. Anyone wanting a suitable birthday present or other would be advised to visit our club shop where Dave Gorman will have Club Merchandise on display.

As part of serving you the members better, we are attending the Terenure Classic Car Show on Sunday 6th of July and hope to provide some light refreshments free to our members. We've booked space for 50 Porsches so just come along with your pride and joy (book in advance or take pot luck and turn up on the day.)

Myself and local man Dennis Collins took part in the Kinsale Vintage and Classic Clubs run over two glorious days in May. Dennis borrowed Dermot, or is it Rose's, Speed Yellow Boxter and off we went on some of the best driving roads in the country. There were 115 entries, and 12 Porsches, so the marque made up 10% of the entry, by far the largest contingent. Sadly only 5 of the 12 were club members. It just shows we, as a club and you as members need to be more proactive in inviting people to join. Years ago I used carry a photo copy of our membership form in my glove box to hand out to Porsche owners I met. It lead to some interesting conversations at traffic lights.

The racing is driving me demented, and poorer. Three non finishes out four events, oil leaks, wheel centres pulling out

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(scary that) and last week the diff came out through the gear-box. Character building, I hope it will stand to me in the future, but I'm old and the future is shorter. My efforts to get a bit fit continue with the Carrera Kraken Mountain bike and I've now reached a max speed of 32 mph and a total mileage of 1500 miles and worn the rear tyre to smooth. Must try harder.

I'm doing Silverstone Classic on 25/26/27 July in the race car, I've a spare ticket for free if anyone is interested. it's a great event. And I'm driving to the Nurburgring August 6-10th for the Old Timer GP in the Gt 3 just for fun.





Kinsale Classic & Vintage International Rally 8th – 11th May 2008

Sponsored by Blue Haven Hotel.

The popular event was a huge success again this year and attracted 120 entries of which 12 were Porsche owners. Porsche Club Ireland president Dave Whelan, received an official invitation to the civic reception at Town Hall hosted by Kinsale UDC on Friday evening, where he was presented with a beautiful pocket watch by Mayor of Kinsale Mary Evans. In return he presented the Mayor with a framed Porsche emblem to mark the 1st official attendance of Porsche Club Ireland.

On Saturday morning, Kinsale Town centre was closed off as all cars assembled 2 hours before the start of the event. A pipe band led the event out of the town and the rally travelled through some of the most beautiful roads in West Cork through Dunmanway, The Bantry Line to Kealkil, Ballylickey with stops for sustenance along the way followed by an overnight in the West Lodge Hotel Bantry where the rally dinner and prize giving was held. Dave Whelan

presented Kinsale Club Chairman Cathal O'Shea with a Factory model Carrera GT.

On Sunday the route took us to on more great driving roads to Durrus, Ballydohob, Skibbereen and on to lunch stop in Clonakilty. The final stop was at the Fields Bar Dunderrow for more food and final prize giving with a beautiful 3.2 911 Targa scooping the much sought after "Fields Plaque", presented by Mark Coleman.

Next years event will be 20th anniversary of the Kinsale Club and it promises to be a memorable one. Make sure to mark it in you calendar now!

Denis Collins



It's been a great month for getting out and about in my 993 what with the super weather , I've been taking full advantage!

The car has behaved faultlessly throughout , although I am mindful of some advice given to me recently by John Keany (after having my car up on his ramp) , that my rear bumper supports are being eaten by the metal worm and need to be replaced. I've decided to do this job myself (cue laughter from my better half!) , and have ordered the bits for the job from Gert at carnawal.com .. And while browsing his site , I 'accidentally' purchased RSR sports exhaust , I'll report back when I have it on! Gert gives a very friendly professional service , and his prices seem very competitive.

The 993 reg. also had a meet and lunch during the month , it was brilliant to be able to spout about all things Porsche without boring those around me half to death , but even better to see the cars lined up outside Brownes Barn .. and quite a bit of attention did they get too!

