

HISTORIC VEHICLES TO FACE MORE EU CHALLENGES

(Bruxelles, 1.11.2007) The historic vehicle movement must for the coming years be prepared to fight the lack of knowledge about our vehicles among decisionmakers. The vehicles are polluting less than all other comparable groups, and should have unlimited access to where they originally belongs; on public roads!

Getting close to one million organized historic vehicle enthusiasts worldwide, FIVA announced during the 40th regular General Assembly held in Copenhagen 26th -27th October that lobbyism will be more important than ever. The new elected president of FIVA Horst Bruning (MHRF, Sweden) made it clear that in spite of increasing understanding from politicians and desicionmakers, the owner of historic vehicles faces many serious challenges during the next years.

Challenges

41 clubs/federations representing 30 countries agreed upon that one of the most important issues is to convince the authorities that historic vehicle are polluting less than all other comparable groups. – The majority travel less than 1500 km per year, President Bruning said, - And compared with their modern counterparts, our vehicles travel less than 0.1% of total kilometres for all vehicles. This means that we have a decent right to use public roads without facing another new treat; the urban and low-emissions zones created in order to prevent specific groups of vehicles to enter!

More rallies and events

The number of A and B events increased from 63 in 2006 to a number of 97 in 2007. A considerate growth of 55 %! Members all over the world benefit from better service concerning different FIVA events to chose between. To be mentioned is the World Motorcycle Rally in Greece where 145 participants from 12 countries attended!

Public roads

The FIVA must develop and regulate historical vehicle events as a moving showcase for all the people who with great pleasure watch them on the roads! This was one of the main messages from the retiring president of FIVA, Michel de Thomasson. – The organisation also have to continuing development the right tools to ensure a steady and increasing income to be used to protect the rights of the historic vehicle enthusiasts.

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