

Adventure on Saxony's picturesque roads

22/08/2014 Through idyllic panoramas and scenic routes in eastern Germany: Porsche takes part in the "Saxony Classic" car rally with three cars.

The twelfth edition of the "Saxony Classic" car rally transforms the countryside into a museum on wheels of a special kind for three days. Around 180 classic cars from the pre- and post-war periods have registered for the round trip. The oldest dates back to 1925. The field includes three historic Porsche cars sent to Saxony by the museum of the Stuttgart sports car manufacturer.

The town of Zwickau was the starting point and destination on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, the scene changes to Leipzig. The stages present the most beautiful side of the east of the Federal Republic. A few examples include the classic special stage on the Sachsenring with its characteristic omega bends, trips through the Erzgebirge mountains and the Steile Wand in Meerane. The classic car rally also goes through the neighbouring states of Thuringia, Saxony-Anhalt and to Karlovy Vary in the Czech Republic.

Crowning moment at the Porsche "Diamond" in Leipzig

After all cars have passed the finishing line on Augustus Square in Leipzig, the crowning moment of the rally will be the ensuing awards ceremony which will take place in the Porsche "Diamond", the hallmark and customer centre of the Porsche factory in Saxony. Around 500 guests from politics, industry and the media will celebrate the traditional rally and the winners of this year's event during the evening gala. Participants will enjoy a unique view from the Diamond onto the company's own race track which hosted the trial stage with about 180 cars during the Saxony Classic two years ago.

For Porsche, special drivers will again take their places behind the wheels this year: Dr Joachim Lamla, Commercial Director of Porsche Leipzig GmbH, will drive a 911 Carrera 2.7 from 1975 together with copilot and MDR editor Maria Rothe, whereas Tim Ramms, Head of Automobil Motor Presse in Stuttgart will pilot a 911 Speedster Turbolook from 1989 together with Auto, Motor und Sport editor Katja Rudolf. The former Chief Editor of Auto, Motor und Sport, Bernd Ostmann, will start in a 356 Speedster 1600 S from 1958.

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