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Globetrotting Citroën passes through Sacramento. By Richard Bonfond

Here we are on New Year's Eve home alone... First, we had our daughters and one boyfriend spend Christmas with us, and immediately after they left, a visit from Manuel Boileau from France. Manuel spent three days in Sacramento on his tour around the world in a 1972 D ambulance (photo at left).

Manuel had done some previous travelling, which included a two-year stay in Chile. While in that country, he would have to renew his visa every three months, which required crossing the Argentinean border every time, which gave him a lust for travel.

Manuel explained "*The idea for this trip started while I was in South America, and I thought if only I could do it in an automobile... Obviously for me it would have to be a DS!*"

So when he returned to France, he started working on an idea to make his dream trip a reality. Manuel did not want to do this trip to be

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SVCC CALENDAR

Be sure to see p. 5, and visit the EVENTS page at the SVCC website for more info, and maps!

Jan. 20, Saturday - 7 PM: Business Meeting at Jim & Connie Agnew's, 1924 Hillock Ct., Rocklin, CA, Tel. (916) 630-1434 (See p. 5 for directions)

Feb. 10, Saturday, 4 PM: Oriental Buffet, Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights (3 miles East of I-80; see p. 5)

Mar. 10, Saturday, 7 PM: Business Meeting, location TBD

Apr. 28, Saturday: (Tentative) Grass Valley Car Show

Helpful numbers for Repair/Parts/Information**Northern California**

Sacramento - Richard Bonfond, (916) 689-3928
 Browns Valley (Marysville) - Donn Garriott, (530) 743-1924
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 Mechanicsburg - D. "Red" Dellinger (717) 796-1056 advice, parts

New York

Delanson - Dave Burnham (518) 875-6956 parts, service

WORLD EVENTS CALENDAR

2007 - Jan. 13th—Feb. 26th: Citroen Artwork Exhibit, at Moxie's Café and Gallery, 128 Broadway, Chico, Calif., Tel. (530) 345-0601; featuring the art of SVCC/SFRCCC member **Alan VanEss**, Tel. (510) 787-1007. (See more info on p. 5)

Feb. 2-4: Bremen Classic, Bremen, Germany (see www.classicmotorshow.de); with 2CV-Freunde Bremen.

Feb. 16-25: Retromobile, Paris Expo, Place de la Port de Versailles, 75015, Paris, France. Contact Retromobile, 14/16, rue Lesault, 93500 Pantin, France, Tel. +33 (0)1 48 44 30 30; with Assoc. des 2CV Clubs de France. (See www.retromobile.fr)

Jul. 24-29: 17th International Meeting of 2CV Friends, at Dala Airport, Rommehed in Borlänge, Sweden; ACI's "Event of the Year"; Sponsors will be at the Bremen and Retromobile shows (above). (See www.2cv2007.se); contact Per Westin, +46 171 961 95, email: per@clcsystems.se

2008 - Aug. 15—17, 14th ICCCR, Vallenga International Racetrack, Rome, Italy; sponsored by Italian Register of Citroën Vintage Cars. See 90 years of Citroën history, parts dealers galore, and an exhibition of works by Italian designer Flaminio Bertoni (of Traction Avant, DS, 2CV and Ami fame).

New members to report this issue:

(None as of this issue, boo-hoo!)

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just another book on traveling around the world, but rather to share his experiences with others. With this in mind, several people started working together with a goal of finding a purpose for this world tour. Once their objective was agreed upon they contacted UNICEF to propose their mission to interview children around the world and ask them three simple questions:

1. What is your dream?
2. What do you want to be when you grow up?
3. What does it mean to be an adult?

One child from every country would imprint their hand with paint on the hood of the DS, and eventually the hood would be sold at Retromobile in Paris in 2008 - hopefully! At the end of the expedition, a documentary will be made to show French children the dreams of other children around the globe.

