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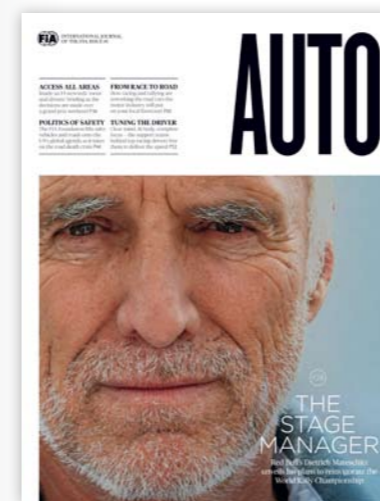
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As well as this digital newsletter, you may have recently received the first issue of the FIA's new flagship magazine AUTO. We are very keen to find out how much you enjoyed this new title and to know what improvements you think we can make. In this regard, we're conducting a survey of the magazine's readership to define how we can develop AUTO. We'd be grateful if you would take the time to follow this link and spend a few minutes giving us your valuable feedback.
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Welcome to issue two of AUTO +, the FIA's bi-monthly round-up of all that's happening in the world of our member clubs. We've had an incredible response to our request for stories and in this much expanded issue we bring you news from right around the world. We have news of helicopter-based support services at sports events in Austria, we find out how the use of motorcycle helmets is being promoted in Uganda and we discover how free eye exams in New Zealand are helping drivers to stay safe on the country's roads. It's a truly global issue and demonstrates how clubs the world over are representing road users in a huge variety of ways. We hope you enjoy this issue of AUTO + and as ever we welcome your feedback.

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Auto-Moto Society of Latvia



Latvia's LAMB launches roadside assistance 'library'

The Auto-Moto Society of Latvia (LAMB) has introduced a novel scheme to improve its roadside assistance services – a virtual 'library' on its website of topics most relevant to drivers. The service is complimented by the availability of a phone number, 1888, which puts users through to trained personnel who will help answer a driver's queries.

The initiative has been implemented thanks to FIA Development Grant funding and follows on from LAMB's roadside assistance service becoming the first in the country to receive the international quality certificate ISO 9001:2008 at the end of last year. As part of the certification process the club put together a manual to aid with implementation of the ISO programme and is now happy to offer this to other clubs wishing to pursue certification. The new library resource, which in

the case of the most complex questions also provides access to a lawyer, was co-funded by the European Social Fund and the project has encouraged the club towards more active involvement in wider decision-making processes and greater representation of road users' interests at local government and state level.

LAMB's road safety programmes do not end with the online resource, however. This year the club will use the FIA Foundation grant aid it has received to implement two further projects. The first will help older drivers to improve their knowledge of traffic rules and driving skills, while the second is aimed at increasing drivers' awareness of the necessity of having their car regularly inspected for technical issues.



Hrvatski Autoklub Croatia



HAK marks 50th anniversary of assistance services

On August 4, 1963, Croatia's Hrvatski Autoklub (HAK) began offering roadside assistance service to customers using six yellow Zastava 750 patrol cars. The vehicles patrolled the country's two main roads, from Zagreb to coastal Rijeka and from Zagreb to Lipovac in the east.

In 2013, HAK will mark the 50th anniversary of the introduction of those six yellow FIAT 600-derived cars, as well as the 3,000,000th service provided to one of its customers. As such a series of public events will be held throughout the year, focusing on HAK members, partners and all Croatian drivers.

The organisation's breakdown service has seen many changes over the past five decades, and from its humble start it has become a robust and elaborate organisation, continually adding to and enhancing the quality of its services. Its popularity has grown over the decades and it is now considered to be HAK's flagship brand.



Österreichische Automobil- Motorrad- und Touring Club



ÖAMTC flies into action at sports events

On June 30 this year the rescue helicopter services of Austria's Österreichische Automobil- Motorrad- und Touring Club (ÖAMTC) will celebrate their 30th anniversary at Innsbruck airport where the first ÖAMTC rescue helicopter took off.

The past three decades have seen the club's services extended across the country, but in recent years a new field of operation has been developed, which will expand further this year – support at a number of major sporting events.

This is particularly relevant at speed events such as skiing and the Austrian Ski Association and ÖAMTC rescue helicopters have recently been involved in their third season of partnership.

An ÖAMTC Christophorus rescue helicopter team was present at all training and racing events of the FIS

World Alpine Skiing Championships from February 5-17 in the ski area of Schladming. A pilot, emergency doctor and paramedic were able to guarantee the best medical aid at accidents sites and en route to the nearest hospital.

Co-operation has also been very successful at motor sports events, such as at the European Rally Championship event held earlier this year in Lower Austria and in one incident an injured spectator was attended to and flown to the nearest and most suitable hospital.



Touring Club Belgium



TCB reveals 32,000 crashes per year caused by wet weather

According to figures released by the Touring Club Belgium over 32,000 accidents per year in the country occur in wet weather conditions.

The club says that in Belgium a total of 1,000 accidents per day involve private cars and road safety bodies indicate that 9 per cent of accidents are caused by wet weather. TCB attributes this risk to unsuitable driving behaviour and infrastructure that does not provide sufficiently good visibility.

TCB is now calling for an in-depth study into wet weather crashes “in order to better evaluate the mandatory use of fog lights or a ban on lorries overtaking, which forces drivers behind them to brake suddenly.”

The club also believes drivers need to be encouraged to drive with extreme caution in wet weather.

“In the event of rain, visibility can be reduced to less than 50 metres, due not only to the falling rain, but also to the water spray from lorries, condensation on the windows, or the lights of oncoming vehicles reflected in the wet road surface,” said a club spokesperson. “All too often, drivers think they are in control of their vehicle, when nothing could be further from the truth.”



Automovil Club del Uruguay

Uruguayan club begins internal training scheme for road safety

The Automovil Club del Uruguay has begun a programme to educate and train all of its employees in aspects of road safety as part of its commitment to the UN Decade of Action on Road Safety.

