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- The Porsche Club of Tasmania (Southern Clubroom) meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Shannons Car Club Rooms, 337 Argyle Street, Hobart.
- The Porsche Club of Tasmania (Northern Clubroom) meets at 7.00pm on the 1st Wednesday of every month at the Jailhouse Grill, 32 Wellington Street, Launceston.

JANUARY EDITORIAL

So Volkswagen did not purchase the other iconic manufacturer of boxer engines (Subaru) but acquired an important stake in Suzuki.

Subaru's desirable boxer engines may thus quietly gravitate into the Toyota fold but the introduction of Suzuki into the Volkswagen continuum could still be interesting for Porsche.

Volkswagen probably intends to use its Suzuki investment to expand further in China and India (through Maruti), but consider the following:

Whereas the people who buy Porsches for their status value are important to keep the brand wealthy and healthy, we'd like to believe that Porsche enthusiasts who know their 356's, 2.7RS's or GT3-RS's are the glue that binds Porsche over the long term.

If you scratch in those enthusiast's garages you may also come across an R100RS, a Desmo, a Guzzi, or a six cylinder CBX or Benelli.

Even Ferdinand Piech is supposed to have a "Duke" in his home garage.

Because Porsche enthusiasts appreciate and understand all engineering excellence most are not blinded by Porsche products alone. Just as Porsche itself has often applied its engineering skills to more than just cars.

Motorcycle engineering has, at least in Europe and Japan, been at the forefront of technical prowess for decades and motorcycle performance still leaves the world's best super cars in the shade.

Consider the Suzuki Hayabusa which produces 194bhp from 1300cm³ at 10 100 r/min and accelerates from 0-235 km/h in 9.8 seconds. It makes even a GT2 look like a bit of a slouch.

Porsche briefly looked at motorcycle design 30 years ago. Their concept is on our cover, but nothing further came of it.

If one seeks potential synergies between Suzuki's amazing motorcycle engineers and the VW Group's car engineers, should one not tap the brains and skills available at Porsche?

After all, look what Toyota achieved with a mere 5-valve cylinder head design that it obtained from its Yamaha motorcycle subsidiary...

Leon Joubert

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THE CHAIR SQUEEKS

What exciting times we live in and what a great country and fantastic Island State we enjoy.

We have entered a new decade, a new year and an improving economy.

Our great sports car company, Porsche, has in store for us new and improved models with greater value. (The Australian government import tariff has been reduced by 5% from 1 January 2010 and the exchange rate is very favourable at present).

The first new model, the Boxster Spyder, is due to arrive in Melbourne shortly as the motoring magazines pre-view this car with excitement.

Our Porsche Club committee has proposed an exciting calendar of events for all members. The Clubman and Club Champion awards are available for any member to win this year as the points drop to zero at the start of a new year and...

Today is the first day of the rest of our lives!

New Year's resolutions and goals will only be achieved by those that write them down, review and rehearse, and measure and reward progress until they are achieved.

So let's make 2010 our best year yet, personally and for our Club.

Let's all lend a hand, share our ideas and efforts and make it happen, and we will achieve our goals for 2010!

The Club's goals will be communicated to you shortly and together everyone will achieve more.

John Pooley
President

THE OTHER CHAIR SPEAKS

I hope you and your family had an enjoyable Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year! 2009 has come and gone all too quickly for me and most probably for most of us. I'm looking forward to a great new year of rewarding and interesting times

It was another good year for Porsche Club Tasmania. There were plenty of interesting and fun events during the year that were enjoyed by those who came along. Some that come readily to mind were - the Concours Cocktail party in the new Performance Automobiles showrooms was a terrific evening, the Economy Run which took us to Coles Bay for lunch was a bit of fun, the Baskerville Hill climb was a new challenge for the club that went well, it was nice to give back to the community on the Charity Rides day at Baskerville and the Christmas Rally & Club Get Together at the Pooley's Vineyard was another great day that will be remembered for a long time.

Last year wasn't all plain sailing for the Club. The committee which has worked hard to ensure members are suitably looked after has been short handed for much of the year. This has stretched us at times. A couple of extra hands would ease the load considerably. If you would like to be part of the committee or would like information regarding what's involved please contact me or any of the other committee members.

Another very helpful way to get involved is to organise and run an event. You may have something in mind that you would like to try - a drive day or try your hand at doing an observation run (or something else). We will be calling for expressions of interest for events in both north and south soon.

A reminder regarding your club contact details – if you change any of your contact details please let us know (postal address, phone numbers, email address etc).

As always we will endeavour to provide some great opportunities during the year for you to get the Porsche out and to catch up with like minded Porsche Club friends.

