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David Whelan

Editorial

So we're going to have a green government, mm....., should be an interesting five years. Our club is non political but I'm sure I echo all our thoughts when I say its my hope and wish to be able to continue to enjoy my Porsche until the end of its natural life or mine (or both at the same time, but, no thinking of that might mean I crash and depart this mortal foil, so I'll rephrase that to say 911 goes before me) in a manner that respects the planet we live in.

We've coped with the big change (no not that change !) from Leaded via LRP, you remember the scare stories about burnt valves etc, to 95 Unleaded so I suppose Porsche will think of something to fuel our 911s in years to come. And I'm not sure chopping down the rain forests in South America to grow bio fuels is the answer or filling your boot (that's trunk for our American reader) with batteries is the best answer either. Maybe the answer is there already, have you not noticed that every time you open the hood (that's bonnet for our European readers) on your 911 , its there staring at you in the face (that's mug for our Bronx readers) , yes the fan. Its air driven , so all Porsche needs to do is ditch this water cooling stuff and go back to fans , bigger ones that catch the wind (that's gaoth for our Irish readers))and whoosh, off you go. Add an after burner (from Ted's Flo Gas) and you'll even make it home in time to turn around and go back

to work just in time for the next days work.

Am I allowed mention BMW in this letter, 'cos I was truly amazed , and delighted ,to see that Robert Kubrica survived only shaken and stirred after that crash in the Grand Prix of Canada. Another racing Robert is our own turbo man Bob Cameron who won last months quiz with his answer that your Fuchs are your wheels on your early 911. Well done Bob, and this months question is related to that grand Prix, its held on the Isle Notre Dame in Montreal , but after what famous racing driver is the circuit called. I'm away at Le Mans in France so this time email the answers to me at porscheclubi@eircom.net and again first correct answer out of the hat wins. (A red Bordeaux from 2005)

Us racing guys , and gal had a great weekend at Silverstone in early June. Someone said that Linda got her photo taken sitting on Stirling Moss's knee, hmm..., she probably felt safe since he's 77 or thereabouts. I'm waiting for the next race to get my photo taken on another Moss's knee, guess which ? Me and Linda can compare notes, or is it knees.

No news on the campaign to persuade my wife to buy a Cayenne this month, must make a mental note to visit a Porsche Centre in France and point out the merits when her Renault Scenic 2 Diesel (RS2D)sheds a wheel this year !

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And do you know someone attempted to inform her (wife) of the details I wrote about last month, luckily I was able to render her (informer) dead with one of my trained killer blows in time to avoid a situation that would have made me less concerned about climate change and more concerned with surviving the ensuing WW3 that she (wife) would precipitate.

One last thought about climate change , her (wife's) RS2D has a little button on the dash labelled climate control, do you think this is Renaults answer to climate change, i.e. push once to melt a polar bear , and might it be that its all those Renault drivers who are melting the polar ice caps every time they press the other button labelled defrost ! Oh, and a good month on the Carrera Kraken mountain bike this month, no wasps either.



Track & Social Events



PCI Wicklow Run 2007

Although down on last year, the 2007 run still saw over 22 cars heading out over the Wicklow mountains despite it being a quite overcast day.

It can only be assumed that many of the male Porsche owners in the club used their Fathers day trump card to attend this years run over the Wicklow mountains. The slightly inclement weather didn't dampen enthusiasm in the slightest - and even the Irish tendency to be late for everything meant we only left 30 minutes later than planned.

There was a quite a variety of cars on the run from the beautifully original 1964 Porsche 356C Coupe belonging to Albert Harding, to Donal Daly's stunning black 2003 996 Carrera 4S. In fact we were so taken with Albert's machine that we were delighted to present an Autoglym concourse pack to him for the best car of the day.



One PCI member had travelled all the way from Limerick to his first PCI event, so who else could receive the Spirit of the Event award, but Colm Cleary - who proved at length (and in a lots of words) just how passionate he is about all things Porsche ! Welcome to the club Colm !

As with last year, we assembled at the Porsche Centre Dublin before starting on our run over the Wicklow mountains. Alan and Philip from the centre were there to greet us and provide us with plenty of tea and coffee - and Alan even decided to join us to stretch the legs on one of the showroom models.