In line with the FIA’s support of the UN initiative and within the framework of Uruguay’s National Strategy of Road Safety formulated by the country’s National Unit of Road Safety, to which the ACU adheres, the club is developing, together with its strategic partner in Road Safety Education, UNITRAN Foundation, a programme called ‘Promoting Communities of Road Safety’ (COPSEV) which aims to reach population groups vulnerable to road safety issues in the country.

In tandem with its externally-facing initiative the ACU has also launched an internal programme called ‘Promoting Road Safety and Labour and Personal Behaviour’, which seeks to give all the club’s employees a solid basic knowledge of Road Safety matters, in order that they understand the principal risks, to help them disseminate correct information and to allow them to encourage a positive attitude to road safety.

The club reasons that its personnel have dual roles as both road users and service personnel who can help inform other road users about safe driving practices.



ACU staff at the Road Safety programme event.

Forenede Danske Motorejere



Young people taking part in the FDM’s “Be Seen in the Dark” initiative.

FDM videos help kids stay visible

Lack of reflectors on clothes and lack of lights on a bicycle can have serious consequences for children in traffic, a problem Denmark’s Forenede Danske Motorejere is aiming to alleviate via a series of videos designed to help children and young people make themselves visible in traffic – even after dark.

Many children are unaware that drivers have real difficulty seeing them when darkness falls or how dangerous this can be. The Danish club has therefore designed a set of videos to raise awareness of the issue and to get kids to change their behaviour.

One of the films illustrates the danger of not being visible enough

to motorists with a dramatic collision involving a test dummy that takes place in front of a group of children and young people.

Other films demonstrate the difference between what drivers can see in daylight and at night, depending on whether pedestrians and cyclists carry reflectors and lights or not. The children who participated in the making of the videos were all surprised by how vulnerable they are in the dark without lights and reflectors on their clothes.

To watch the videos, which are entitled ‘Be Seen in the Dark’ visit: www.fdm.dk/bliv-set



FDM’s top tips to be seen in the dark:

- Take responsibility for your own visibility in traffic – and help your children make themselves visible.
- Using a traffic vest is a great way to make kids visible in the dark.
- Use small, blinking bike lights on children’s outerwear – they are effective and highly visible in the dark, especially when there are no headlights to activate reflectors.
- Do not stand still – move around to make yourself and any reflectors more visible.
- Walk against traffic, so motorists can see you and you see the car.
- Find a roadworthy outfit that suits you both in style and size – and remember to wear it every time you go out in the dark.

Automobile and Motorcycle Association of Serbia



Serbia's AMSS launches new safety schemes

The Automobile and Motorcycle Association of Serbia (AMSS) has launched a number of schemes aimed at improving road safety in the country.

At the end of 2012, the club launched 'Let's Walk Safely!' a campaign aimed at improving the safety of pedestrians. By launching this initiative, the club joined the *Long Short Walk project*, a part of the UN's second Global Road Safety Week which is taking place in May.

The project asks participants to upload photos or a video of their favourite walks or of a road they believe needs to be made safer. The aggregated material will then be compiled into a long-form presentation of popular walks.

In taking part in the project, the AMSS revealed that in 2009, the number of pedestrians killed in Serbia was 169, while in the first ten months of 2012, 117 pedestrians lost their lives. The number of pedestrians injured on Serbia's roads ranged from 2,845 in 2009, to 1,880 pedestrians in the first ten months of 2012. The club

says that while the figures are being reduced, such a large number of casualties remains unacceptable.

As well as delivering the collected photos and videos to the FIA Foundation for use in the Long Short Walk initiative, the club will also forward all the materials gathered to the relevant Serbian authorities so that they may take steps to save lives on the country's roads.

As well as the 'Let's Walk Safely!' campaign the AMSS will this year run a project entitled Mobile Traffic Polygon, for which funds were received from the FIA Road Safety Fund. Already begun, the project aims to provide theory and practical knowledge in traffic education to as many pre-school and primary-school children as possible. The project will last until the end of the year and will include a large number of children in both urban and rural areas across Serbia.

Another major project being implemented in 2013/2014 is SENSOR – inspection, coding and risk mapping of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) across 14 countries

in southeast Europe. Work will be carried out using the EuroRAP and iRAP standardised methodology. Funding for the project has been provided by the European Commission. It also has the Make Roads Safe Hellas organisation from Greece, as a lead partner.

Some 20,000km of the TEN-T road network in the area will be star-rated and risk-mapped for safety, in order to improve the state of the road infrastructure and to help reduce the number of crashes and their consequences. Intensive communication activities are also planned in order to adequately and effectively spread the message to the public in order to achieve a safe road network in the region.

Finally, the AMSS will also carry out two projects for which funds have been secured through an FIA Institute grant: a Young Driver Safety Programme and a Sustainability Programme.



Automobile Club d'Italia

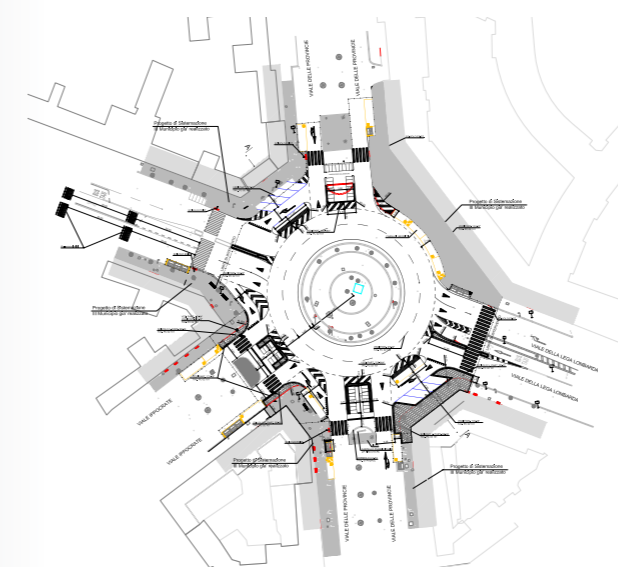
ACI finds Italian drivers 'confused' by roundabouts

New research by the Automobile Club d'Italia has revealed that significant numbers of Italian motorists are uncertain about correct road behaviour at roundabouts, with 45 per cent admitting to not slowing down when approaching the junctions.