Manuel left home on May 28, 2005. From France, he crossed several countries in Europe then went on to Turkey, the Middle East, India and Nepal. He then continued on to Malaysia, Thailand, Laos and Viet Nam, where he would leave his car to be shipped from Hanoi to Vancouver. From Vancouver, he headed east in his DS to Winnipeg and on to Montreal, and on October 13th he crossed into the United States from Sault St. Marie in Ontario. In the US, Manuel visited Michigan, Connecticut, and New York before heading south to Florida. From there it was off to New Orleans, Dallas, Albuquerque and Christmas Eve in Death Valley. After spending time with us, Manuel headed to San Francisco before heading south to cross into Mexico before his visa runs out! He will then travel through Central and South America. For the last leg, the DS will be shipped to Africa where he will head north through this vast continent on his return to Europe... Quite an adventure!

I asked Manuel why he chose a 36-year-old Citroën for his expedition, and his reply was "I thought it would be too easy

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to do a world tour in a modern car, so I had to complicate the task... I love the DS." His first car was an economical Citroën Visa diesel, and his second a D-model... His mother had a fit, 'what was he thinking, this big car which consumes too much fuel?'; not only that, he was the first to be "bitten" by the Double Chevron, as his family had always driven Peugeots and Renaults! His Citroën is a late 1971 production ambulance built by "Petit," one of the companies that specialized in the production of such vehicles; the other main manufacturer was "Currus".

When I asked Manuel if he had any closing comments, he mentioned that since he has been on the North American continent he has met several Citroën enthusiasts. He never imagined the warmth and hospitality he received from people he had never met, brought together by a common interest: "I wasn't expecting this at all and really hadn't given a thought that I would meet Citroën owners, but all this came true because of the DS. I have never even belonged to a club in France!"

For Lynn and I, as well as Chris Sanchez, Michael Williams and Tamara Wilson, it was a pleasure to meet Manuel and hear of his adventures... May we wish him bonne continuation et bonne route. [Ed. Note: Manuel's website is located at: www.lunaya.fr] §



Manuel Boileau and Richard Bonfond standing in front of Richard's house in Sacramento, CA.



Another shot of Manuel Boileau's DS ambulance.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CITROEN CLUB

Business Meeting Minutes, Nov. 11, 2006

Submitted by Marilyn Blake

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. at the home of Richard Luscher in Sacramento. Members present were Jim Agnew, Steve Anderson, Richard and Lynn Bonfond, Steve DeHaas, Barbara Faust, Andy Harris, Richard Luscher, Mark and Jan Rodriguez, Chris Sanchez and Dianne Benton, Bill Toensing, and Marilyn Blake.

The minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$939.27. All dues will be due January 1 each year.

Bill Toensing made a motion that dues be raised by \$1 in January 2007. There was no second.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Jerry Berger award will be given annually to someone who has done a lot for the club. Mark, Jim, and Bill are the committee members.

Jim found a public domain program which may allow us to send the newsletter as a PDF by e-mail.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Toensing suggested giving pins for longevity of membership. After discussion, it was decided that this might be too expensive.

Each member should notify the Treasurer if there is a change of house address or e-mail address.

We will begin working on a new roster after the dues are renewed.

T-shirts: We are out of the larger sizes so we will need to order more. Richard Bonfond will talk with his contact so we can compare prices.

Activities for 2007: We will have four business meetings.

Amicale Citroen Internationale in Paris will have two representatives from the USA. Richard Bonfond will represent the western division of the US.

Jim reminded us of the EuroSunday auto meets on the last Sunday of the month in Sacramento and encouraged members to attend.

We elected officers for 2007:

President—Steve Anderson
Vice President—Chris Sanchez
Secretary—Marilyn Blake
Treasurer—Mark Rodriguez
Editor—Jim Agnew
Webmaster—Adam Reif

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Blake
Secretary



Please Note: Richard Bonfond is our West Coast ACI Representative! Contact him at rbonfond@comcast.net.