So, 22 cars headed off out the Blessington Road and just outside Vallemount, we were joined by Jimmy Murphy in his trusty 944. Needless to say, the sight of well over 20 Porsches pulling in to the viewing point at the Wicklow Gap was a sight to behold !

Despite the possibility of rain, the weather decided to play along with us for almost the entire day and the boxster hoods only came up for a very short while after lunch at the Sally Gap. Lunch once again was perfectly timed - just ahead of a coach load of Japanese tourists !

Pictures from the event can be found on the clubs website under the 2007 section of the picture gallery. Or click below to be taken directly to the gallery.

Club and Website Update

As ever, the clubs website is the hub for what is happening and what has happened. As normal, feel free to check out the club website at <http://www.porsche-club-ireland.ie>

You should have noticed your PCI membership renewal letter arriving in your post box by now. Assuming we have your correct address of course ! Please try to fill in as much detail as possible on the form and try to be as legible as possible.

We have kept the membership

fees the same as the past number of previous years. We hope that you as a member feel you get benefit from your membership of PCI and with the increase in numbers in the club over the last year or two, we have been able to keep the membership costs the same whilst the cost of everything else goes up !

Keep an eye on the picture gallery section of the website as this is generally quite up to date with pictures from the Porsche Open Racing Series and the many club

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events run throughout the year.

Thanks to David Gorman for covering all the events and for providing us with so many photos that we lose both sleep and working days trying to keep up with him !

Keep visiting the website regularly to keep up to date with what is going on in the club. As always we will try to let people know of events by email and text.

Upcoming Events in 2007



Terenure Classic Car Show 2007

With the ever popular Terenure Classic Car show only around the corner, PCI have secured 30 car spaces in the show at a cost of €10 per car. Register now to ensure you get a space for yours !

Social Event Guide

The Terenure Classic Car Show is coming around again fast. This is an extremely popular event with usually over 1200 classic cars on show and takes place on July 8th next. The location is as always the grounds of Terenure College in Dublin.

PCI have secured space for 30 cars at this event, so if you want to attend and bring your Porsche (regardless of age) contact Brian Gorman on 086 1566086 or at brian@bgpropertyconsultants.com to get your entry pass.

Entry price for cars is on €10 per vehicle and this includes entry to the show. Please let Brian know if you want to go as we expect the booked spaces to disappear quite quickly.

Click on the link below to be taken to the shows website.

www.irishjagclub.ie/show.html

Mondello Park plays host again to the July track day for PCI. Once again, this will be on the national 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 should be in line with previous track days and remember to bring your own helmet if you have one !

The PCI track day guide is available on request from the membership secretary via email or post, but we will circulate the guide via email about a week before the track day itself.

Contact Ted Gaffney on 087 1249444 or at tedgaf@aol.com if you have any questions.

The Club will host its annual concourse event at the Radisson SAS hotel in Stillorgan, Dublin on August 5th next. It will also be a major birthday celebration for Porsche Club Ireland - This year the club celebrates its 10th birthday !

The focus of the day is not only on the show and shine section at the concourse, but also on fun for all the family. Special rates are available for people wishing to stay over at the hotel on the Sunday night. More detail on the event can be found on page 5. But keep the date free as we want a big turnout !

July 8th : Terenure Classic Car show. Contact Brian Gorman via email at brian@bgpropertyconsultants.com or on 086 1566086 for further details.

July 20th : PCI track day on Mondello's National Circuit. Gates open at 12.30 and cars out on track at 2pm. €130 for PCI members, €180 for non-members. Additional drivers cost €50. Full details on the club website. Alternatively contact Ted Gaffney on 087 1249444

August 5th: Annual Concourse at Raddison SAS Hotel Stillorgan. This will be a major PCI event celebrating the clubs 10th birthday. Try to be there !

August 11th-12th: Phoenix Park races. Why not drop in to watch our fellow members battle it out in the beautiful phoenix park. Entry to the races is free, so there is no excuse !

August 10th-13th : PCGB and PCI tour of the North. Contact Leslie Kane on 086 3046156 or Alyson Welshman at allen.welshman@btconnect.com for further details.