Roundabouts are a relatively new phenomenon in Italy and road authorities have adopted their use later than many European countries. In a survey of motorists the ACI found that many "do not feel at ease when facing a roundabout".

Over 60 per cent of respondents said they give way to traffic already on the roundabout, in line with the French system, which is also the most frequent one in Italy. Nineteen per cent said they always give priority to traffic approaching from the right. A full 10 per cent said they simply "do not know the right behaviour", while just 55 per cent slow down when approaching a roundabout.

As a result of the survey the ACI is calling for learner drivers to be taught correct roundabout behaviour. The Italian club is also calling for a review of the Highway Code on the issue.



Infrastructural plans for Rome's III Municipal District.

Associação Automobilística do Brasil



AAB makes series of educational road use commercials

As part of its commitment to improving road safety in Brazil and in support of the UN Decade of Action on Road Safety and the FIA's Action for Road Safety campaign, Brazil's Associação Automobilística do Brasil (AAB) has developed a set of three 30-second TV commercials which it believes will help save lives in the country.

The club reasons that because of the size of the country the best method of reaching as great a number of people as possible is via television, and as such enlisted the help of leading Brazilian TV network TV Globo in the production of the advertisements.

The commercials address three of the leading causes of road accidents in Brazil: drink driving, driving while using a mobile phone and dangerous overtaking. To help other clubs with access to audiovisual facilities, a universal version of the TV spots in English was also produced and is being offered to FIA clubs free of charge.

If any other clubs would like to obtain a copy of the TV spots please email Ms Katia Reimberg at secretariat@autobrasil.org.br



AKK-Motorsport

Flying Finns spread safety message

One thousand safe driving courses to be offered over the next three years in bid to improve safety statistics

Young stars of Finnish motor sport have been enlisted by the country's ASN, AKK-Motorsport, to promote safe driving among the nation's young people.

As part of the AKK's commitment to FIA Action for Road Safety and in partnership with Liikenneturva, the central organisation for traffic safety in Finland, Michelin and FilmWorks, the club has begun a campaign called 'Turvassa tiellä' (Safety on the Road) to bring traffic awareness education and moped driving practice to 14-15 year-old pupils. Educational events will be organised in eight cities around Finland.

A number of rising Finnish motor sport stars are lending support to the campaign including Formula One driver Valtteri Bottas, rally driver Esapekka Lappi and rallycross driver Toomas Heikkinen.

"I didn't have to think twice about taking part in the campaign," said Williams F1 pilot Bottas. "The subject is very important and even one traffic death is one too many. Everything we can do to prevent traffic accidents and injuries is necessary."

The campaign, launched in January, will be highlighted in several Finnish motor sport championships this year.

In the summer it will also be a high profile feature of the Finnish round of the World Rally Championship, due to take place from July 31 to August 3.



Enthusiastic young supporters taking part in an AKK event supporting FIA Action for Road Safety.

Fédération Française du Sport Automobile



FFSA holds National Teams' training camp

The Fédération Française du Sport Automobile (FFSA) has once again held training sessions for the young drivers making up its Circuit and Karting National Teams.

Thirteen young drivers spent a week in the French Alps in January at training sessions organised by the Federation. Two of France's most successful motor racing stars, Jean Alesi and Yvan Muller, acted as captains to the circuit and kart racers.

For the past 10 years the FFSA has organised training sessions such as these dedicated to physical and psychological preparation, medical evaluation and also team building. The young drivers also receive media training from experts and learn values such as respect, effort, and humility.

This year, the five FFSA National Circuit Team drivers are all F4 Championship competitors – organised by the Auto Sport Academy, the French Motorsport School – and they will now compete in the World Series by Renault. The FFSA National Karting team, meanwhile, is made up of eight boys, from 13 to 17 years old, who are being trained by the FFSA and Muller to succeed in becoming professional racers and to manage a career at the highest level.

“Our goal is to help them to prepare their professional sporting future in the best way possible. Effort and training are essential for progressing and for winning competitions”, said FFSA President Nicolas Deschaux.



Motor Sports Association UK

MSA UK unveils Year of the Volunteer programme

The Motor Sports Association UK recently launched its Year of the Volunteer scheme at the Autosport International show, with help from British Touring Car Champion Gordon Shedden.

“Volunteers are a key part of the action and it really is a great way to be involved in this sport,” said Shedden, who was on hand at the launch alongside MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton and MSA Club Development Officer Richard Egger.

To help launch the campaign, Egger helped to set up a special exhibition stand for Go Motorsport, the MSA UK's participation initiative, showcasing the exciting opportunities open to volunteers, ranging from trackside marshalling to technical scrutineering.

The British governing body also gave more than 600 people their first taste of club-level motor sport by offering free passenger rides in an AutoSOLO arranged by Go Motorsport and local motor clubs. AutoSOLO is similar to autotesting but run in straight line only.

“The MSA remains committed to developing motor sport,” said Hilton. “And with the Year of the Volunteer we are celebrating the invaluable work carried out by these ‘unsung heroes’, without whom motor sport wouldn't function.”

The MSA Year of the Volunteer will feature a number of initiatives to reward existing participants and encourage more people to get involved.



BTCC Champion Gordon Shedden, MSA Club Development Officer Richard Egger and MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton launch the Year of the Volunteer at Autosport International.

Malta Motorsport Federation

Malta takes its first FIA trophy with drag racing win

Malta has taken its first FIA trophy win with victory in the 2012 FIA European Drag Racing Championship, the Malta Motorsports Federation (MMF) reports.

The final race of the championship saw a historic battle between two Maltese outfits. Monty Bugeja and Chris Polidano took part in the final run at Santa Pod Raceway in the UK, with Bugeja winning the 2012 FIA Top Methanol Dragster title.

