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Dear Members,

With vaccination efforts initially showing corona abating results and governmental restrictions being reduced, national chapters and our Fellowship cautiously resumed the organization of tours. Thus, we took our classic cars to the road and experienced, whether we successfully checked these during the long lock-down period.

II Tours and AGM in 2022

In April the Falmouth-organized 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 organized the "Europe 2021/22 ROFD/ ACHAFR Bavarian Lakes and Mountains Tour". This tour brought us to 10 lakes in Bavaria and Austria, amongst which Chiemsee with a visit by boat to the impressive Herreninsel. In Austria we tested our driving capacities on the Rossfeld Hoehenstrasse and the Gaisberg: streets where international mountain races took place in the sixties and visited Hangar 7 in Salzburg with its impressive Red Bull collection of planes, helicopters and formula 1 race cars. In addition, we passed by mountains of well beyond 2500 m high during those days. With 54 teams the tour has been fully booked and with special gratitude to Hans-Peter Wagner and his team we enjoyed the revival of the petrol head gatherings, which is such a central element of our Fellowship.

During our stay at the impressive Gut Issing Hotel we held the Annual General Meeting of ACHAFR on June 21, due to the pandemic the first one since 2019. Thus, the Board reflected on the years 2020-2021 during which Covid led to a complete standstill of tours by chapters and consequently the Board decided not to levy the yearly fees to the chapters for the years 2020-2022 and thus support them. Despite the lack of 'income' the financial position of ACHAFR remains solid. Furthermore, the chapters unanimously voted for the Board members to continue until 2025. Thus, I will be your president for the next three years, so will Johannes Zilkens be as Treasurer and the very valuable Secretary will continue to be Michael Rye. We thank you sincerely for your confidence and we will do our utmost to honour it.

Our British friends invited us to the "RRAF-UK/ACHAFR Europe Tour 2022", which would have brought us from 5 to 9 September to the Cheshire and Peak

District (N-W England). Very much to our joint regret the Tour had to be postponed as a consequence of the low number of registration. We thank David Spencer and his organizing team for all the preparatory work for the challenging program, which unfortunately has not come to life.

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

With an eye on next year's Europe Tour Araci's president Alberto Cerracchio and his team in Italy organized the Sun Tour 2022, which brought us from Orbetello (at the west coast) to Ascoli (close at the east coast) across the Apenines and through the magnificent Monti Sibellini and its National Parc. We gained a challenging pre-view on the 2023 ARACI/ACHAFR Europe Tour from June 17-24, 2023. It will start in Ascoli and show historical, cultural and culinary (incl wine) highlights and exciting landscapes of Umbria and Toscana before boarding to the Isola del Giglio on the west coast.

Details of the program and the registration form will be on our website (www.achafr.eu) in due course.

In the forthcoming weeks there will be the Tour d'Abruzzo from September 15-17 in Italy, the Muensterlaender Castle Tour on September 24 in Germany, the Tour Emilia Romagna e San Marino from Sept 29-Oct 2 in Italy and the autumn tour from Oct 15-16 in the Netherlands.

II Europe Tour in 2023

As mentioned above the 2023 ARACI/ACHAFR Europe Tour will take place in Italy from June 17-24, 2023

III Europe Tours in 2024 and 2025

In 2024 our British friends intend to organize the 2024 RRAF-UK/ACHAFR Europe Tour 2024 in Bretagne and Normandy and the new Belgian chapter intends to organize the 2025 ACHAFR Europe Tour through Belgium

Information and booking of vintage tours at home and abroad in the forthcoming years you can find on 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 resuming to

KEEP ROTARY ROLLING



With finest personal regards

Dr.Matthijs van den Adel