



19th World Meeting of 2 CV Friends

26 – 31 July 2011 SALBRIS (France)

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More than 4000 pre-registrations were received as of February 4. That's almost 2000 registrations received for the sole month of January. The mailman bringing all those forms to Jean Loup, which oversees the registration process, had to switch from a bicycle to a Jumper van! Obviously, because the entire team is made of volunteers who happen also to have paid jobs as extra-activity, we are a bit behind schedule entering all those participants in the database and sending back confirmation receipts. So we apologize to all our 2CV friends who have not received yet their registration receipt. We hope to have the backlog solved by early March! We expect the final attendance to be between 5000 and 6000 cars !

Why pre-registering ?

We must remind here **that pre-registrations are essential** for the organizer. They help us to get a good guess of the final attendance. **It allows us to accurately size the various facilities (toilets, showers...) for the benefit of all participants.** To thank pre-registered participants, they will have access to the site from 9:00 am on Tuesday, July 26 while other participants will have to wait until 5:00 pm. For obvious logistical reasons, the organization will not be able to reserve camping spots in advance. Pre-registrations are available until 31 May 2011 by logging into our website www.2cvfrance2011.fr.

More fields secured, more space for participants

With a much larger than expected attendance, the organization has secured with the city of Salbris extra fields adjacent to the meeting site, bringing the total area to close to 80 hectares, of which 60 hectares will be for camping.

Do you have special needs ??

Participants with special medical needs or disabilities are encouraged to contact the organization should they require any specific arrangement : contact@2cvfrance2011.fr

Welcome at the borders

Several French 2 CV clubs will host our foreign visitors at several entry points in France:

From July 23 to 25, these clubs will provide opportunities for camping and activities for foreign 2 CV participants on their way to the World Meeting.

- **If you are coming from Great Britain, Denmark, Scandinavia, northern Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium ... welcome in Amiens (80):** (organized by Amideuch 80) at Rivery suburb northeast of Amiens. *(GPS coordinates TBA)*
- **- If you are coming from Denmark, Scandinavia, northern Germany, the Netherlands or Belgium ... welcome in Maubeuge (59):** (organized by Val de Deuche) exit at junction 26 of the E19 motorway in Hensies (B) - Crispin (F) *(GPS coordinates: N 50 ° 21 '12 - E 03 ° 46' 59)*, with accommodation in Houdain les Bavay (59) 13 km west of Maubeuge.
- **If you are coming from Denmark, Scandinavia, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, or Hungary ..., welcome in Nancy (54):** (organized by 2 CV Club Lorraine) Villey -le-Sec, 15 km west of Nancy *(GPS coordinates TBA)*
- **If you are coming from Luxembourg, Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Hungary ... welcome in Sarrebourg (57):** (organized by Alsace 2 CV Club) in Trois Fontaines (57) near Sarrebourg, 65 km west of Strasbourg, on the town hosting the new site of the Museum of the 2CV *(GPS coordinates TBA)*
- **If you are coming from Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, Switzerland ... welcome in Belfort (90):** (organized by the Deuche Franc-Comtoise club) at Chauv, stadium of Bellevue, 8 km north of Belfort ; *(GPS coordinates: N 47 ° 43 '20 - E 06 ° 49' 34.)*
- **If you are coming from Spain or Portugal, welcome in Perpignan (66):** (organized by Route 66 2 CV Club) at Saint-Michel de Llotès 20 km west of Perpignan. *(GPS coordinates: 42 ° 39'27 .63 N 02 ° 37'15 .27 E)*

All this information and much more will be available on the website :

www.2cvfrance2011.fr

Shopping and eating at the World Meeting

We currently have 59 professional sellers at the meeting. You will find spare parts sellers, a photographer, as well as stands selling T-shirts, gadgets and memorabilia. On the food side, we will have an on-site baker with fresh baguettes and croissants every morning, a fruits and vegetables merchant, two deli shops selling pâtés and sausages, as well as several restaurants selling pizzas, roast chicken and fries, Tartiflette (mix of cheese, potatoes and bacon) from the French Alps, frogs legs, Crepes and waffles, ice-cream, Couscous, and many more specialties.

A daily meeting with countries representatives

Every day, early evening, the organization has scheduled a meeting with representatives from each participating country to take stock of the World Meeting

and share the latest information. This is also an opportunity to discuss the possible establishment of an ad-hoc committee desired by some countries to establish a monitoring of World Meetings and ensuring some continuity.

A “guinguette” just like in Paris



As Wikipedia puts it, **Guinguettes** are “popular drinking establishments located in the suburbs of Paris and other cities in France”. Guinguettes would also serve as restaurants and, often, as dance venues. The origin of the term comes from *guinguet*, indicating a sour white light local wine. The guinguettes were marvelous places to go to in lighter times during the mad years of the 1920s. They were especially popular on Sundays and holidays, when Parisians would visit to enjoy themselves and to get drunk cheaply. They were obviously an eminent subject for painting during the first half of the 20th century. In the 1960s, guinguettes became a matter for nostalgia. Since the 1980s, there is a certain revival, particularly in the loops of the Marne river. Even now some guinguettes remain open every week-end.

