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Speeding away...in top gear

First birthday for Trackdays Spain sees top models take to the road

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AN OPEN TRACK day held on a circuit in Guadix attracted sports car owners from all over Spain to take sharp bends at top speed to commemorate the first anniversary of Trackdays Spain.

Top of the range speed machines competed in the event earlier this month, including Porches GT3s, Audi TTs and Lotus Elise models.

The motoring enthusiasts pushed themselves to the limit, according to reports, with some participants recently investing in newly bought models to squeeze the fastest lap times.

Regular trackday-goer Peter Bowerman thought it was the best yet.

He said: "I've been coming along to the Trackdays Spain events for about six months

now. I liked it so much the first time that I bought myself a Westfield, now I'm totally hooked."

He added: "As you can see from Top Gear, in a reasonably priced car anyone can get a real thrill out of pushing your vehicle and yourself to the limit.

"Take it from me and my friends, once you've been, you'll be addicted."

Newcomer Nick Greening, brought his Lotus Elise along and was delighted with the experience. He said: "I went along to Trackday Spain's birthday bash and I was really impressed with how everything was organised. This will not be the last time that I go to Guadix to do a Trackday, it was well worth the three-hour drive from Seville."

Organisers pointed out that it is not necessary to own

your own mean machine to take to the track, as cars can be hired for the day, albeit at a price.

The Circuito de Guadix stadium, situated in Granada just across the border from Almería, holds regular motorbike training for national teams, local enthusiasts and held the Le Mans training session this year.

The track in Tabernas in Almería also hopes to host a Trackdays Spain event with elite cars in the near future and negotiations are underway.

Speaking to the Costa Almería News, director of Trackdays Spain, Mike Knivett, said: "We are always looking to expand and visit new circuits and would love to run one of our future days at Almería's Tabernas Circuit. We are obviously driven by custo-

mer demand, so if people want to go to that circuit we hope they will get in touch."

The next event will be held in Guadix on Friday, September

12, and is free for spectators. For more information visit www.trackdaysspain.com or see Costa Almería Update next week.



An avid competitor takes to the circuit at this month's event