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Cayenne steals the show

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THE itch to race is always there when you are a Porsche owner. So, a group of Porsche owners recently decided to organise a race of their own at the Sepang International Circuit.

About 15 to 20 Porsches - from the Carrera S to the GT2 and even the latest Porsche Cayenne - gathered at the track.

There were track-prepared cars, normal road cars and some hybrids, part racer but full-time road cars.

Auto Eurokars chairman Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir brought his new Cayenne performance SUV to the track.

All the cars were put to the challenge and it was quite obvious that the owners were having a ball.

Mokhzani took the Cayenne out for a few warm-up laps before steering it into the pit lane with a brake problem.

The Cayenne looked most adapt to the track, and a top speed of 180km/h was squeezed out from this monstrous 2.3-tonne vehicle. It handled the corners superbly, the driver aids taking over the operations swiftly and subtly, offering that perfect racing line.

Push it and it roars with the turbo power kicking in. But an SUV is an SUV and it can hardly take the sweeping corners as well as, say the GT2.

But on a straight line, the Cayenne can even take on the Carrera S... no sweat.

The vehicle's presence at the pit lane clearly stole the show from the rest of the Porsches there, even the GT2.