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## Rennsport Reunion IV



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## My Rennsport Reunion

By Colleen Stein

After months of anticipation and planning I was on my way to Rennsport Reunion. Turning onto US 101 N I was struck by the ease at which my 01 996 responded to my push for more speed. An hour in I began to notice some Porsches in my rearview mirror. I tried to guess the type and year as each approached. A metallic turquoise 996 cabriolet sped past. Then a white 1980's coupe flew past. Ah Porsche's and their owners. I was headed home to be with other fanatics. The drive was beautiful and sprinkled with a variety of Porsches.

As I neared Monterey the concentration of Porsches became denser. Porsches everywhere, outside hotels, in parking lots, on the streets. Conversations occurred spontaneously between people from all over the world. While talking with a guy from the UK I learned that Panameras don't do well in England. They are just too big. In England they tend to drive Porsches that are understated. No bright colors or modifications that would draw attention to their Porsches. He said he had never seen anything like the Porsches in Monterey.

For the next three days Monterey was Porsche Disneyland and I had E tickets. Laguna Seca was my first priority. Lines of Porsches waited to be directed to various parking lots.

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**November**

- 5 Concours - Arizona Reg.
- 6 Autocross - Arizona Reg.
- 12 Z8 Presidents' Meeting
- 12 Rally - Santa Barbara Reg.
- 12-13 Time Trial & DE - San Diego Reg.
- 19 Concours - Cal Inland Reg.
- 19-20 Autocross / DE - Grand Prix & SGV Reg.

**December**

**January '11**

- 21 Presidents' Meeting & Awards Banquet

**2011**



**LA Region Calendar  
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**November**

- 1 (Tue.) .....LAR Board Meeting  
call 310-478-7728 to verify
- 5 (Sat.) .....Fun Run & Brunch  
Santa Barbara
- 19 (Sat.) .....Tech Session  
Fusion Automotive
- 26 (Sat.) .....Breakfast Club

**December**

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**People at Rennsport Reunion IV**

*Clockwise from left: Jack & Ginny Case, who founded our region; Derek Bell; Hurley Heywood; Stirling Moss. Photos by Greg Phillips.*



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## Cajun Plant News

### Production to Begin in 2013 at New, 42-Acre Site

ATLANTA – October 18, 2011 – Porsche today announced the expansion of its production facility in Leipzig, Germany as the company prepares to produce the "Cajun" model beginning in late 2013. Wolfgang Porsche, the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Porsche Automotive, and Matthias Müller, Chairman of the Board of Management, joined guests from government and business to announce the news in Stuttgart on Tuesday.

"We are investing another 500 million euro [\$684.9 million] in the production facility to build the Cajun in Leipzig. This is not just a mark of confidence in the manufacturing skills of our Leipzig colleagues, but also an important contribution to the economic development of the region," said Matthias Müller on the morning of the festivities.

The Leipzig site, currently home to 800 employees, has been producing the Porsche Cayenne since its conception in 2002, and also produces the four-seater Porsche Panamera. Porsche has invested approximately \$383 million (280 million euro) in the Leipzig site, with more than 420,000 cars produced to date.

Production of the "Cajun" will create approximately 1,000 additional jobs at the facility.

The plant sets environmental standards as well, being one of the world's most efficient car factories. Efficient air recirculation and power cut-off technologies in the paint shop ensure economical energy use.

With the development of the upcoming "Cajun," Porsche plans to expand its SUV line-up, adding a new, smaller SUV model below the Cayenne.

## Porsche Rennsport Reunion IV

### New Video, Additional Photos

Atlanta – October 21, 2011 – Porsche Rennsport Reunion IV, in all its sunshine and glory from Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, can be relived in the new video that was just posted on YouTube. You can see the crowd, which the track announced as more than 35,000, and hear Derek Bell describe just what Rennsport is.

Here's the link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAZOw8d243w>

Plus, check out our previously-posted video "how we take a picture" – a time-lapse video of the four hours it took to set up the family portrait on Thursday between turns four and five at the track. It's at the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AINTyQQp0YE>



A rendering of the proposed new 550 Spyder. From DeviantArt.com.

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The track was visible as I approached the entrance. Once inside, the hum of the cars on the track, faint smell of exhaust and frantic pace of the pit area all contributed to my sense of excitement. The track ran along the perimeter insuring that every direction a person looked they could see the cars racing. Surrounded by track everywhere I turned.

I entered the pit area and was able to walk freely amongst the race cars. One garage housed examples of Porsche racing 911's from inception to the newest 911 hybrid race car. Each car had a bio and was displayed in chronological order. Standing at one end and looking down the line of race cars the evolution in design could be seen. Each, although different from its predecessors had those unmistakable elements that are signature to Porsche alone. Some were waiting to get in line for the track. The ground vibrated as the engines idled. I thought about how many times these Porsches had raced and won. So much race car history right there in front of me to be seen and touched.

Sunday my attention was turned to The Quail. A garden party of sorts, only instead of ladies brunching in hats it was Jerry Seinfeld and vintage Porsche race cars. A masterpiece collection beautifully placed amid the picturesque grounds of the Quail Lodge Resort. It was a day of strolling amongst the cars and hearing stories from their owners. Near the stage and up front the new 991 was on display. Porsche's newest baby and incarnation of the 911, the 2012 991. Of course I loved it.

Monday morning it was time to get back to reality and Carmel Valley Road seemed the logical choice. I decided one last run through the countryside just girl and machine, would be a fitting close to the best car weekend of my life. It was, until next time.



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