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Editorial

Terrible weather, isn't it. Not many BBQs either this summer. So we decided to have our own, summer and BBQ that is. And what an event it promises to be, a chance to polish your Porsche and park it up in the magnificent surroundings of the Raddisson Hotel while enjoying a real BBQ and hopefully some real summer weather.

Our organising members of Alan Weadick, Brian Gorman, Trevor Fitzpatrick, Tom Whelan, Neil Lane and David Gorman have been hard at work ensuring that our club got a top class venue for our top class cars at an interesting price.

Porsche Centre Dublin have helped us enormously and it's true to say that their kind generosity means we can go the extra mile to give you a day to remember. And I'm working on the weather, but just in case we have a wet day programme to keep you amused. In the event of rain, concourse judging may have to be determined on how well the water beads off your car from a viewing distance of 100 feet.

My campaign to persuade Mrs Whelan to change her Renault Scenic Diesel for a Cayenne continues and even went so far as when me and Daniel my son were in Silverstone we had a sneaky spin in one. It just needs a bit more persuasion, like another wheel falling off the Scenic and we've won. And with all this rain and flooding sure isn't a Cayenne a

much safer and comfortable piece of motorcar to be in, not to mention that it would make a great tow car for the race 911.

The Carrera mountain bike is going well this month and the little speedo says I've reached a max speed of 47kph at some time and I've not swallowed any wasps either, time of the year or more likely due to the wet summer they have all drowned. I might mention, that my remark about maxing at 47kph is not a challenge to anyone to write in and say he / she has beaten this speed. It reminds me of a photo I saw one time of a cyclist who trained for extra speed and aero dynamics by strapping himself onto the roof rack of a 928 at 120mph.

Motorsport is mad. Those of us that do it really should be locked up. An example of madness is my RSR stuck in 3rd gear in Brands Hatch. I bought a second hand gear box and did the next race while ordering a new 3rd gear from Porsche. The second hand gear box then stuck in gear and the 3rd gear that arrived did not look like the one I had (because the one I had was in fact 5th!). My road 993 is in Porsche Centre Dublin for some paint work so we borrowed it back from them and removed its gear box and put that into the RSR. We sent the road 993 back to Porsche Centre Dublin and hoped they don't notice the missing gear box (they did!) and off we went to Silverstone for the Porsche Open

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Race. Myself and Jim O' Reilly (him of the Don Mac Lean voice) are doing a race their this weekend so here's hoping. Liam Dowling is coming along as team manager, but I have a sneaking suspicion his real reason is to meet with Bernie Ecclestone to buy Silverstone and make it look like Mondello. And Scott will be making sure my tyre temperatures are done straight away before Jim's or else he will be mentioned here again next month!

Don't forget to wave when passing another Porsche, it's a sign of respect for each other and acknowledgement that we are driving the dream.



Track & Social Events



Terenure Car Show 2007

The changeable weather couldn't stop over 35 club cars descending on Terenure for the country's premier classic car show on July 8th last.

There was an exceptionally good turnout at this year's Terenure Classic Car show with 35 Porsches from the club on show during the day. The cars from the club on show ranged from all variants of air cooled 911's to the ever popular water cooled 944's. A 550 spyder replica was brought by Bob Cameron and it certainly drew the crowds - and the admiring eye of

many passers by. But unfortunately for Bob - not their wallets !

It was good to catch up with our club friends from all over the country as they made the trip to this motoring Mecca for classic cars.

Rumour has it Mr Gaffney was busy supplying Autoglym polish to owners of other makes as they tried

in vain to match the beauty of almost three dozen porkies lined up in the very changeable weather. We hope that one day all this honest labour will help Ted acquire that 997 he is hankering after - even if it is water cooled !

With so many cars on show from the club, picking the best turned out car at the show was a difficult task, but in the end the winner on the day was Hugh Maguire from Kildare with his stunning 1991 blue 944 S2.

The Terenure Car show has gone from strength to strength with the club over the years. 2007 has been the highlight in turnout and we will continue to attend this wonderful event for years to come. So, if you didn't make it this time - see you next year !

A special thanks to Brian and David Gorman for being so well organised on the day and ensuring that we managed to invade space outside our originally allocated lot of 30 cars and accommodating even the latest arrivals.



