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356 Registry USA

Asheville 2003



Asheville in North Carolina is situated in the Blue Ridge area, part of a beautiful mountain range that runs from North to South in the East of the USA. It is an inviting and irresistible region. No wonder then that people flocked to the 356 Register's East Coast Holiday in September. It was a four-day party with 570 guests, more than 200 Porsche 356s and several newer Porsche models. The event showed off all the charm, beauty and culture of the region.

Wednesday was the arrival day, and the programme started on Thursday. In small groups, the guests drove to the "Tail of Dragon", Mount Mitchell and Chimney Rock Park. Those who needed a walk after all the driving had the chance to check out the range of antiques in Asheville or to find out what the local handicrafts and cuisine have to offer. The evening reception in the streets of Biltmore Village provided an opportunity to greet old friends and make new ones, while enjoying food and drinks from the local restaurants and wine bars.



Before the event, everyone had been talking about spectacular drives, but the excursion accompanied by Bill Durland on the Friday exceeded everyone's expectations. The corners and hairpin bends in the Blue Ridge Park were tailor-made for the 356. In the numerous tunnels, the 356 drivers greeted one another by hooting their horns, a noise that reminded at least one person of ducks quacking. Later, there was time to relax and enjoy an ice cream amidst the countless Porsche books, models and memorabilia before heading back into town for the evening.



The meeting point for the 29th East Coast Holiday Concours d'Élégance on Saturday was the 250-room house belonging to George Vanderbilt, dating from 1895 and situated in the hills outside the town. The lawns of the Vanderbilt grounds provided a perfect backdrop for the most important of this four-day holiday – the exhibition of our 356s.

Thanks to the local Potomac 356 Owners Group, the 200 plus vehicles were assembled in double time. The Concours was decided by public vote and Ray Knight's Sauter Roadster was elected "Best in Show". For the first time, the jury awarded a prize for the "bravest" entrant, who dared to park a more than old 356 among the Concours vehicles.



An important prize, and one that emphasises the fact that our cars are not yet museum pieces but are still running vehicles, was the prize for the

longest journey. The deserving winners were Tom and Ann Olson from Anchorage in Alaska, who had driven their 356 to the event from Seattle.

Lunch, which ought to have also won a prize, was followed by a farewell party on Saturday evening. The guests shared their memories and perhaps started some new pieces of 356 history. At the traditional flea market on the Sunday morning, buyers and sellers met on the car park before sunrise, and in the sunshine around midday a real parade of 356s left the hotel. It was time to say goodbye, with everyone promising to be there again this September in the historic setting of Williamsburg in Virginia.

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Porsche Club 914 de France

International 914 Meeting in Deauville



International? It certainly was! Our 914 meeting in Deauville, held from 19th to 21st September 2003, was attended by people from Great Britain, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal, the USA and of course France.

A total of 35 Porsche 914s gathered in Saint Gatien close to Deauville. Friday afternoon was set aside for checking in, and the activities planned for the following two days, including an excursion, were then presented during dinner that evening. Equipped with a map and a road book, the first team set off in their car at 8.15 on Saturday morning.

The journey took us through Pont l'Eveque and we visited the motor museum in the chateau at Betteville. A lot of photos were taken at this lovely spot, especially as the sun was shining and the group included some very interesting vehicles. A charming English couple presented their single owner 914 while the French 914 with Sportomatic, which was voted the most

attractive car at the English meeting the previous year, was also in attendance. The guests could also marvel at a 914/6, faithfully restored down to the smallest sealing ring. Conversation no doubt centred primarily on the 914, a topic that overcame any language barriers.

The group of 914s then set off for the casino in Deauville. They were led by what is, to the best of our knowledge, the only right-hand drive 914. Once they arrived at their destination, the vehicles were arrayed right next to the sea. After lunch at the casino, we continued further into the Normandy countryside, where we visited a Calvados distillery at the chateau in Breuil.

The meeting included a small competition, with participants being asked for the ignition sequence of a Porsche six-cylinder engine and having to arrange model cars in chronological order, while an address game using boules was organised.