Fifty-year-old Bugeja, who drove the Mr Whippy Dragster, is the first Maltese to win an FIA Drag Racing title for Malta and the first driver from the country to win an FIA title in any kind of motorsport. Bugeja was assisted by a crew of 14, under the supervision of Team owner Joe Carabott and crew chief Remic Arapa.

With a run of 5.292 sec in the main event the Mr Whippy team set the best European time of the season. The team was also the number one qualifier five times from six races and were in the final four times. Until the European finals only a win was missing, but that arrived at the last race of the season at the Santa Pod Raceway.



Jubilant members of the Mr Whippy Racing Team celebrating their win. Photo credit: Patrik Jacobsson



Dr Sean Petherbridge, Chief Medical Officer ATCUAE; Jean Todt, FIA President; Dr Mohammed Ben Sulayem, President ATCUAE and FIA Vice-President for Sport; Kate Robson, Fund Programme Manager FIA Institute.

Automobile and Touring Club UAE

ATCUAE reveals dehydration report findings

Study shows motor sport volunteers are at risk while officiating at Middle East events

The Automobile and Touring Club UAE has revealed that volunteers officiating at motor sport events in the Middle East are frequently at risk of dehydration.

Following a year-long study conducted in association with the FIA Institute and the ATCUAE Motorsport Knowledge Institute, the club's report was launched at the recent 2013 FIA Middle East and North African ASNs meeting in Doha, Qatar. Releasing the document, ATCUAE President and FIA Vice-President for Sport Dr Mohammed Ben Sulayem said such an investigation had been required for many years.

"We have a long tradition of motor sport in the Middle East, stretching back over 40 years, and this is the first time that anyone has addressed this problem," he said. "It is more than 20 years since I launched the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge (previously the UAE Desert Challenge), and I have witnessed many people unable to continue their roles due to the heat.

"It is often forgotten that these people are volunteers, without whom, we couldn't make our events a success," he added. "It is therefore our responsibility, both as the event organiser and the governing body of motor sport, to ensure their welfare, and this study will contribute greatly to doing so."

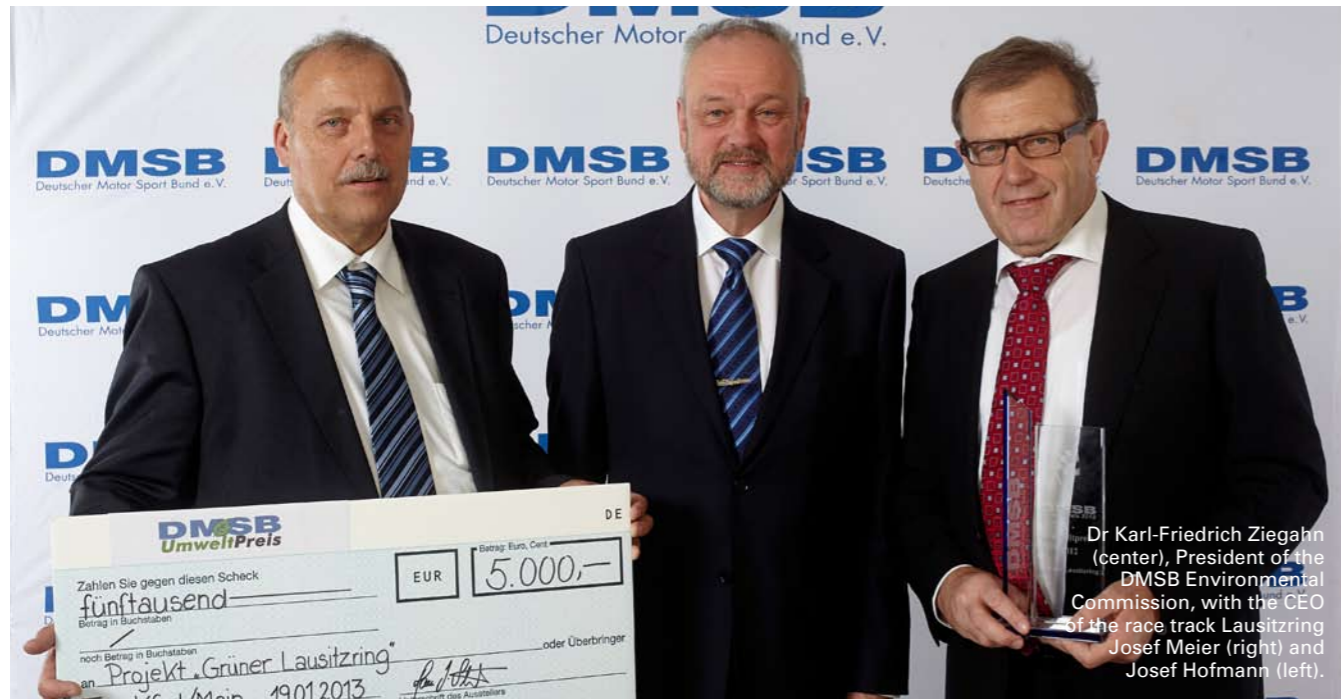
Under the supervision of its Chief Medical Officer, Dr Sean Petherbridge, the ATCUAE worked with a team of researchers from the University of Ulster, who collected samples at three of the biggest events during 2012: The Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge in April, The Abu Dhabi Formula One Grand Prix in November and the Dubai International Rally in December. The team from the University of Ulster was led by Dr Gareth Davison, one of Europe's leading authorities on the subject of Sports Physiology.

The results obtained make for shocking reading. Up to 86 per cent of marshals at the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge, 61 per cent of those working at the Abu Dhabi Formula One Grand Prix and 54 per cent of the volunteers present at the Dubai International Rally were shown to be suffering from dehydration.

The findings of the report were shared with all clubs present at the meeting in Doha, and the ATCUAE will soon distribute the survey worldwide.



Deutscher Motor Sport Bund



Dr Karl-Friedrich Ziegahn (center), President of the DMSB Environmental Commission, with the CEO of the race track Lausitzring Josef Meier (right) and Josef Hofmann (left).

