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30 years old and unabated energetic !!

Dear Members,

Covid-19 has caused havoc worldwide in human, economic, financial and social terms.

Against the agony and lock down of regions the organization of tours by our Fellowship and its national chapters came to a standstill in 2020 and the first half of 2021.

Now that Covid-19 seems to be on retreat and hopefully continues to do so, we can throw eyes on challenging our classic cars, which we were able to repair and check more intensively during the long lock-down period.

A Touring

National chapters cautiously resume preparatory steps to organize tours during the second half of this year and in 2022.

I Tours in 2021

Our German Chapter has held its Muensterlaender Castle Tour on August 21, 2021 and with 90 cars at the start -and some participants dressed up to the period their cars saw life- it has again been successful and thus a substantial amount has been transferred to victims of recent floods in western parts of Germany.

RRAF-UK August 24-27th with 27 cars enjoyed their Yorkshire Dales tour in warm sunny weather, visiting Bolton Castle, Fountains Abbey among a number of other iconic settings.

From September 23-26, 2021 our friends in Northern Germany organized the Husumer Coastal Tour. While driving from the coast of the North Sea to the Baltic Sea the participants crossed green landscapes, charming villages and historic farm-yards and did not miss museums along the way.

From September 16-19, 2021 44 cars (including mine) joined the 4th Raduno d'Abruzzo Tour, which brought us via numerous curves and intensive shifting gears to the highlands of the National Parc of Abruzzo Lazio, Molise and Majella with its historical, cultural and natural assets. In addition we have been challenged by chrono practices !

From October 28-31, 2021 the RC Clubs in Bologna, Copparo and Parma invite us to the 3rd Classic Car Meeting Emilia-Romagna and its Myths and to enjoy culture, art, nature and automobiles and... of course the fine food of their region. We will be challenged by trials on the Riccardo Paletti circuit and meet a professional driving simulator, before taking a mountain course. We will visit the home of Verdi and after seeing the production of the Parmigiano Reggiano, taste it and learn the specialities of regional cucina ( see the program on [www.achafr.eu](http://www.achafr.eu)).

The Dutch Chapter RRAF-NL will have its traditional autumn tour on October 30,2021, details to be presented shortly.

## II Tours in 2022

With more light in the tunnel and countries gradually lifting Covid restrictions, we will resume the organization of more tours and thus cope with the backlog in the 2020-2021 tour-agenda.

Since the annual Europe Tours 2020 and 2021 had to be postponed, we will organize two “Europe Tours” next year.

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. Please look at the program on our website [www.achafr.eu](http://www.achafr.eu) and register as soon as possible, since the number of interested participants will be overwhelming.

Our British friends invite us to the “RRAF-UK/ACHAFR Europe Tour 2022”, which will bring us from 5 to 9 September to the Peak District (N-W England). We will stay at the fabulous Shrigley Hall Hotel Macclesfield and will tour from there through beautiful parts of the Peak District National Park and into delightful highways and by-ways of Cheshire.

As early as April 26-28, 2022, we will meet at the RRAF Cornwall Tour and visit the beautiful and varied coastline of the south coast and the north coast and villages and valleys in between. While staying at the four-star Penventon Park Hotel in Redruth, our friends promise “You may well have visited Cornwall many times, but we guarantee that you will go to places where you haven’t been before”. Well, let us challenge them!

More vintage car tours will be in the pipeline and thus, we will 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.

For informations and details of forthcoming tours, please have a look at our website [www.achafr.eu](http://www.achafr.eu)

B ACHAFR spreading its wings

The organization of tours have come to a standstill in the past 18 months, but the Board continued to widen the geographical span of our Fellowship. We have welcomed new lifetime members in Japan, India, Mexico and the Philippines. With the support of these new members, we are confident to establish new chapters in these esteemed countries. With growing optimism, we see the national chapter developing in Japan at the horizon.

In September we have re-established the national chapter in Belgium. In order to align clearly with our Fellowship our Belgian friends opt for the name Achafr-Belgium- thus welcome to the 'petrol-head family', which will henceforth encompass members in 20 countries and on a remarkable scale

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With finest personal regards

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