I hope 2010 is a healthy, active and satisfying year for you and your family and I look forward to catching up soon at one of the coming Porsche Club Tasmania events.

Enjoy those Porsches, cheers from the other chair.

Rob Sheers
Vice President

PCT - Coming Events

The events program is a work in progress. **We are seeking expressions of interest from member to organise events marked as TBA.**

February

East Coast Picnic run – to the Davis's Orford Beach resort 7th February
Porsche Gymkhana at Pooley Vineyard – Pooley & Joubert

March

Shannons Car Show 14th March
Porsche Cars Australia Advanced Driver Training day at Baskerville 16th March

April

Porsche Clubs at Bathurst 4-6 April
Observation/Cryptic Drive – South (TBA)

May

CMI/PCT Baskerville Motorkhana 23rd May

June

Presidents Dinner south - JP
Concours/Cocktail Party – (TBA)

July

Economy Run – North/South? (TBA)

August

AGM and Sunday Drive (TBA)

September

Observation/Cryptic Drive – North (TBA)

October

Luncheon Drive south - (TBA)
Make a Wish 25th Anniversary celebration drive (TBA)

November

PCT/CMI Baskerville Hill Climb 14th November

December

Charity rides day Baskerville
Christmas Rally/BBQ/annual Club Awards Presentation – North/South? (TBA)

CMI/PCT BASKERVILLE HILL CLIMB 15th November 2009



The Baskerville Hill Climb held on the 15th of November 09 was the biggest event undertaken by Porsche Club Tasmania thus far. This event was a run jointly by PCT and Club Motori Italia (CMI). PCT did all the pre event organising and CMI provided the officials and event timing on the day.

The fixed costs to run an event like this are considerable and in order to cover costs we were advised to make it a multi club event with up to a maximum of 50 entrants. We needed more than 30 entrants just to cover the basic costs. It was a bit risky but as this would be our only motor sport event for the year we decided to give it a go. Entries came in very slowly at first but closer to the day there was a lot of interest. We ended up with nearly a full grid!



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Also it would be a chance to revive the interclub competition between PCT and CMI. Unfortunately the last round went to CMI but this would be an opportunity to regain the interclub Trophy! It was very encouraging to see such a good entry from PCT – from 356's to a current GT2 (plus an STI, Clubman and Cortina).

We had 19 entries and 18 keen members turn up on the day our best motor sport entry ever! There was also a good entry from CMI and as usual even a few Italian cars! There were also entries from several other clubs which all helped pay the bills. The grid was pretty impressive as well as the Porsches there was a great variety including all sorts of machinery from a 1600cc Formula V (the new upgraded model) to very nice Cobra replica.



We got off to a sure but slow start running one car every minute or so which meant a little wait between runs given the large field. In the afternoon two cars were run simultaneously which was much better. Cars were leaving the grid at 25 second intervals which meant the grid turn over was quite quick.

The Hill Climb was three competitions in one – PCT Members competed against each other in various classes, as well as against all comers in the general event classes and then there was the interclub competition between PCT and CMI. This report will focus on the efforts of PCT members.



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The competition was keen from the get go with some notable PCT members running hard at the sharp end. Gary Cannon in his 930 ("the Beast") was very fast (even if it was missing second gear!), Philip Leith was fast and consistent, John Pooley having dusted off his 944 Turbo for the day was running hard, Peter Dove as usual was doing well on his self built Lowcost Clubman, John & Sue Davis were having their own friendly competition in their 997S, Bruce Allison was doing well in the under 3 litre class and with the early exit of Michael Hobden the 2 litre class was left to Neill Daly and David Hannan.



GT2 & 997S



Keith getting a little help

Those new to Baskerville seemed to be enjoying the challenge. Trevor Williams looked like he was having a lot of fun in his Cayman and Chris Wilson showed us he is quite good at "circle work"!



JP at work



Chris Wilson's does a nice 360!

The Hill Climb was fully catered with the entry fee covering refreshments during the day and lunch. The "Ken & Barby" outfit looked after us well providing a lovely lunch. The intention was to have a relaxed (engines off) lunch which it sort of was except for a few test laps by Nino's Formula Vee. Most enjoyed the picnic like atmosphere and catching up with friends and other enthusiasts.

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Gary Cannon giving the "Beast" a work out!!