Lausitzring receives DMSB environment award

Germany's Lausitzring race circuit has been awarded the Deutscher Motor Sport Bund's environmental award for 2012. The prize, endowed with Euro 5,000, was presented to Josef Meier, CEO of the east German track at the DMSB Gala Prizегiving.

The award was given to the track for its project 'Green Lausitzring', which focused on the installation of renewable energy sources at the track and the development of an ecological waste management system.

The club said that with the project, the circuit management had demonstrated a strong commitment in the area of renewable energy sources,

focusing on three elements: a solar car port with an electric vehicle charging station, a wind power plant and a biogas plant. The target of all the developments is to achieve independent power and heat supply at the circuit.

In his speech in honour of the winner, Dr Karl-Friedrich Ziegahn, President of the DMSB Environmental Commission said: "This year's winner focuses on photovoltaics. An innovative solar car port installation provides a total of 480 parking spaces. They will thus save about 21,000 tons of carbon dioxide over a period of 20 years. With the wind energy installation, with an effective output of 7.5 megawatts, the

largest of its kind in the world, they are able to supply about 13,000 persons with green power. And the biogas installation produces yearly about 4,200 megawatt hours of power and heat from liquid manure, corn and grass silage."

In the area of ecological waste management, the circuit, with the support of the chemical company BASF and other partners, has instituted the use of disposable crockery, which can be composted, and which consists of 90 per cent renewable resources.



Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobil-Club e.V.

ADAC tightens criteria for its EcoTest

ADAC is to tighten the criteria for its EcoTest, the independent study carried out on production cars to measure fuel efficiency and environmental friendliness. The German club says the new standards are set to be among the toughest worldwide.

The club says the change in the criteria has been brought about because new engine systems have made it increasingly hard for car buyers to keep track of the actual fuel consumption and eco-friendliness of a vehicle.

Under the new test, car buyers will still have access to a comprehensive technical data profile of the vehicles tested. The profile is based on realistic fuel efficiency data and environmental footprinting, down to the specific amount of particulate matter emitted.

The profile also accounts for the source of energy. For the first time, electric production cars can be directly compared to gas, petrol or diesel-powered vehicles.

"With its EcoTest, ADAC further underlines its demand for cleaner and more efficient cars," says Thomas Burkhardt, ADAC Vice President Technical Services.

The first two electric cars to be tested using the new method were the Volvo C 30 Electric and the Renault Fluence

ZE Expression. With a four-star rating both cars failed to achieve the top five-star mark because of high losses of load that had a negative influence on fuel consumption.

There have been numerous five-star vehicles, however, and for the first time, cars with conventional engines are among the top scorers. Two diesel cars, the BMW 520d and 320d Efficient Dynamics Edition Blue Performance, were awarded all five stars, and the former received the ADAC 'Yellow Angel' Car of the Future award for 2013 in Germany.

ADAC says its test is like no other and that contrary to many green car lists or system analyses, the German club carries out its own measurements of production cars. ADAC does not rely on fuel-efficiency data provided by the manufacturers and tests exhaust emissions under parameters clearly exceeding current legal requirements.

More than 1,300 vehicles have been tested so far. The new method applies stricter standards regarding CO2 emissions and also examines pollutant emissions (HC, CO, NOx).



Association of Lithuanian Automobilists



LAS elects new president

The Association of Lithuanian Automobilists (LAS) has elected Mr Rimvydas Anusauskas as its new president. He will hold the post for a four-year term.

Mr Anusauskas was elected just prior to the club's annual award ceremony and gala dinner, at which the new president signed a copy of the FIA's Golden Rules for Safer Motoring in Lithuanian.

"I am very glad we did this action," said the new club president. "I am more than sure that it's not just a signature, it's a commitment from all of us to follow these rules and to make roads more safe."



LAS President Mr Rimvydas Anusauskas pledging his support for the FIA's Golden Rules for Safer Motoring.

Magyar Autoklub



Dr Zoltán Kovács, Secretary General and Mr Oszkár Hegedűs, President of Magyar Autóklub, in front of the Club's Service Center in Budapest.

MAK HQ becomes bicycle-friendly workplace

The headquarters of the Magyar Autoklub in Hungary has been awarded the title of 'Bicycle Friendly Workplace' by the Hungarian Ministry of National Development.

The club first began to install bike-friendly facilities at its HQ when it moved to its new premises two years ago. Then the club was celebrating its 111th anniversary and marked the occasion, on November 11, 2011 with the inauguration of a new Service Centre in the 4th district of Budapest.

The eco-friendly eight-storey building houses the whole administration of MAK as well as the organisation's call centre. During the inauguration MAK joined the eMobility program and during the anniversary year 111 bicycles were brought in, among them 11 electric bicycles. For the convenience of members, clients and employees, bicycle racks and comfortable dressing rooms and also showers and lavatories were established in the building to encourage staff to cycle.

Finally, in July last year, the Hungarian Ministry of National Development invited organisations to apply for certification as Bicycle Friendly Workplaces, an award the Magyar Autoklub eventually proudly attained.



Confederação Brasileira de Automobilismo



Re-elected CBA President Cleyton Pinto (left), with Vice-Presidents Milton Sperafico, Rudolfo Edmundo Rieth Filho and José Luiz da Costa Evaristo Monteiro (Zeca Monteiro).

Pinto re-elected as CBA president

The Confederação Brasileira de Automobilismo has re-elected Cleyton Pinto as president for the next four years. The club also elected three Vice-Presidents and members of the ASN's Fiscal Council.

"This victory is a reward to all federations who have dedicated themselves to motor sports at each state over the last four years, especially the basic categories, which saw a great growth," said Pinto of his re-election. "I thank the states' presidents' trust and promise to dedicate myself even more over the next four years."

The Vice-Presidents elected were: Milton Sperafico, Rudolfo Edmundo Rieth Filho and José Luiz da Costa Evaristo Monteiro (Zeca Monteiro).

