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Dear Porschephiles

October is a month of packed activities, and we thoroughly enjoyed it, although nerve wracking in planning, implementation and rolling out the many events.

1.0 Preview and testing of the 918 Spyder at Leipzig.

To the 8 lucky Malaysian owners who are buying the 918, we can only drool. Coming in at a basic E650,000 a piece, the prototype comes in at a modest 600 bhp. We understand that the final version will have at least 800bhp when it finally arrives in two years. This car is to replace the Carrera GT, and apparently, have overcome some of the shortfalls of the GT. As a hybrid, it has two electric motors and a 5.0 liter. Power delivery, is silent when the electrics are on by itself, and roars when fully firing. More of that in good time.



2.0 PCM - USPA launch at USPA boutique, Paradigm Mall



USPA, an established international brand have ventured with PCM and designed/produced a range of PCM apparels in multiple designs. There are 9 designs for this season and all of it available at USPA outlets throughout the complexes. However, to enjoy your 30% discount, you have to be a current PCM member and produce your PCM card when purchasing. We now have a merchandizing range to supplement our numerous events, as we often have fallen short on shirts when going on drives for example.

The limited edition satin jackets are available too, and we are taking orders for our own PCM shoes, and hope to have sufficient orders to make it a reality.

Thanks to our member, Andrew Soon and soon to be member, JT Lim, all these was made possible, coordinated by our director, Tengku Dato Yusof



3.0 Drive of the Year

Two parts in this year's drive. A longer 9 day run to Kanchanaburi/Phuket and a 5 day excursion to Phuket. More than 20 cars were involved in what was to new members, a first, driving into Thailand. All excited in anticipation, the Doty took 2 months to plan. We had initial problems in getting sufficient rooms, but thru hard bargaining, managed that.



The drives themselves were relatively incident free with minor problems which was resolved, including one member pumping 'Shell V Power'..Diesel. No harm done, only had to drain and flush the tanks and system and change spark plugs. The police escort was very nice too, and I estimate we saved at least one hour coming into Phuket during rush hour



The main hotel which hosted us was Ban Thai just off Patong Beach. This hotel have been redeveloped and is very nice. The things going around this part of Phuket is so numerous, from water sports, many international cuisine, massages, bars, drinking joints, shopping and so forth. Enough to keep us all happy, including families that came along. There were mini drives and excursions too, plus a visit to shooting range.



Two group dinners were hosted by PCM. The first was at Ban Thai, with a large spread in front of the live stage. Although Porsche had an exclusive area, mixing with other tourists was very interesting to say the least. The second farewell dinner was at Nicky's Handlebar. A boutique hotel of 27 themed rooms. This guy, together with his brother Khai, are Harley freaks, so the rooms are decorated with bits and pieces of motorcycles, toilet flushes made from chain and ball, toiletries from oil containers and so forth. Having a passion for cooking, Nicky have his own recipes for giant tiger prawns, huge clams, fish, crabs and a central roast. We have always enjoyed his hospitality.



Many thanks to Vice President Ong Eng Hock who is Drive director for the first time. Planning was detailed and most information was clear and precise, but guys and gals, you need to read them too. Although never perfect, Eng Hock did a great job.



Special mention and thanks to Johnson Tan, who took upon himself to fill the gap in picking up 'marooned' members, Uncle Saw for leading group 1, Victor Chin for taking the mechanic and Ken Soo for his work along the 'border'.



Many thanks too, to Sime Darby AP, for their 3 mechanics and support van, Andrew Soon for sponsoring the USPA shirts.



4.0 Sime Darby LPGA gala

For a worthy cause the LPGA Gala dinner raised funds for their Cancer CSR program. SDAP, which comes under Sime Darby, have been extremely generous to PCM, and we naturally have to respond in kind. However, we were unsuccessful in bidding for the golfer's items unlike last year.

5.0 Cayenne GTS launch

Rushing back from Doty, we unveiled the new GTS. A 420 bhp SUV, it is an improvement from the S. Some cosmetic changes, but I like the engine note when it comes to Sport Plus. I am a sucker for V8 deep throat growls



6.0 SDAP track Day

Continuing the series, this is the last one for the year where we get Sepang F1 track to ourselves. Professional instructors are present to teach you how to drive your Porsche faster, and safer. You will increase your awareness, and raise your limitations are just one morning. How to get in invited?

You need to buy a car from SDAP or participate in their service package.



7.0. Wedding of Rodwin Bahadur and Julia

Congratulations to the happy couple. May blessings follow them all the days in their lives, laughter find a home in their hearts, joy be their constant companion, and pockets grow ever heavier.



Up Coming Important Events

8.0 Japan Drive Experience.

We have 6 more places left on Series 2 (1 Dec to 9 Dec). Series 1 is full

9.0 PCM Golf Championship

Nov 8

10. DYMM Sultan Johor's Birthday Invitation to PCM

Nov 24

11. PCM Annual Dinner: Porsche Clubs Worldwide 60th Diamond Anniversary

Dec 15

Drive safe Porschephiles

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President Porsche Club Malaysia