Club and Website Update

As ever, the club's 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>

Membership renewals have been coming in at a great pace and our little printer is working overtime producing a stylish membership card for people when they join or renew.

So far, we have had over 160 people join in the 2007 year, but we

still have 175 people from last year that we hope will renew with the club. If you haven't gotten yours already, here is the new club card.



A membership form is on the last page in case you haven't received it.

David Gorman has undertaken the role of Merchandising Manager and now has availability of a large selection of high quality Club Shirts, Hats, Jackets and T-Shirts in various sizes and colours.

Look out for David at our Family Day at the Radisson at the start of August. Alternatively, you can contact David at the email address or phone number at the top of the previous page. He will be happy to post out any items for you subject to a small extra cost for postage.

Track & Social Events



Luxurious family day and concourse

The 2007 annual concourse event coincides with the clubs 10th birthday. To celebrate the big event, a bit party has been planned.

PCI will host its ever popular annual concourse event at the stunning Radisson SAS St Helens hotel in Stillorgan in Dublin on Sunday August 5th 2007. This is an event not to be missed and we would actively encourage all members and their families to attend.

A sumptuous barbeque menu has been prepared by the hotel exclusively for Porsche Club Ireland and the mouth watering dishes will not disappoint even the most hardened gourmet diner.

The concourse will be held on the private back lawn of the hotel with exclusive use of the Le Panto room and a private bar. The hotel is located just 2 miles south of Dublin City Centre and has plenty of accommodation available for those who wish to make a weekend of it and stay over.

This is a subsidised event and has only been possible with the support of the Radisson SAS hotel itself, and the Porsche Centre Dublin.

There will be plenty to do on the day if you don't fancy shining your car to within an inch of its life ! A virtual racing challenge will take place on XBOX consoles with large Plasma screens. Naturally enough

there will be prizes for all the kids taking part - regardless of whether they are old enough to hold a driving licence or not !

There will also be on display a selection of Porsche Racing cars from the current Porsche Open Racing series, some historic rallying Porsches and a selection of new and used Porsches from our sponsor, Porsche Centre Dublin.

The main event of the day will be the concourse competition itself. But don't worry if you think you haven't a competition winning car. There will be plenty of classes, from concourse to best effort. Its taking part that is the rewarding part.

The event kicks off officially at 2pm, but come earlier if you wish. Car washing facilities will be Available from around 11am. Judging will be at 5.30pm for the concourse and food to follow around 6pm on the back terrace. We also will have music during the evening until midnight.

Costs for PCI members is €35 per adult, with children under 14 free. For non-members attending, the cost is €45 per head. The quality of the food on the day can be seen on the attached menu. Needless to say, no one will be disappointed !

Radisson SAS St Helen's Hotel, Dublin



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.



Talavera Restaurant



Guest Accomodation.



Phoenix Park Races

The Phoenix Park races in Dublin is a great family day where spectators can get up close and personal with the racing cars before they head out to race on the famous D racing circuits at the Park. Entry is free and all should come along to see cars from every decade of motoring racing.

Upcoming Events in 2007

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

September 14th : PCI track day on Mondello's National Circuit. Gates open at 12.30 and cars out on track at 2pm. Discount for those who went to the last track day that had to be cancelled.

Social Event Guide

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 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.



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Personal Details

Name

Address

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Membership Application Form Renewal Date 1st July 2008



Membership Type

Full (Porsche Owner) 60 Euro

Associate (Non Owner) 30 Euro

Porsche Club Ireland endeavour to support a cleaner environment and to maintain low running costs for the club. With that in mind, we encourage members to receive communication via email. If you do not have access to email please leave the field below blank and we will communicate via post and SMS.

Email Address

Interests & Activities

Track Days Social Events Insurance Motor Sport Classic Cars

Vehicle Details (Full Members only)

Model Body

Year Capacity

Colour Registration

Additional Vehicle *

Model Body

Year Capacity

Colour Registration

This form should be printed, filled out and returned with the appropriate payment to :

Porsche Club Ireland
P.O. Box 10747
Dublin 15

Cheques and Drafts should be crossed and made payable to Porsche Club Ireland.

Queries should be directed to the above postal address or via email to alan@weadick.com

Alternatively visit our website at www.porsche-club-ireland.ie

* Please use an additional copy of the membership application form if you wish to register more than 2 vehicles