After the Elective Ordinary General Assembly, President Pinto offered Odilon Maroja Ribeiro Coutinho the title of Honorary President of the club following his 20 years of dedication to the Confederation.





FIA America

Safety achievements honoured with new Golden Belt awards

Significant achievements in the area of Road Safety were celebrated at the FIA American Awards as a series of new honours, the Golden Belt Awards, were handed out for the first time.

For the third year in a row the awards ceremony was held in Panama City in January, with over 250 guests in attendance as the region's best junior and senior race drivers were honoured.

This time achievements in Mobility were also marked with the presentation of the Golden Belts – 14 of which were handed out to personalities who contributed significantly to road safety over the past year. The first Golden Belt

was given to FIA President Jean Todt and Ms Michelle Yeoh for launching the FIA's Action for Road Safety campaign and the great support offered to Mobility Clubs of the continent in their Road Safety Initiatives.

Among the other Golden Belt winners were Region IV's Pablo Furguele for his 'constant contribution and support on road safety training in Latin America through the club members of FIA Region IV'. He was presented with his award by FIA Region IV President Jorge Tomasi. Among the other Golden Belt winners were Carlos Slim Domit and Luis Chapulín Díaz for

the creation of the Racing Drivers for the Road Safety Programme, and Ian Jack of the CAA, who directed several innovative road safety campaigns for the club, focused in particular on texting while driving and the bike-car relationship.

In sport, one of the big winners was Mexico's Benito Guerra, who was honoured for winning the Production World Rally Championship in 2012. He was presented with his prize by FIA Vice President José Abed.



FIA Mobility Vice-President Jorge Tomasi presenting Pablo Furguele with the FIA America Award.



FIA Sport Vice-President José Abed presenting WRC Production 2012 winner Benito Guerra with the FIA America Sport Award.

Automobile and Touring Club UAE

ATCUAE given power to issue CPDs

The Automobile and Touring Club UAE has been granted the power to issue Carnet de Passage en Douane (CPDs) to motorists, as well as TIR Carnets, the international equivalent for truck operators, and International Driving Permits (IDPs) by the UAE's National Transport Authority.

The agreement was signed by HE Sheikh Hamdan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Chairman of the National Transport Authority, and ATCUAE President Dr Mohammed Ben Sulayem.

The ATCUAE has been a supplier of legitimate CPDs and IDPs since 1965, and for several years has been working in conjunction with the NTA and other government authorities to counter the presence in the market of unofficial versions.

The TIR (International Road Transport) Carnets will be issued on behalf of the International Road Transport Union (IRU), which looks after the interests of bus, coach, taxi and truck operators. The only global customs transit system in existence, the TIR system offers transport operators and customs authorities a simple, flexible, cost-effective and secure system for the international transport of goods across frontiers.

The ATCUAE, which is already an active member of the IRU, expects to introduce the TIR system in the country in the near future. The system currently links 68 countries worldwide.

CPDs simplify customs formalities for motoring tourists when presented along with a Certificate of Tourism, which allows a vehicle to be driven across borders to destinations beyond the Gulf Cooperation Council states (GCC).

In recent years, many UAE travellers carrying unofficial CPDs have been refused entry to countries such as Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt. Similarly, unofficial international driving licences can create major problems for those driving rental cars or private vehicles abroad, making their insurance invalid in the event of accidents.

Official IDPs available from ATCUAE offices and appointed agents are now more recognisable as they carry the official logos of both the Club and the NTA.



HE Sheikh Hamdan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Chairman of the National Transport Authority and Dr Mohammed Ben Sulayem, President ATCUAE and FIA Vice President for Sport.

Sweriges MotorCyklister Club

Unlicensed 'non-motorcyclists' at root of 'extreme' bike behaviour

The Sweriges MotorCyklister club has revealed new research showing that many motorcycle accidents in which "extreme" behaviour has been given as a cause involved unlicensed riders.

The Swedish government's 2010 motorcycle and moped strategy, which was modified where the SMC represented users, identifies five areas through which fatalities could be reduced by 2020. These areas are: increased use of motorcycles with ABS, a decrease in speeding, a focus on visibility and awareness, safer roads and streets for motorcyclists and a reduction in extreme behaviour on motorcycles.

So-called "extreme behaviour" contributed to 50-70 per cent of all fatal motorcycle accidents over the past five years and is defined as: violation of the speed limits, riding without a driving licence, aggressive riding or riding under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

However, when the SMC and the Swedish Transport Administration looked at the in-depth studies of fatal motorcycle accidents, they found that a large group involved in the crashes are not regular motorcyclists. Twenty-five per

cent of the motorcyclists killed in the period between 2005-2010 had never possessed a motorcycle license. When this unlicensed group was examined more closely, it became obvious that they were also abusing the laws in other ways; 60 per cent were drunk or drugged, 66 per cent didn't own the motorcycle crashed and more than 50 per cent of the motorcycles were not fit for road use.

The SMC believes the system of motorcycle rider training in Sweden, which it says is complicated and costly, needs to take into account the number of unlicensed riders on the country's roads.

The club says it wants a driving license scheme where the focus is on the content of the initial rider training, instead of a complicated and expensive training and testing regime with questionable road safety benefits, which limit access in a negative way.



Automobile Association of Uganda



Ugandan club to continue helmet initiative

The Automobile Association of Uganda is to continue its scheme to raise awareness of helmet use among motorcyclists into 2013 after two successful years of educating riders in the country.

The Uganda Helmet Vaccine Initiative (UHVI) has been run by the AAU since 2011, initially with the support of the FIA Foundation and then later by the Asia Injury Prevention Foundation. Uganda has about one million motorcycle riders known locally as boda bodas. These riders carry people for money, almost as taxis. And although under Ugandan law rider are obliged to wear a helmet at all times, the law is rarely enforced.

Also, accident statistics in the country are worsening. In 2009 2,734 people died on the country's roads. The figure climbed to 2,954 in 2010 and in 2011 the fatality rate rose dramatically to 3,400. The problem continues to grow at a rate of about 7 per cent per annum.

