

Attachment 5

Euro Tour 2012 – A Few Ideas

Note for the A7CA

Background

For many years the North Herts Centre of the 750 MC has run an excellent series of Euro Tours enjoyed by many Austin 7 enthusiasts to celebrate successive 'half-decades' of the first A7 in 1922.

The geographical area covered and format have both changed over the years. The most recent one featured two European 'Centres' (one week in each) with trips out from each rather than a 'continuous route' through Europe.

Whilst some A7 folk certainly enjoy the 150 – 200 miles per day European adventures, my feedback from the last Euro Tour is that the 'two-centre' arrangement was found to be very pleasurable.

Informally I understand that N. Herts would like to take a break from the major task of organising the 2012 Euro Tour.

For 2012

If my information is correct, it would be a shame that such a significant event became missing from our A7 Calendar.

Accordingly, it would seem that another A7 Club should take on this task for 2012.

My impression at this time is that it will be very hard to find a Club that be able to devote so much time and energy to the task as N. Herts has in the past. So I offer the following for discussion and consideration.

Idea for Discussion

Given all the above, perhaps we could simplify the event's organisation, using the 'two-centre' as a basis, along the following 'partnership' lines:

- ❖ Ask a UK A7 Club to take the planning lead - publications, entries, regalia etc;
- ❖ Ask a Continental European A7 Club to find two 'centres' with accommodation/camping (for a week each) and take the lead in developing the 'holiday programme' at each
- ❖ Have all participants UK or Continental make their own way to the First Centre (working in 'groups' if they wish) for the 'Holiday Start'
- ❖ The 'Host European Club' to plan a route from 'Centre 1' to 'Centre 2'
- ❖ Participants make their own way home after the holiday from 'Centre 2'

The notion is that such an approach would greatly increase the chances of finding a 'Lead Club' and build a close partnership with one of our 'European' Members.

Action

If the Meeting and subsequent feedback – including the 750 MC – agrees something along the above lines, I'd be happy to have discussions with potential UK and European Clubs and report back.

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