If you own a 993 , and haven't already joined our motley group , then please do drop me a line with your car details at 993@porsche-club-ireland.com

Barney Lynch

Track and Social Events

Barney Lynch compiles a list of Porsche and motoring sites.

The internet has become a wonderful resource for the Porsche enthusiast, with many sites dedicated to our favourite marque, so I compiled a 'top ten' list of some of the more important addresses. Many of the sites are 'log on sites', meaning you have to agree to abide by forum rules before you can post on a topic. However, you don't have to log on if you just want to gain access to the site without contributing.

www.octane.ie is a strictly Irish site and is probably the most used Irish car website. It's a general car enthusiast site so no specific Porsche talk here, but you will find the occasional bit of pork banter.

Keeping it non-technical, this site offers all the Porsche videos you'll ever need. Included are original official advertisements. Well worth a look - www.coochas.com/porsche/index.html

There are a number of sites over in the UK, depending on your needs. Possibly the chattiest of these is www.pistonhead.com. There's a forum for all things Porsche, although the chat can be more light hearted than technical. Perfect for office hours!

For those with an older 911, specifically 1974 to 1989, head to www.impactbumpers.com - Classic 911's and nothing else!! If it's pure info you require, then look at www.cannell.co.uk/manuals.htm where you can download your cars workshop manual .. As you can imagine, these are large files, be warned!

If you want your information official, then try <https://techinfo.porsche.com/techinfo/index.jsp>, lots to keep the enthusiast happy, straight from the horses mouth!

Further afield, the USA is the place to go for more technical orientated Porsche talk. If it's DIY guides your after, then the following is for you - www.p-car.com which gives you all the info you need to modify, and service your car, with plenty more on line for when things go wrong.

Finally, An American site with forums dedicated to all things Porsche, www.rennlist.com with over 65,000 subscribers, it's one of the most active in the business.

It takes a while to digest everything this site has to offer, but if you just want to find out a little more about your Porsche, here's where to go forums.rennlist.com

Prepare for information overload!

Upcoming Events

June 28th : Region 27 PCGB Shane Castle Annual Event and concourse Sat 28th June. Contact Allen Welshman at 0044 773 6809030 or via email at info@qinonline.co.uk

July 6th : PCI will be attending the Irish Classic & Vintage motor show at Terenure College in Dublin. The show is from 11am to 6pm and there will be a subsidised entry of €10 for PCI members. There are 50 places booked, so contact Brian Gorman via email at brian@bgpropertyconsultants.com or at 086 1566086 to register and avoid disappointment. This is an exceptionally popular day that is great fun for all car enthusiasts

July 18th: 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 or on the phone at 087 1249444. Spaces are limited, so you will need to register your interest with Ted to guarantee a space.

July 25-27th: PCGB Annual Event at Silverstone Classic. Classic races for mouth-watering cars. Contact Dave Whelan at porscheclubi@eircom.net

August 3rd: Annual PCI concourse and family day at the Radisson St. Helens Stillorgan.

Your clubs feature event at this splendid 5 star hotel. Very special prices and a day long on activity with fun and games for younger ones. Club Concourse sponsored by AutoGlym and the event is generously supported by Porsche Centre Dublin and the Radisson St. Helens. Contact Brain Gorman as above or Neil Lane at nbl993@gmail.com. An event not to be missed. Join us for the day, or the day and night.

Aug 8-10th: Old Timer GP Nurburgring. Dave Whelan is hoping to organise a small group driving to this event. The plan is to leave Dublin on the Weds 6th and return by Monday 11th.

Porsche make available hospitality to include food, drink and entry tickets but its very hard to get and is limited. Racing for historic cars takes place throughout the weekend and the old 14 mile GP circuit is open for public laps. His plan is to bring the Cayenne and a trailer with a track car on board. If you are interested email Dave at porcheclubi@eircom.net.



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