To discover this picturesque French atmosphere, we are recreating a “Guinguette” on the world meeting site in Salbris where participants will be able to enjoy good drinks and chat with friends to live music from various groups.

If you play music or sing, we have reserved a full evening for musician 2CV'ers on Friday July 30. You will be able to register at the Guinguette on Wednesday July 27 from 7:00pm. Everybody will have a slot, so do not hesitate to come to share a good musical spat with the audience.

Some insight from the meeting 2 CV museum

The team managing the 1300 sq meters museum has secured some rare cars (we are keeping the details a surprise),. The main themes will be “the men of the 2 CV”, “evolution of the 2 CV parts”, “automobilia”, “the Citroën 2CV raids” as well as a beautiful historical main stage. The museum will be opened daily from 9:30am to 7:00pm (Wed – Sat) and on Sunday July 31 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Outside the museum, temporary exhibits will be organized as follows (*program subject to alterations*) ;

- Wednesday July 27th: the 50s and 60s
- Thursday July 28th: the 70s and 80s including limited editions (Spot, Charleston, 007, Transat...)
- Friday July 29th : Amis, Dyanes and Meharis
- Saturday July 30th: ModCon, customs, raids cars, etc...

Participants are encouraged to bring their car for the exhibition, for a day or even less. That's part of the show!

What to visit during the meeting ?

Several monuments and museums close-by will offer special discount to WM participants. It includes the Castle of Valencay (where 2 CV will be allowed to park right in front of the castle : expect nice photos), the Matra cars museum in Romorantin (with a special 2 CV related exhibition) and many more places. All partner sites (museums, castles, houses, etc.) will be identified with a specific sign "partner site 2 CV World 2011". Special night visits will also be proposed during the meeting at Aubigny sur Nère and Menetou sur Cher. Watch the website www.2cvfrance2011.fr for more announcements.

The 1st World Championship of 2CV Dismantling and Rebuilding at Salbris

Those who have been to the French Nationals have probably seen the scene! Two teams separated by a decor, scrambling to dismantle a 2CV, pass it through a wall with a trapezoidal hole just the size of the body shell and rebuild it on the other side, surrounded by dozens of fans screaming to encourage them... We are preparing a new version for the World Meeting!

We have received numerous questions about this championship. Let's try to answer the most common ones:

How will you organize the competition?

Depending on the number of competitors, we may start the game with qualifying legs with engine dismantling and rebuilding. The Finale will be on Saturday July 30th. on the main stage with the dismantling rebuilding of two full cars by the best qualified teams. The winning team will get a trophy that we hope will be challenged again in Spain in 2013.

How large will be each team ?

Teams will consist of 5 people: a coach and 4 mechanics. Mechanics do not have to be experts (but it may help) and will work under orders of the coach. The coach will be alone to dismantle and rebuild the engine in the qualifying legs.

Do we have to bring a 2CV ?

No, the organization will provide the 2CVs to be dismantled and rebuild.

Will the car be rusty / have seized bolts?

No, the cars will be prepared specially for the event and all the nuts and bolt will be tighten to the specified torque.

Do we have to bring some tools?

No, the organization will provide 4 toolboxes for each team, with all the tools and wrenches needed to dismantle and rebuild a 2CV. Only the tools provided will be allowed to be used.

How should we dress for the competition?

Black tie is not necessary, although a grease stain will be less apparent on a black fabric, otherwise dress just as you like, overalls are OK of course (and preferably with some kind of national recognition theme)! And do not forget your sense of humour!

How many teams do you expect?

We don't know yet, we hope for as many as possible. We know our Italian, Spanish, Norwegian and Slovenian friends have expressed interest in the championship.

When should we register?

We'll start thinking about it NOW ! We are accepting pre-meeting confirmation of interest (which will allow us to keep potential participants informed of the preparation of the championship) , but the final registration of each team will be on Wednesday July 27th. in Salbris at the information point. We will accept only one team per country. Since the French will be welcoming the foreign visitors this year, we will not participate in the championship (because we organize it)!

Any other questions ? animation@2cvfrance2011.fr

Slovenia and Poland to run for 2015 World Meeting

Our Slovenian friends have announced at the Annual General Meeting of the Amicale Citroën Internationale in Paris that they will bid for the 2015 World Meeting, 20 years after hosting it in Maribor. Our Polish friends have also confirmed us that they will also bid for the 2015 World Meeting. We have heard of one other (but still not official) candidate. We encourage candidate countries to contact as soon as possible the Salbris organization so that we can plan early to accommodate their bids.

Any questions ? Any remarks ??

Contact us : international@2cvfrance2011.fr

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