



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE
DES VEHICULES ANCIENS

History & Heritage Working Group 2007 Report

*We deeply regret the loss of our friend Ton Maathuis, our member from Luxemburg, who died suddenly a few weeks ago.
We extend our warmest sympathies to his family and friends.*

Actions aimed at promoting the cultural value of historic vehicles developed in 2007

More actions have been carried out in other countries. Events below are reported by the countries having direct representation in the working group.

Events in 2007, projected events for 2008

Country	Action & concept	Facts and figures	Observation
France			
Journées du Patrimoine	Sept 15 th -16 th Exhibits and touring rallies throughout the country, focused on the discovery of architectural and historic heritage	3.000 vehicles participated, from 150 clubs, at about 80 different sites 12 million visitors	Down 10% from 2006 figures. Main cause : same date as 40 th Anniversary of FFVE (see below). Still a classic.
40th Anniversary of the French Federation (FFVE)	Sept 15 th -16 th Large gathering of clubs and individual owners at Futuroscope Park, near Poitiers. Exhibit of vehicles, concours d'état, concours d'élégance, professional displays, MoT station for free safety tests, etc.	Sponsored by French Ministry of Culture	About 700 vehicles of all sorts. Could have been more massive, but "a one-off", far and expensive for some owners.
Germany			
Nation-wide exhibit of historic vehicles	April Eight main gathering points : Cologne, Darmstadt, Dortmund, Dusseldorf, Hannover, Karlsruhe, Stuttgart & Munich sites of historic and cultural interest	Over 6,000 vehicles joined Important press coverage	Air survey in Munich reveals that no significant amount of emissions could be traced
German Day of the Open Monument	September 9 th Participation of Oldtimers to this national "culture day".	Figures not yet known. 200 cars at Buedingen (central meeting place)	Opportunity to address public authorities and press

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United Kingdom			
Drive it Day	April On that day, all historic vehicles out on the street, on the move to business or parked outside! Let's show them!	Large success, massive participation, up from 2006	Very good response. Impact on decision makers
Luxemburg			
Luxemburg cultural capital of Europe in 2007	"Rolling museum" project, organised by clubs at different days throughout the year, centred around the Diekirch museum. 20 individual events in that scheme so far. Large press coverage anticipated. Public authorities awareness thought after.	Not known	Death of coordinator Ton Maathuis prevents feed-back at present.
Switzerland			
Museumsnächte	Different dates in each town. Basel, Bern, Luzern and Zurich particularly active. Concept is to transport visitors from museum to museum in historic buses, tramways or private cars	11 towns involved Estimated total of 200,000 visitors. Most of them never had a ride in an historic vehicle before	Huge success. Project is to further develop use of historic vehicles
Oldtimer Teilemarkt Schweiz	March, Freiburg Display of historic vehicles and related technical information	20,000 visitors	Good tool to promote goals and activities of Federation
Geneva Classics	Oct 4 th -7 th , Geneva New classic car show. Rather "up-market".	Second edition 20,000 visitors	Many useful contacts for Federation and clubs. Successful.
Major popular events	Promenade Suisse, June 13 th -17 th , for pre-1918 cars Morges, October 6 th : display of British vehicles	50 cars. International Accent on youths 1,300 vehicles expected!	
Museum International Day	<i>May 18th. Participation of clubs, in collaboration with Swiss Association of Museums and NIKE (Swiss Culture & Heritage)</i>		<i>Project for 2008.</i>
Belgium			
Journées du Patrimoine	September 9 th		Participation could be more massive.
Spain			
Jornadas del Patrimonio	First participation of clubs and individual owners to this event in Spain in 2007	No data available yet	

Other actions

United Kingdom			
Regular meetings with Members of Parliament	"Club" of MPs and FBHVC members meets regularly to get better known and anticipate legislation		An idea to initiate elsewhere ?
English Heritage Transport Trust	Two meetings held : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o identification of buildings associated with the motor world o mechanics on preventing such buildings being demolished 		Initiation of process on how to link buildings and vehicles built in them in order to protect both
Appointment of a FBHVC Director	E.H. Heilijgers joined the FIVA Legislation Commission and is to reinforce the Heritage & History working group		
France			
Bureau of FFVE	February Representative of museums nominated as Vice-President of FFVE (Valy Giron, Musée Automobile de Vendée)		
Switzerland			
Association des Musées Suisses et Plate-forme Nationale d'Information pour la Conservation des Objets Culturels (NIKE)	Request for membership by FSVA (Swiss Federation). Decision expected		
Office Fédéral des Routes (ASTRA)	Together with Federal Bureau of Mines, <u>decision to recognize historic vehicles as cultural item has been taken</u> . Pending decision (November 2007) as to formal recognition of FIVA I.D. Card for periodic technical controls.		Wonderful !
Links with Association of Museums of Switzerland and NIKE	Reinforced collaboration and contacts		

Miscellaneous

Books			
Switzerland	Publication of second tome of book "Riding a motorbike in Switzerland", published by "Les Amis des Motos Anciennes", an influential club in the country.		See Thomas Kohler for details
France	Publication of book on history of Paris-Bordeaux-Paris 1895 raid		See FIVA website for details

UNESCO			
<p>Start of procedure for UN recognition of historic vehicle as</p>	<p>First contact established at Geneva Classics on October 5th with Michael Bernhardt, member of the FIA Historic Commission. Ideas are :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to find out if and when the FIVA obtained recognition as an entity in charge of defending and promoting the safeguard and use of historic vehicles 2. to submit a proposal of eligibility of historic road vehicles to the Unesco World Heritage. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o First contact links to Head of Museum and Cultural Objects Department of Unesco, Paris. o Coordination must be organised between FIA and FIVA before proceeding o Further progress linked to formally validated definition of historic vehicle. FIVA Legislation currently working on this.

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Orgeval, October 11th, 2007.