Porsche Club Tas Class results

PCT under 2 litre			Time (Av of runs)
1 st Place	Neill Daly	Cortina GT	58.0
2 nd Place	David Hannan	356	58.6

PCT – 2 to 3 litre			Time (Av of runs)
1 st Place	Bruce Allison	911RS	48.6
2 nd Place	Rob Sheers	911SC	48.9

PCT – Over 3 litre			Time (Av of runs)
1 st Place	Philip Leith	996 GT3	42.9
2 nd Place	John Davis	997 S	47.1
3 rd Place	Keith Ridgers	993 S	49.4

PCT – TC/SC			Time (Av of runs)
1 st Place	Gary Cannon	930	42.8
2 nd Place	Peter Dove	Clubman	43.4
3 rd Place	John Pooley	944T	43.5

An event like this relies heavily on volunteers – many thanks to all those who helped make the day successful. And special thanks to Phillip Blake and his assistant Georgie Addison - Clerk of Course, Peter Lowe and assistants - timing, Herby Burgess & Bob Sincock (CAMS) and Barry Smith & Christine Dove for their valued efforts on the day. Also thanks to Performance Automobiles, Repco, Autobarn and Super Cheap Auto for providing some prizes.

Many thanks to all who supported this event and made it successful. The icing on the cake was the \$500 donations made to both Camp Quality and the Make A Wish Foundation from funds remaining after costs.

Rob Sheers
Vice President



As a “guest participant” in John Pooley’s Subaru STi, I believe that I echo the comments of every PCT member by extending warm thanks to Rob Sheers and his helpers for organising an excellent days’ motor sport enjoyment.

The variety of cars used, from highly competitive machinery to classics, clearly showed how much enjoyment can be had from these events with very little risk and at moderate cost.

The fact that the event raised a profit which could be donated to charity, deserves even more appreciation.

Ed.

CHILDREN'S CHARITY RIDES DAY

The annual Charity Rides Day for disadvantaged children was held at Baskerville race track on Saturday 5th of December. The Hobart Sporting Car Club (HSCC) teamed up again with Porsche Club Tasmania to give children and carers a day to remember at Baskerville.



Camp Quality and the Make a Wish Foundation organised a bus load of lucky children that were delivered to Baskerville. The eager participants had the choice of some very nice Porsches and a variety of other road and race cars.

PCT had a good roll up of members – Leon Joubert came along in the bosses WRX STI (loaded with show bags), Chris Wilson brought his Carrera along, Kevin Lyons in his brand new 997 Turbo, Keith Ridgers his 993 Carrera, Joe Hand in his 968, Trevor Williams his Cayman and Stewart Harper in his lovely Speed Yellow Boxster. Rob Barrow brought along his new Nissan GTR (but he still loves his Porsches!) and I came along with my trusty 911SC.



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The Hobart Sporting car Club members turned up with an interesting assortment of cars including many race cars (noisy and fast!) that were popular with the young lads.



The rides were divided into under 12 year olds and over. The younger children having a slower run around while we were encouraged to give the over 12's a "spirited" few laps.



Donations were passed onto both Make a Wish & Camp Quality

On the day we took the opportunity to pass on donations to both Make a Wish and Camp Quality to help these valued charities continue their good work. We were able to donate \$500 to each charity from funds remaining after costs were settled from the recent Hill Climb.

The Charity Rides day was a real win, win where both the children, carers and drivers had good time!!

Rob Sheers
PCT Vice President

2009 CHRISTMAS RALLY & CLUB GET- TOGETHER

In previous years Members have gathered north and south for the start of the Christmas Rallies that would lead to the annual club get together. Unfortunately we didn't manage to "volunteer" anyone from the north to organise a rally. As a result on the 6th of December those northerners wishing to have a bit of a challenge on the way to the Christmas get together had to join the southerners!

James & Kay Barber organised the Rally which started at Kingston (south of Hobart). It was a straight observation/cryptic rally so we didn't have the added challenge of finding our way. The route was excellent taking in some nice roads and getting us to Richmond in good time for lunch. It wasn't easy (for us anyway) with an interesting mix of observation and cryptic challenges. Chris Wilson & partner Fiona worked hard and took the win with Stewart & Kathy Harper close behind and Peter & Christine Dove and Bob & Dimity White finishing equal third.



Around the pool at Belmont Lodge

We arrived to find a small but dedicated team putting the finishing touches to a lovely setting. John Pooley, Mary & Kevin Lyons, Suzie & Barry Smith and Gail & Leon Joubert had things looking very grand indeed. It was nice to catch up with friends and enjoy a welcome drink in the pool courtyard before lunch.

14.



“Salters Hire” and “Hired Help” at work in the stables

It was soon time to move onto lunch. Barry & Kevin had the BBQ humming with a great aroma coming some great looking BBQ fare including fillet steak and marinated chicken. There was a fine spread on offer including a range of exotic salads etc. Lunch was looking very appetising indeed. And this was only the start!

