

“Transaxle Day” at Porsche

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24/05/2016 A day dedicated to the transaxle last weekend: Porsche has invited fans of the era to Zuffenhausen for International Museum Day.

Visitors to the Porsche Museum on Saturday witnessed an impressive sight: more than 90 private transaxle vehicles from the 924, 928, 944 and 968 model lines were on show on the forecourt and in front of the Porsche dealership. Built between 1976 and 1995, the sports cars marked a move by Porsche away from the established principles of the 911. The engineers in Weissach had ventured a fresh start with the water-cooled front-mounted engines and transaxle transmissions on the rear axle.

However, the special agenda on “Transaxle Day” did not focus solely on the sports cars themselves, highlights of the day came in the form of the "Transaxle Talks", with three experts in the museum workshop. Among the topics discussed was that of “Series and Development” by the head of publicity at the time Georg Ledert and chassis developer Hans Clausecker. The two racing engineers Norbert Singer and Roland Kussmaul reminisced on the success of the transaxle in motorsport. Specialists from

Porsche Classic provided some insight into the “Engineering and Parts” of the model series. During discussions, the experts answered questions posed by visitors.

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Another pioneer of the transaxle models was present in Zuffenhausen in the person of Walter Röhrl. The two-time rally world champion signed autographs for visitors. Together with Jürgen Barth, he achieved seventh position overall at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in the 924 GTP.

On Sunday, the Porsche Museum was offering visitors a guided tour free of charge through the special exhibition “The Transaxle era. From the 924 to the 928.”

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