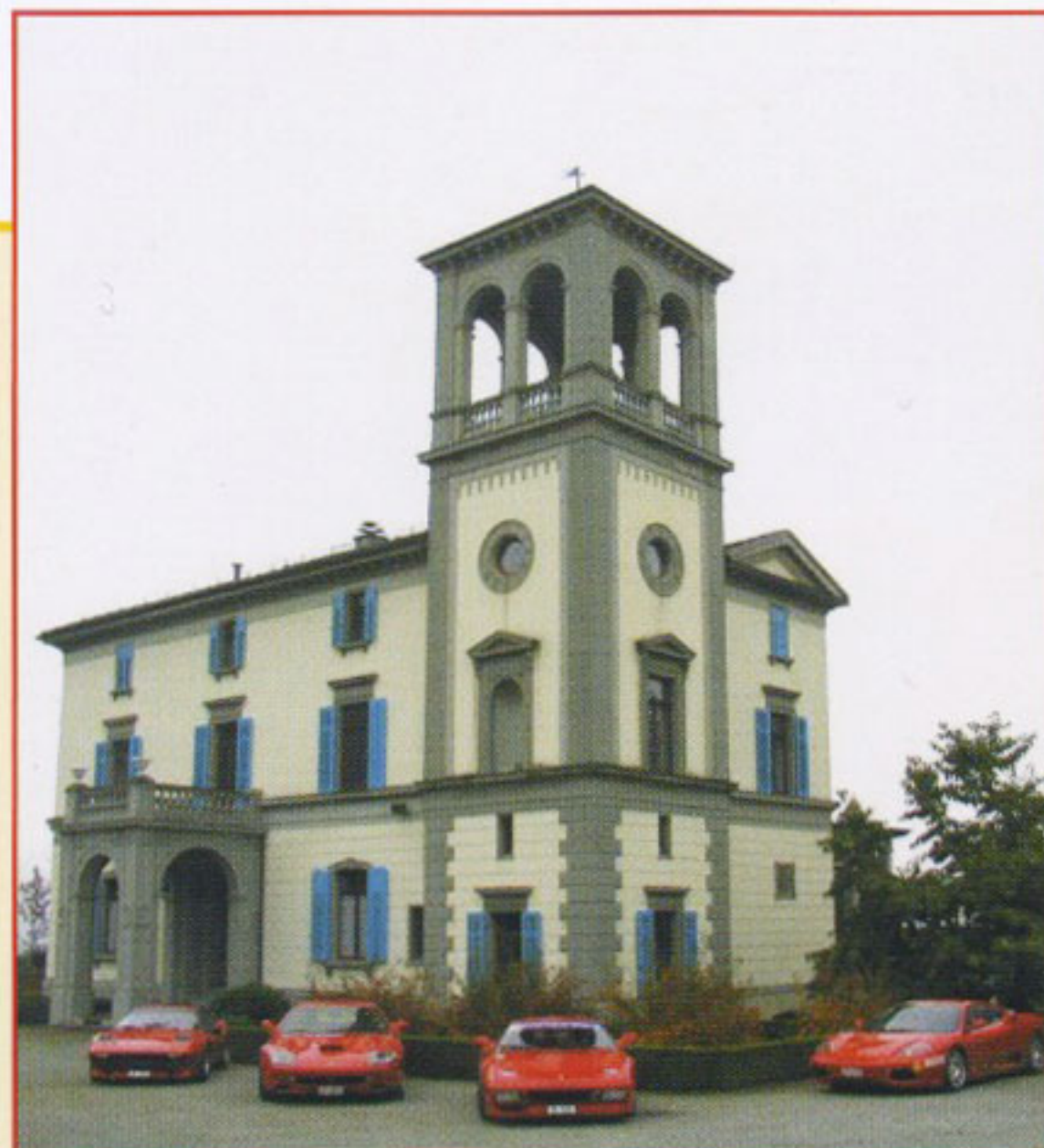


Ferrari





Club Switzerland 30th anniversary meet

1972 was a very busy year for Ferrari. The Ferrari factory in Maranello had then been producing cars for 25 years. Their production range included the 365 GTB/4 Daytona berlinetta, the 365 GTC/4 coupé Pininfarina and the Dino 246 GT and GTS. In Grand Prix racing, Ferrari was extremely active in 1972 with the Swiss Clay Regazzoni, Jacky Ickx from Belgium, plus the American Mario Andretti, and Nanni Galli from Italy. The international



world championship of makes was totally dominated by Ferrari with the legendary type 312 PB spyder.