John Pooley (with a little help) had put a big effort into preparing an area out the back of the Vineyard for the Get Together. The old stable where we had lunch and spent most of the afternoon had tidied up very well and certainly looked the part, a great venue, well done John.



Waiting for Father Xmas to arrive

Some lovely deserts appeared including a huge fruit salad, and a couple of delicious cakes. Everyone enjoyed a lovely lunch which went well into the afternoon. Many said that fillet steak was as good as you would get anywhere, well done Barry & Kevin!

15.



It really does get warm enough in Tassie to swim!

While the “big kids” were having nice time over an extended lunch the children were also having a good time just around the corner with various fun activities and competitions. And a cooling swim was available for those who brought along their bathers. Many thanks to Erica Williams for supervising the children.



Father Xmas (with the beard) and a helpful elf

The Christmas “lucky dip” was a bit of fun. There was a mixed bag of “interesting” things to be won and everyone was a winner! Also there was a separate draw for a few more serious prizes including the “Grand” prize (a high end model of a 917).

During the afternoon the annual Club awards were presented. Keith Ridgers announced the annual club awards which were presented by John Pooley.

The 2009 award winners were:

Northern Clubman of the Year - Michael Parker

Southern Clubman of the year - Rob Sheers

Club Champion of the year – Rob Sheers

The day went very quickly and just didn't seem long enough. It was another great PCT end of year get together and many thanks to all who helped make the 2009 Club Christmas function another very memorable affair.

Special thanks to John & Libby Pooley for hosting us at their lovely property, Kevin & Mary Lyons for kindly coming to the rescue at the last minute with tables, chairs, eating irons, BBQ etc which very much made the day (we really appreciated the support from **Salters Hire**). And to all those who prepared and brought along the delicious food enjoyed by all.

Also thanks to James and Kay Barber for putting together the Rally which was a great drive and the interesting challenge!

And to Porsche Club Support for providing children's and other items etc.

All in all it was a terrific day and another annual Porsche Club Tasmania Get Together that will be remember for a long time.

Rob Sheers
Vice President



The "Council of Elders" ...Hans, Keith and Barry.

KEEPING THE FAITH

Welcome to the New Year, may 2010 be a happy one for all. Any way lets get down to the business of keeping you all informed.

We certainly have a lot to catch up on.

Since the last newsletter we have had the Baskerville Historic races in early September and although we were unable to attend, I believe David Hannan in his 911, and Michael Hobden in his 356 Super 90 did well.

We also had a coffee run up here in the North to the Riverside Café Longford, in late September. Those in attendance were David Hannan, Bruce and Krista Allison, Neil Daley, of course Kathy and myself, and we invited Phill and Lia Dell to join us.

Phill owns a very nice Porsche RSK replica. It is one of only two that have survived from the 1980s, so it was interesting to see and learn more about it. At present the RSK is VW powered, but a 356 or early 911 engine would make an interesting project.

Longford also hosted the “Rock & Rods” display in September, which basically covers Rock and Roll music and a display of 1950s/60s cars. I didn’t learn about the display until the day before, however it was nice to see Mark Wheatleys 356 “B”, and Phill Dells RSK replica waving the Porsche flag.

The Baskerville Hill Climb was held in November and the only 356 in attendance was Michael Hobden in his Super 90, good on you Mike.



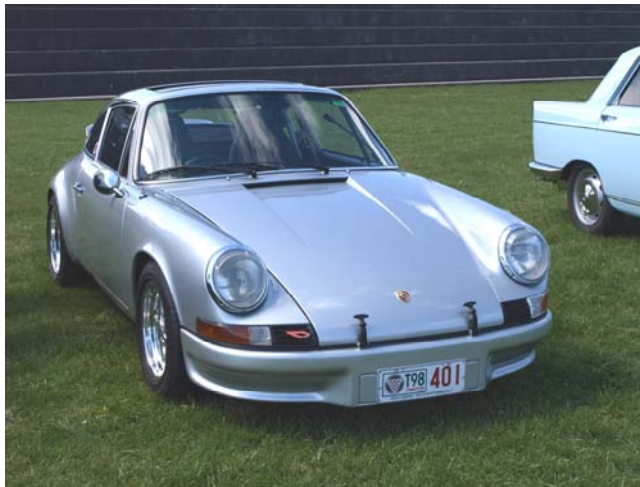
Mike Hobden at Baskerville

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The French and Italian car clubs invited the PCT to join them at their annual "Frogs & Wogs" display in Royal Park Launceston on the 10th October.