Everyone returned promptly to Saint Gatien to get ready for the start of the gala evening, where prizes and mementoes were presented to the participants. This was the first time that a 914 meeting had been held in France – and it was a great event.

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Porsche Classic Clubs Deutschland

Meilenwerk Berlin



In the summer of 2003, the eight German Porsche Classic Clubs for the 356, 911, 914, 914/6, Carrera RS, 924, 928, 944 and 968 series rented a Club room in the “Meilenwerk” centre to give them a joint meeting point in the Berlin region. Since May 2003, the “Meilenwerk” centre has been the number one address in Berlin for fans of special and classic vehicles.

On 18th October 2003, the Porsche Classic Clubs started for their first joint excursion. In beautiful autumn weather, twelve vehicles from the 356, 911, 914, 928 and 968 types assembled early in the morning for a group photograph in front of the historic walls of the “Meilenwerk”.



After distribution of the road book, the first stage began, taking the drivers to the “ship lift” situated at Niederfinow, 50 kilometres Northeast of Berlin. This ship canal lift on the Oder-Havel Canal was built between 1927 and 1934 and is still fully functional today. It allows barges with a weight of up to 750 tonnes to be lifted or lowered over a height difference of 36 metres in just five minutes. Before the construction of the ship canal lift, ships had to negotiate a four-stage series of locks, each of nine metres.

After having a thorough look around, including enjoying the great view over the broad landscape of the Oderbruch region, we set off for our next stage destination. In the small village of Alt Lewin, right in the middle of the Oderbruch region, we stopped for our lunch break at a lovely inn. Our vehicles parked on the small village square provided a welcome photo opportunity for many passers-by.

After a slightly longer return journey to Berlin, we assembled back at our starting point in the late afternoon. There, we were taken on an extensive tour organised by the “Meilenwerk” project management team, where we found out a lot of interesting details about the history of the site and the project to restore the halls while retaining their historic features.

The day was brought to a fitting conclusion with dinner at the “Trofeo” restaurant in the Meilenwerk. Everyone involved in the event agreed that it had been a successful day and a great end to the season, before the cars all went off for their winter hibernation.

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A Reminder:

Porsche Club España

Porsche Parade Europe 2004 Spain

Don't delay; send in your booking as soon as possible before all the places are taken. The Porsche Parade Europe 2004, which will be held from 3rd to 6th June 2004 in the Tarragona province of Spain, is limited to a maximum of 300 vehicles. Porsches of all types and from any year of construction are welcome.

The highlights of the four-day programme will include a trip to the Catalonian Formula 1 circuit, the "Circuit de Catalunya" with test drives, a visit to the wine cellars in Vilafranca del Penedès, a huge "Porsche Night" at "La Boella" and a cruise on the Ebro Delta.

The price for two people and one vehicle, including accommodation in a double room and breakfast, is 1,650.- Euro. The price for one person with accommodation in a single room and breakfast is 1,200.- Euro. Further information can be found on the Internet at: www.paradeeurope2004.com

To book, you can use the booking form printed in the Porsche Club News Issue 6/03.

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Porsche Club Kirchen-Hausen e.V./
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Porsche Cayenne in Vidiciatico

Attention all Cayenne drivers. The Porsche Club Kirchen-Hausen is offering a special event in Vidiciatico, Italy, tailored to the newest Porsche model. From 27th to 31st May 2004, you can enjoy your Cayenne to the full on unique roads, surrounded by the fantastic scenery of this idyllic mountain region.

Driving pleasure is guaranteed, as well as a varied supporting programme, which will include a summer party and Italian buffet at the Vidiciatico swimming pool, fireworks over the "Conca del Sole", a visit to the Saeco company and a guided tour of the National Park. And these are just a few of the highlights. You can find further information in the Porsche Club News 6/03. You can also contact the Porsche Club Kirchen-Hausen e.V. directly or visit the Porsche Club Deutschland website (www.porsche-club-deutschland.de) to request a booking form. Time is marching on and only a few places are left.

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