1972 was also the year when the Ferrari Owners' Club Switzerland was founded by three enthusiastic Swiss Ferrari owners. Maurice Labhardt and Charles G. Renaud, two private bankers from Basel, and Peter F. Baumberger, industrialist of Geneva, were the men who created the first Swiss Ferrari Club. The foundation meeting took place in the Swiss Transport Museum in Lucerne mid-1972. At that time Labhardt owned a 250 GT Lusso, Renaud another Lusso, 275 GTS, 275 GTB and a 212 Inter Cabriolet Vignale. Baumberger had bought a 250 GT SWB berlinetta in the early 1960s and with his stepsons hilclimbed three 275 GTB/4s in the 1967 season.

Enthusiasts

The new Ferrari group was originally included with the Swiss Bugatti enthusiasts and the club appropriately named the Bugatti-Ferrari Owners' Club Switzerland (originating in England). In 1984, the new president of the BFOCS was Kuno Schär of Solothurn, an energetic and very knowledgeable collector. For quality reasons the numbers of members had to be limited to 200 people and each year the club held two main meetings, one in spring, the other in the fall, plus a number of smaller reunions in

Right: 250 GT Ellena (#0693GT), and below: The earlier Ferraris were well represented.

between. It was in the early 1990s the Swiss Ferraristi separated from the Bugatti owners and the club was re-named Ferrari Owners' Club Switzerland (FOCS).

The 30th anniversary meeting of the Ferrari Owners' Club Switzerland was celebrated over the weekend of October 11-13 with the Lake Constance region chosen for the event. Lake Constance with the island of Mainau and Reichenau is one Germany's most attractive landscapes and always worth a visit. Here you can sail, hike, cycle or play golf. Switzerland, with Zurich, Winterthur and St. Gallen is only a stone's throw away. The sensational and historically attractive Steigenberger Island hotel, located on a small private island in Constance, was selected as the club's home base during the weekend. The hotel offers an unparalleled view over the lake. Dating back to the 13th century, history is omnipresent at this former Dominican monastery. The frescos in the cloister reflect its glorious past.

Steamboat

Sixty Ferrari owners and club members arrived during Friday afternoon in Constance. A few had even come from neighbouring countries like Austria, Germany and France. The evening was spent on an elegant old vessel, a wonderful steamboat that had been built back in 1913. Beautifully and painstakingly restored at a cost of over US\$7m, the legendary ship 'Hohentwiel' provided a perfect place for the night-tour on Lake Constance. The well equipped crew and the chef created the finest dishes and regional specialties while the Swiss German Dixie Corporation entertained the Ferrari guests.

Saturday was the day of the rally. Each member received a road book and all Ferraris started in front of the hotel for an easy but very interesting tour through the region. Lunch followed at Castle Rheinberg in Gailingen with a great Italian risotto meal and other fine food. Here, members had the opportunity to answer a list of Ferrari and FOCS-related questions. Answering wasn't easy and many Ferraristi were unable to remember the early days of Ferrari, the races, the company and the club. Questions included the number of cars produced in the FOCS founding year 1972; and the name of the Swiss politician that had to be excluded from the club because he turned out to be a serious green environmentalist (despite having owned a red Daytona which he never used, preferring his bicycle for media reasons!).

Saturday evening, the 30th Anniversary Jubilee banquet was held at the Steigenberger hotel ballroom, the nave of the former



Dominican monastery with historic frescos and gothic columns. Honorary guest was Dr. Carlo Tazzioli of the Ferrari factory in Maranello. Two elegant ladies entertained the guests with songs from various musicals while eight classic 12-cylinder Ferraris of the 1950s to 2002 were displayed in front of the ballroom, which brings us to the cars that members showed at the FOCS anniversary meeting.

Oldest Ferrari present that weekend was Konrad Lutziger's dark red 250 GT Ellena. Originally delivered to an US owner, chassis

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250 GT SWB (#2177).