August 25h : Porsche Championship racing at Kirkistown. Contact Brian Gorman on 086 1566086 or at brian@bgpropertyconsultants.com for further details.

Exact pricing will follow shortly once we have agreed final costs.

Our PCI racing members are at it again in August with all of them participating at the Phoenix Park races in Dublin on August 11th and 12th and Kirkistown in Northern Ireland on August 25th.

The Phoenix Park races are free to the public and all PCI members are free to wander over and look at all the racing Porsches on show. Its more than just Porsche racing though - everything from pre-war Bentleys to modern single seaters will be racing over the two days.

The first motor racing event in the Phoenix Park took place on July 4, 1903, when Baron de Forrest set a new speed record of 86.4mph in his



Annual Concourse Event

2007 sees PCI move to a new venue for its annual concourse event. This year it will be held at the 5 star Radisson SAS hotel in Dublin.

Mors racing car.

PCGB Region 27 (Ireland) and Region 1 (Scotland) will be taking a tour of the Northern parts of Ireland between August 10th and 13th next. This is a jointly run event between PCGB Region 27 and PCI, so all PCI members are encouraged to attend if they wish.

Contact Leslie Kane on 086 3046156 or Alyson Welshman at allen.welshman@btconnect.com for further details and to book now!

Below is the proposed itinerary.

Friday 10th August

All cars to meet at Castle Gardens Kilwaughter at 12.00pm and commence drive to Tyrone Crystal for lunch and pre-arranged factory tour. Depart Dungannon and head for the Radisson Hotel Limavady for dinner, overnight stay and relaxing evening.

Saturday 11th August

Breakfast at Radisson; depart for Donegal at approx. 11.30am. Local PCI member Donal Cadye will lead a tour of the Inishowen 100 with possible stops at the Isle of Doagh, Famine village, Malin Head and then possibly tea in the Caratra Inn. After this run of approximately 150 odd miles we will head for the Shandon in Portnablagh where we

will have dinner and a disco.

Sunday 12th August

Breakfast at the Shandon followed by the concourse at about 11.00am. After the judging is over Donal Cadye will lead the group on a tour of the Donegal Coast - Knockalla, Falcarragh, Gweedore and possible visit to "Danny Minnies". Lunch will be either at the Shandon or en route. Return to Shandon Hotel for dinner and prize giving.

Monday 13th August

Breakfast at the Shandon then depart for home.

If you would like to organise an event in your own locality for Porsche Club Ireland members, PCI are delighted to support you in any way we can. It is a club about the members and run for the members, so if you want to even just organise a Sunday drive, or a local tyre kicking festival - don't hesitate to let us know and we will inform the members of the details.

We can arrange for some prize packs to be made available and to be given to participants at the organisers discretion.

Contact Alan Weadick on 086 8258576 or at alan@weadick.com with the details you would like published.

PCI to celebrate its 10th birthday in style

2007 is a momentous year for PCI. Following the formation of the club back in 1997 so much has changed and the membership has now grown from 7 cars to over 300 in just ten short years.

With that in mind, we plan to have a major celebration based around the annual concourse event. It's the chance to show off your cars and take in the huge diversity of cars within the club.

We plan to have a fun day for everyone, so bring the family! Below is a list of some of the things we have planned (plus a few surprises too!)

- A subsidised gourmet barbecued dinner on the private back lawn.
- Concourse event for all Porsches
- Virtual racing competition on a giant video screens throughout the day.
- Full bar service in a private function room.
- Prize draw for items donated by PCI members and sponsors.
- Display of racing Porsches from the Porsche Open Racing series.
- A selection of new and used Porsches from the Porsche Centre Dublin.

The event will take place from 2pm on August 5th 2007 at the Radisson SAS hotel in Stillorgan, Dublin. The concourse judging will be at 4pm, with food to follow shortly after. Prices are being finalised, so expect some more information through your inbox or Post box over the next two weeks.

Deluxe guests bedrooms are available for €150 bed and breakfast based on 2 adults sharing or €140 bed and breakfast for single occupancy.

Please book the accommodation directly with the hotel at 01 2186000 quoting Porsche Club Ireland.

Contact Alan Weadick at 086 8258576 or alan@weadick.com to let us know if you plan to attend. We need to have a good idea on numbers to ensure adequate food is available.