With the help of funding from the FIA Foundation, the AAU commenced a series of awareness-raising workshops – ten for boda boda riders, two for the Uganda Police Force Traffic Department and two for children of primary school age.

The AAU was also able to distribute 1,000 free helmets to boda boda riders, 500 to police personnel and 200 to primary school children. The distribution programme to children was of particular importance as many parents hire boda bodas to take their children to and from school.

The club now aims to continue with the helmet workshops in Kampala before starting to move upcountry late this year.



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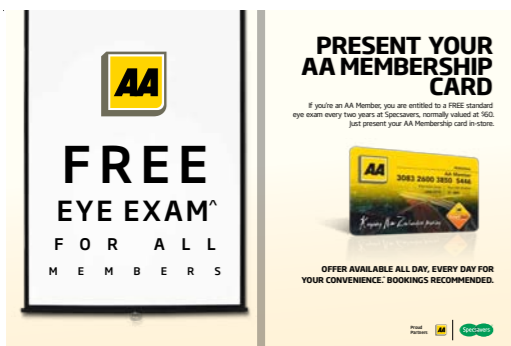
In Uganda, there are three main ways of getting round if you do not have your own means of transport – taxis, popularly known as 'special hire' in the country, Toyota mini buses, also known as 'matatu' in East Africa, and motor cycle taxis called 'boda boda'.

The term 'boda-boda' dates back 50 years to the Busia border of Uganda where innovative Ugandans provided bicycle taxis for bus passengers who had to disembark on one side of the border and walk long distances to the other.

These bicycle taxi operators would advertise their transport by shouting the phrase 'boda boda' and since then the term has become a common term on Ugandan streets.

In the capital, Kampala, 'boda boda' bicycles have been replaced by motorcycles. These new versions of the 'boda boda' have become an important, although often dangerous, means of transport in the city.

New Zealand Automobile Association



Free eye exam for NZ club members

A 'visionary' initiative developed by the New Zealand Automobile Association (NZAA) has seen more than 85,000 members take advantage of free eye examinations.

In April 2012, the NZAA partnered with optometry provider Specsavers to offer all members free eyesight examinations every two years. Within 10 months of the initiative's launch, nearly 10 per cent of the club's membership base of 892,000 had taken advantage of the offer.

Region II Secretary and NZAA General Manager Motoring Affairs Mike Noon hopes that by encouraging members to take up the free eyesight test they will learn of any vision defects and have their sight corrected earlier than they might otherwise have done.

"Motorists in New Zealand undergo an eyesight test when they renew their licence, which, up until 75 years of age, is every 10 years," he said. "While some people have their eyes checked regularly, others rely on the eye test when their licence comes up for renewal.

"Eye sight has the potential to change quite significantly in that time and any vision defects can impact on driving performance," he added. "Encouraging our members to have their eyes examined can only improve safety on our roads."

According to the New Zealand Association of Optometrists website www.nzao.co.nz/interesting-stuff, one driver in five is estimated to have a vision defect which may affect driving performance.



UK Camping and Caravanning

CCC expands touring holiday options

The Camping and Caravanning Club in the UK has expanded its Motorhome Touring Holidays range for 2013 with the inclusion of a new 39-day tour of Argentina, a destination inspired by FIA Conference Week 2009.

Richard Grimsdale, the club's Travel Services Director, said: "We are sure that everyone who attended the Buenos Aires conference will agree that this spectacular country has much to offer. This is why we wanted to make it accessible to club members through our self-drive motorhome touring holidays range. We take the hassle out of making overseas arrangements as our travel specialists deal with everything and all tours are led by experienced tour escorts to help get the most out of a destination."

As specialist organisers CCC would like to invite all fellow FIA clubs who may be looking to arrange travel to Argentina or any other country to take advantage of their touring expertise. Not only can other FIA member clubs join one of their existing escorted tours, to destinations such as the USA, Canada, Southern Africa or New Zealand, but they also offer a go-as-you-please service for tailor-made motorhome travel. CCC has already worked on arranging tours with Touring Club Suisse (TCS).

Any FIA clubs wishing to explore working with CCC should contact Product Operations Manager Donna Bloy on +44 24 7647 5112, or email donna.bloy@cfree.co.uk and visit www.motorhometouringholidays.co.uk



Bosnia and Herzegovina Automobile Club



Fuel discount scheme introduced by Bosnian club

BIHAMK, the Automobile club of Bosnia and Herzegovina, has introduced a novel evolution of its popular BIHAMK Bonus membership scheme.

In January, official representatives of Petrol BiH Oil Company and BIHAMK signed a co-operation agreement that enables all BIHAMK's members to pay 0.05km less per litre of fuel at 37 petrol stations of the fuel company across the country. The discount is calculated at the cashier upon display of a BIHAMK membership card.

As part of the cooperation agreement between the club and the oil company, BIHAMK membership can now be taken at every petrol station belonging to Petrol BiH.



Real Automóvil Club de España

RACE night vision campaign launched

Spain's Real Automóvil Club de España (RACE), in association with reduced vision and hearing charity the Alain Afflelou Foundation, recently launched the third edition of the 'Look After Your Eyes, They Also Drive' campaign. The initiative focuses on the importance of good vision while driving at night.

Research in Spain shows that while traffic volume between 8pm and 8am is very low, the severity of accidents during this period is high, with around 40 per cent of fatalities occurring after nightfall.

Studies by the two organisations also show that night driving is difficult for many people and that 32 per cent of drivers with visual problems are troubled by dark conditions, especially by glare and fuzziness.

