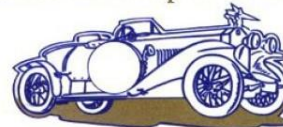




Antique Classic & Historic Automobile
world Fellowship of Rotarians



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more than 30 years old and unabated energetic !!

Dear Members,

Now that we are activating our classic cars after winter times and checking them for re-appearance on the roads, we resume the activities of our Fellowship and its Chapters and our Fellowship at full steam.

I Activities

- a) Presence at the Techno-Classica in Essen Germany from April 3-7,2024

For the first time our Fellowship will present itself at Europe's largest Antique and Historic Car Fair in Essen. With the great and thankful support of our German Chapter ROFD we will attract attention of the thousands vintage cars enthusiasts from all over Europe and inform them of the activities of the Fellowship and its chapters via an own booth located in Hall 7(nr. 7-096). We are confident that due to the fine organization of ROFD this presence will support the acquisition of new members and strengthen our (inter-)national appearance. President of ROFD Hans-Peter Wagner and his team as well as myself are looking forward to welcoming you at the booth during those days.

- b) Spreading our wings

Our Fellowship and its activities have attracted attention with vintage car owners in Japan. On February 17 I attended a meeting with the Assistant Governor as well as Presidents and Representatives of Rotary Clubs of Tokyo, Yokohama and Hayama. I highly valued the presence of the President of The Classic Car Club of Japan. Following the presentation of the characteristics and charities of our Fellowship interest in joining ACHAFR has been expressed and will be followed up. Our Fellowship will be honored to widen its wings with a Chapter in Japan

- c) **Tours in 2024**

Great Britain

RRAF-UK invites us to the Europe Tour in the Normandy from September 9-12. Following positive experiences in the past the Board of RRAF-UK decided to take the lake side Eden Park Hotel at Pont l'Eveque as the base of the tour. Due to the overwhelming interest the tour is already fully booked and will see participants from the UK, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and the Netherlands. We are confident that the tour will be a great success and a reunion of the petrol head family, which has become characteristic of the Europe Tours of our Fellowship.

Italy

Araci will organise the Umbria Legend 2024 from April 5-7, the 7th Tour d' Abruzzo from April 19-21, the 6th Edition of Calabria on Tour from May 17-19, the 7th Rotary Sun Tour from May

30- June 2, the 100 Miglia of Calabria from June 20-23, the 7th Tour d'Abruzzo from Sept.19-22, the 2nd Tour of Marche Nature and Arts from Oct. 11-13 and Around the Waters of Saturnia from Oct. 25-27

Germany

ROFD organises the 7th Muensterlaender Tour on May 11 and the 3rd Husum Coastal Tour on May 30

Switzerland

The Swiss chapter RDCV organises the North-Western Switzerland Rotary Challenge from July 12-14

Netherlands

RRAF-NL organises a one-day tour in mid- Netherlands on May 18 and a Tour on the islands of the province South-Netherlands on Oct.5-6

More rallies organised by national chapters will be announced in due course, thus please regularly consult our website www.achafr.eu

As shown in the above our Fellowship and its Chapters are showing dynamism and offer ample opportunities to join a variability of tours and strengthen the main characteristic of our Fellowship: '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.

The Board wishes you all a very challenging and successful rally year and is looking forward to seeing you again at one of the above-mentioned tours. By doing so, we

KEEP ROTARY ROLLING

With finest personal regards

Matthijs van den Adel