This again was at relatively late notice, but we did manage to get a few Northern members along, they included; David Hannan, Neil Daley, Bruce Allison, John King, Ann Archer, Terry Hill, and Kathy and myself.

The display was well attended, food and coffee etc was available and we were made very welcome, I am sure we will be invited back again this year.



Bruce Allison's 911 at "Frogs and Wogs"

The last weekend in November is always set aside for the Annual Porsche Parade in Melbourne, this year marked the 24th gathering, and it is always a weekend well worth attending.

The weekend always starts with an informal meal at a Melbourne Hotel for those who are able to attend on the Friday night.

Saturday is set aside for a country run. This years' run saw approximately 40 356s and crews gather at the Porsche Center in Victoria Parade to quickly catch up before collecting maps and instructions for the run.

We headed north in a loose convoy until we arrived at the historic town of Woodend for morning tea. Boy what a wonderful sight travelling among so many 356s, and covering so many models, it really is something to enjoy.

19.

Next we were all off for the final run to a winery (sorry the name escapes me) just outside Lancefield, where lunch was provided, along with locally produced wines. Of course the drivers didn't drink.



After a nice lunch and a lot of story swapping we all headed back to our hotels at our own pace. Most were faced with cleaning our little cars for the next days Parade and this had to be accomplished in hotel parking lots, and in a timely fashion, because we were all attending the cocktail party that evening at the Porsche Centre.

The cocktail party is always well attended, nice food, wine, people, and the chance to play with the new Porsches on display. Sometimes historic Porsches from the museum are on display as well, but unfortunately not this year.

Sunday is the big day, the day all 356 owners look forward to.

It gives you the opportunity to study all the models, compare various details, and generally mingle and meet new people.

Most years approximately 100 cars are in attendance, and this year was no exception. What makes this year a standout for me was that four Tasmanian entries or members were in attendance for the first time. They were Michael and Marie Hobden's Super 90, Sue and John Davis' Super 90, Kathy and myself with the "C", and Mark Wheatley (register member). Mark didn't bring his "B" coupe, but flew over for the day.

20.

Sue and John had only just picked up Sue's Super 90 before the parade and, happily, they were able to join in on the Saturday run in the country. But on top of that Sue won a Silver award, placing second in class. Not bad for a first time out!



The prize winning Davis Super 90

Michael Hobden also won a Special award for his Super 90, in the modified class. This is very special because this is the second year Michael has won this.

There was also a small display from the 901 register, which was very interesting.

Unfortunately I can't give you all the details of all the cars, because there were simply too many to list here. All I can suggest is that you join in next year (2010) as this year is going to be very big, as it is the 25th Parade.

I think it will be something special.

Well that's about it from me, so until next time

Keep the faith

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Michael.

2010 Clubman & Club Champion Points

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Compiled by Keith Ridgers

Club members who may be considering overseas travel during 2010 are advised to remain aware if the following information.

Threat Alert Levels Around The Globe.

Britain:

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent terrorist threats and have raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross."

The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies all but ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to a "Bloody Nuisance."

The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was during the great fire of 1666.

Scotland:

The Scots recently raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's get the Bastards".

They don't have any other levels.

This is the reason they have been used on the frontline in the British army for the last 300 years.

France:

The French government has reportedly raised its terror alert level from "Run" to "Hide".

The only two higher levels in France are believed to be "Collaborate" and "Surrender."

The rise was reportedly precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralysing the country's military capability.

Italy:

Italy has reportedly considered increased its alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing."

Two more levels apparently remain if needed: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

Germany:

The German government is apparently considering a change in alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs."

They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose", neither of which has been used for a while.

Belgium:

Our latest travel advisory is that the Belgians are all on holiday as usual, and the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

Spain:

The Spanish military are all reportedly excited to see some new submarines ready to deploy.

These beautifully designed submarines have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a good look at the old Spanish navy.

United States of America:

The US government is reportedly just planning pre-emptive strikes on all of its allies, just in case.

New Zealand:

New Zealand has also recently raised its security levels - from "baaa" to "BAAAA!".

Due to continuing defence cutbacks (the air force having been cut back to a squadron of teenagers flying hang gliders, and the navy to some toy boats in the Prime Minister's swimming pool), New Zealand only has one more level of escalation, which is: "Shit, I hope Australia will come and rescue us".

Australia:

Australia has recently raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be right, mate".

Two more escalation levels remain, "Crikey!, I think we'll need to cancel the barbie" and, "The barbie is cancelled".

So far no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level

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