To aid in spreading the campaign message, RACE has distributed 60,000 leaflets offering its members and public in general some tips for a safe night driving. These include:

- Have your vision checked regularly, especially drivers aged over 40. Age can make eyes more sensitive to glare.
- If you need them, use glasses with an anti-reflective coating.
- Avoid using any light inside the vehicle while driving.
- Prevent fatigue. Night driving can be tiring. Take frequent breaks for your eyes to recover.
- Keep all windows and headlights clean. Dirty windows can increase glare, while dirty headlights can reduce efficiency. Be sure to clean the outside and inside of your vehicle's windscreen.
- When headlights from vehicles following you reflect in your rearview mirror, adjust your mirror to cut out as much of the light as possible.
- Increase the distance between you and the car in front.
- Regulate your speed.
- Turn your headlights on at least one hour before sunset to make it easier for other drivers to see you.
- Refrain from flashing your high beams at a vehicle with its high beams on. High beams reduce your own ability to see and may blind other drivers. Use your lights courteously.

For more information see: www.race.es





Canadian Automobile Association

CAA launches new road safety resource for teens

The Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) has launched DriveRight, a new online driving resource for teens and parents.

With traffic accidents recognised as the leading cause of death among teens in Canada, the CAA saw a need for young drivers to start their driving careers off on the right foot, and as such the club last October launched the website <http://driveright.caa.ca>, which features useful reminders, tips, questions and a list of do's and don'ts that parents and new drivers can refer to throughout the learning-to-drive process.

In public opinion research conducted for the CAA 46 per cent of Canadians admitted they learned to drive primarily from a family member and an identical percentage said parents are not good teachers. Eight in ten respondents said there was a need for a site that talks to both teens and parents about learning to drive.

A unique aspect of the site is a downloadable parent-teen agreement to help both sides talk about their mutual rights and responsibilities as drivers. The CAA believes this discussion is critical to getting the family driving relationship off to a positive start. The agreement, which can be added to, signed or simply discussed at the kitchen table, is designed to help spark that conversation.



Touring Club Suisse

TCS backs Tooxme short journey service

The Touring Club Suisse has lent its support to a new service that sees drivers connect with each other via a smartphone app to avail of short journey car services.

The venture, called Tooxme, connects drivers in real time for short car journeys and is currently available in Geneva and Lausanne.

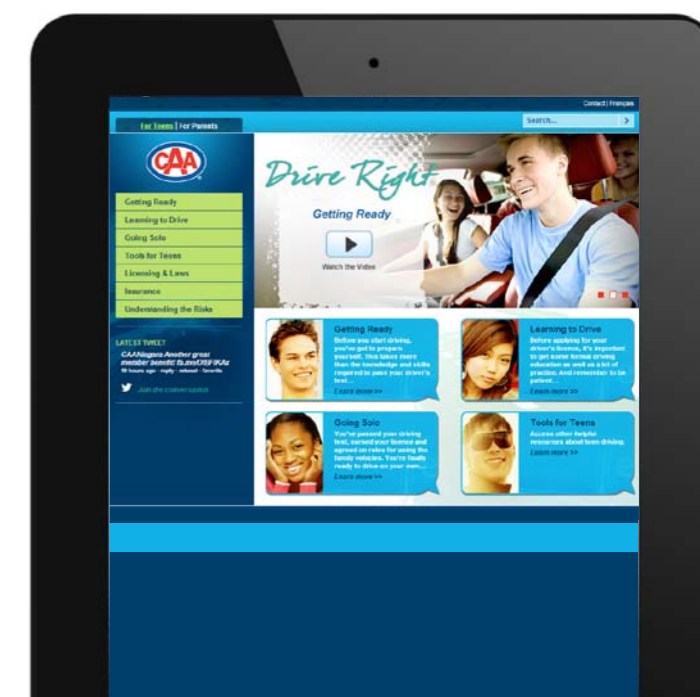
By transporting passengers drivers not only receive a payment, but also contribute to reducing traffic and pollution. Passengers, on the other hand, benefit from transport "on demand" at a reasonable price.

Potential car owners and passengers register on the Tooxme platform by providing a copy of their driving licence or identity card. They download the application onto their smartphone – currently the service is only available on iPhone.

Then, when a driver activates the application, he indicates to the community that he is prepared to transport members. Members looking for a vehicle identify their departure and arrival point, the app shows drivers corresponding to the passenger's request, the passenger makes the choice and arrangements are made. If no drivers are available, the application automatically displays suitable taxi and public transport services.

The cost is SFr0.99 per kilometre for the passenger, plus the SFr0.45 per kilometre paid to the driver. After the journey, both the passenger and the driver rate each other, from one to five stars.

tooxme youtube video:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXYPJODr_fw&feature=youtube_gdata_player



Club Profile

Federation Automobile d'Ukraine

A comparatively young club, the Federation Automobile d'Ukraine (FAU), was founded on July 2, 1992 with a view to bringing together people interested in the development and promotion of motoring, motor sports and automobile tourism from across the region, including Ukraine, the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Kiev and Sebastopol.

The club has been a full member of the FIA since October 9, 1992 and is recognised as Ukraine's national federation for automobile sports under Ukraine's laws on Physical Culture and Sports. Since November 16, 2012, the organisation has also been recognised as a subject of the Olympic movement in Ukraine.

The FAU's sporting activities currently centre on the development of a number of disciplines including autocross, historic racing, drifting, circuit racing, cross country ATV racing, karting and rallying, as well as a number of complimentary series.

In the past year the club says it has grown considerably with membership up 17 per cent. Membership now stands at 2,843 and the number of licensees of the federation has grown by 29 per cent.

The club also says that the number of the local branches of the federation has increased to encompass 25 regions of Ukraine and new branches have recently been established in the Poltava, Sumy and Luhansk regions. Branches in Cherkassy and Khmelnytsky also resumed activities. In sport, the number of competitions increased by 38 per cent and in total 129 events were staged in 2012. Among these the club established a single karting championship in 2012.

On the international stage, the Ferrari Team Ukraine outfit finished the 2012 season in fourth place in the European Ferrari Challenge, a result the club is particularly proud of. In rallying, the crew of the Mentos Ascania Racing team took third place in the overall PWRC classification.

The club is hoping to expand its racing activities even further in 2013 and is looking forward to another very successful year.



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