

Thanks to the organisation skills of Marc and Anne's Hoydonckx, our Rally from Sotogrande to San Pablo de Buceite on Saturday was one of the most enjoyable and interesting events the club has experienced so far.

We began our adventure by meeting at the Ke bar in the magnificent surroundings of Sotogrande Port. It was particularly nice for us regulars to meet and greet our new club members namely. Aurelijus and Aurelija Rusteika from Lithuania and Mike and Eileen Dunnion from Ireland. Our President had a pleasant surprise when his son Mark turned up unexpectedly to join us for coffee with Mark's recently acquired 911 Carrera S4.

With Marc and Anne leading the convoy of gleaming Porsches out of the port, we headed off in the direction of Estepona. Thus began our adventure to San Pablo de Buceite.

Turning inland from Estepona we soon began to rev our engines in preparation to attack the famous Vuelta hill climb. The next 8 km was saw us burning rubber in our attempt to keep Marc's exhaust pipes in sight. A real petrol head moment!

We soon arrived at our first stop. Ideally situated mid way up the mountain, where we really enjoyed the spectacular views across the coast to Morocco. Unfortunately Mike Dunnion had forgotten to collect his new glasses from Specsavers which meant that he had failed to notice his petrol gauge was showing empty! With no one able to produce a siphoning kit, Mike was forced to free wheel back down to Estepona. Thankfully, and fully refilled, he and Eileen managed to catch us up i

n Genalguacil.

Our second stop, some 18kms later, saw Marc disappear into his bonnet to retrieve several bottles of Champagne from his icebox. At the same time Sally and Gary produced a wonderful selection of tasty tapas.

With thirst and taste buds well satisfied, we were soon on our way again towards the pretty Arty village of Glenguacil. After parking up, we made our way through the narrow cobbled streets to a great little Venta. For the remainder of the rally we had to endure the President going on about the fact a bottle of beer and a glass of wine only cost him €2. He was trying to persuade the owner to move down to the coast!!

Our third and final stop was our destination and lunch venue. The restaurant El Estacion greeted us warmly with a welcoming glass of Cava and we soon sat down to a sumptuous 4 course lunch, accompanied by a palette stimulating wine. Before closing the day, The President Gary toasted the Club, thanked Marc and Anne for organising a most wonderful POCA event.

We very much look forward to our 1st Anniversary Rally on Sunday 22nd. February. Organised by Gary and Sally this event is guaranteed to be fun and interesting, concluding with a gourmet lunch at Nueva Kaskada, Marbella. We hope that everyone will be able to attend.