



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE
DES VEHICULES ANCIENS

History & Heritage Working Group Meeting in Paris, February 17th, 2007

March 9th, 2007

Participants :

- Working group members : A. Burt (UK), J-P. Jacques (B), Rony Karam (Leb), Ton Maathuis (L), Juergen Ockens (D), P. Rollet (F), M. Rufer (CH)
Could not attend : S. Claret (SP), P. Grom (SLO)
- Special participation of M. de Thomasson, President of FIVA.

1. Executive summary

- Culture is confirmed as a key argument in favour of historic vehicles. In the eyes of public decision makers, it can offset historic vehicles weak points with regard to pollution and safety. In this area, Italy and Germany are presently under stress, at local or regional levels.
- The educational virtue of historic vehicles can be linked to culture (how they were built, people and organisations behind this key factor of the industrial development of the XXth century, etc.)
- One interesting way to promote the cultural-educational approach is to set up a Parliamentary Club, mixing MPs and Federal – club representatives. The UK experience should be tempted elsewhere.
- The “journées du patrimoine” (heritage day) concept is spreading. Germany succeeded in 2006, Spain will join in 2007. The UK “Drive it Day” concept is another way to attract public and decision makers attention in favour of historic vehicles.

2. Decisions

- Recreate link with Unesco to confirm formal recognition of historic vehicles as part of the national heritage : “unearth” document established in the 70s by M. de Lassée (Ton Maathuis)
- Find a Porthos motorcar for Luxembourg (all)
- Finish history of FIVA (M. Rufer and P. Rollet)
- Report key points of 2007 actions for next General Assembly in Copenhagen

3. Next meeting of working group

- Thursday Oct. 25th or Friday Oct. 26th in Copenhagen (date and location to be determined)

4. Major events to promote cultural-educational recognition of historic vehicles, 2006/07

Luxemburg (European City of Culture 2007)

- Special exhibit at Diekirch Museum, Dec. 2006-March 2007. Linked with educational programme
- Same place : special exhibit on Luxemburg manufacturers (search for a Porthos motorcar -1906-1914)
- Press coverage : Auto-Rétro, February 2007 issue
- Autojumble, march 2007
- April 29th 2007 : "Télévie" event. Television coverage. Patronage of Grand Duke of Luxemburg. FIVA ANF in Luxemburg will be present.

Germany

- "Flagge Zeigen" on September 10th 2006. Good success for a new venture, considering... Pope's visit in Germany and cooperation between clubs and federations in Germany. Will be organised again in 2007
- End 2006 : Cultural Heritage Mobility show : encourage use of historic vehicles ("you don't educate children by showing them stuffed animals in a museum, you do by showing them live animals in zoos or reserves")
- Demonstrations in various towns (Munich, Berlin, Dusseldorf, ...) to appeal against Euro 2 specifications : 170 to over 400 historic vehicles in each town.
- Planned meeting with Federal Ministry of the Environment (February 2007). Meeting to be organised later with Federal Ministry of Culture
- Coordination meeting in February 2007 between Schnauffel, ADAC, AVD, Deuvel, etc.
- ADAC magazine reproduces letters from holders of "anti-historic vehicle movement"

Belgium

- Encouraging Parliamentary move towards recognition and protection of mobile heritage (vehicles, planes, railways, etc.) led by the Flemish Parliament. Belgium Ministry of Culture should grant overall recognition of all "mobile heritage", not limited to items of over 75 years of age. One argument : the historic vehicle movement is composed of dedicated people who restore and maintain pieces of heritage at their own expense, without strain on public resources.
- Successful Heritage week-end, September 9th-10th. Will be organised again in 2007.

United Kingdom

- Parliamentary Club : four meetings a year. Helps establishing contacts with Ministries, Culture in particular. Can also lead to renewed contacts with international organisations, like Unesco. MPs from this club are invited once a year to attend a Bureau meeting of the British Federation, with dinner to follow.
- Drive it Day (April 23rd 2006) : great success; difficult to quantify, since very decentralised. 5,000 vehicles ? Good press and website coverage. No sponsors nor public money involved. Renewed on Sunday April 22nd. 2008 edition already planned.
- 1,000 Miles Re-Run : re-enactment of 1900 1,000 Miles, a vast route to promote use of horseless carriages. Divided into route segments, each one starting with a runner wearing a red flag!
- Appointment of a Director of Trade at the Board of the Federation, to liaise with the professionals of the automotive and engineering worlds.
- Patronage of the restoration project of an hybrid rail-road car.

Switzerland

- A reminder : get back to Unesco
- Museum night : use of historic transport (buses, tramways, etc.) to carry visitors
- March 23rd & 24th : Oldtimer Telemarkt show, with participation of public decision makers
- June 2007 : Tenth Promenade Suisse, with FIVA patronage
- October 2007 : 2nd edition of Geneva Classic Show

Lebanon

- Meetings with customs authorities to reduce import duties
- Work on specific roadworthiness test for historic vehicles
- Issuance of FIVA ID cards
- 2007 Lebanese International Rally
- July-August 2007 : fashion show with historic vehicles
- FIVA stand at 2007 Beyrouth Auto Show

France

- Special issue on the automobile heritage in the February edition of *Vieilles Maisons Françaises* (high-grade heritage monthly)
- 660,000 visitors of Hall 8, totally dedicated to historic vehicles, Paris Auto Show, October 2006.
- Print of 4,000 copies of the French edition of the socio-cultural FIVA survey : dispatch to all MPs (1,000), key Ministries and civil servants (500), club presidents (1,000), press (100).
- Official patronage of Ministry of Culture for celebration of the FFVE's 40th birthday at the Futuroscope (Poitiers) on September 15th-16th.
- FFVE and FIVA patronage of Bordeaux-Paris 1903 race revival (open to cars made before Dec 31st 1904)

Spain

- Heritage Day (Sept 15th-16th 2007) to be celebrated for the first time with historic vehicles.

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P.S. A reminder : Reports and discussions in the H&H working group should focus on thoughts and actions directly linked with the group's prime objective : how to obtain / develop an official recognition by national / European Governments and Parliaments of historic vehicles as part of the national / regional heritage ? Other topics (legislation, technical matters, events, etc) should be reported to the relevant FIVA Commission.