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Dear Members,

With vaccination efforts initially showing corona abating results and governmental restrictions being reduced, national chapters cautiously take preparatory steps to organize tours. Thus, gradually we can challenge our classic cars, which we were able to check more intensively during the long lock-down period.

We resume the organization of tours also in order to cope with the backlog in the 2020-2021 tour agenda. Since the annual Europe Tours 2020 and 2021 had to be postponed we will hold two 'Europe Tours' in 2022: one in Germany and one in the UK.

II Tours in 2022

In April the Falmouth-organised Tour of Cornwall saw participants from the UK, Germany and the Netherlands and they all agreed that our friends in Wales, who promised 'You may well have visited Cornwall many times, but we guarantee that you will go to places where you haven't been before' in full delivered and took home impressive memories from the beautiful and varied coastline of the south coast and the north coast with their villages and valleys in between.

From June 20-24, 2022 our German Chapter will organize the "Europe 2021/22 ROFD/ACHAFR Bavarian Lakes and Mountains Tour". This tour will bring us to 10 lakes in Bavaria and Austria, amongst which Chiemsee with a visit by boat to the impressive Herreninsel. In Austria we will test our driving capacities on the Rossfeld Hoehenstrasse and the Gaisberg: streets where international mountain races took place in the sixties. There, we are challenged by the speed records those foolhardy drivers made then. We will pass by mountains of well beyond 2500 m high and visit Hangar 7 in Salzburg with its Red Bull collection of race cars and airplanes. With 54 teams the tour is fully booked. During the Tour we will have the Annual General Meeting of ACHAFR. Amongst other items, there will be the (re-)election of the Board and the presentation of the 'Europe 2023 ARACI/ACHAFR Tour', during which we will drive from coast-to-coast in Italy.

Our British friends invite us to the "RRAF-UK/ACHAFR Europe Tour 2022", which will bring us from 5 to 9 September to the Cheshire and Peak District (N-W England). We will stay at the fabulous Shrigley Hall Golf & Spa Hotel Macclesfield and from there we will visit the city of Chester, Jodrell Bank Observatory, Anderton Boat Lift, the Great British Car Journey Museum at Ambergate as well as the National Tramway Museum in Crich, thereby driving through beautiful parts of the Peak District National Park and into delightful highways and by-ways of Cheshire. You are urged to reserve as soon as possible, since the number of participating cars is limited !! Full details including booking forms are on the RRAF website as well as on the ACHAFR website www.achafr.eu .

Our new chapter Rotarian Drivers of Classic Vehicles (CH/FL) invites us to its first Tour from July 8-9 through the eastern part of Switzerland. Starting in Winterthur we will drive to Wildhaus and up to the Schägalp (at 1278m) and have breakfast at the Säntis (2502 m above sea-level) and drive via Appenzellerland to Bodensee, St. Galler- and Thurgauer Land back to Zurich Wineland.

The other new chapter ACHAFR Belgium organizes the Northern Belgium Tour on September 5, starting and finishing in Diest, it will be combined with the respected vintage car auction 'Every Thing on Old Wheels'.

For those who prefer southern-European climate, culture and cucina, they should register at the Tour d'Abruzzo in Italy, which takes place from September 15-17.

On September 24 our German friends invite us to their 5th Muensterlaender Castle.

From Oct 15-16 RRAF Netherlands will hold its traditional autumn tour.

Information and booking of vintage car tours at home and abroad you find on our website www.achafr.eu .

We are pleased to resume the main characteristic of our Fellowship: to have 'family festivals' of petrol heads. At those joint events and adjacent social gatherings the close knit car-family attitudes prevail over nationalities and languages and add to Rotary's philosophy of close cooperation and communication at home and across borders, which is extremely important and valuable in nowadays' changing environments and tendencies.

After two years of no joint motoring, the Board wishes all of you success and pleasure in continuing to

KEEP ROTARY ROLLING

With finest personal regards

Matthijs van den Adel