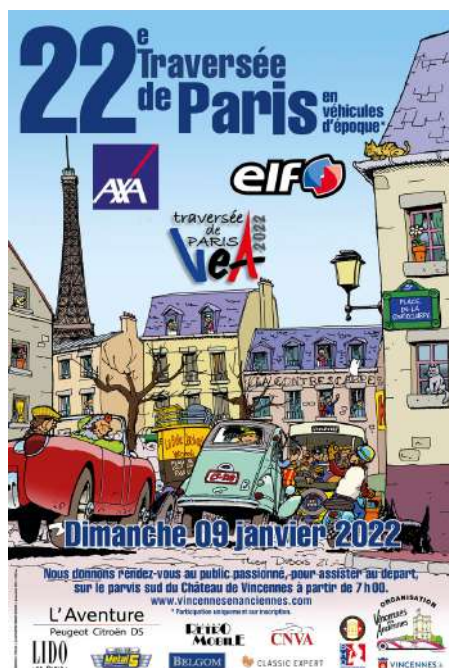




The historic vehicles movement is returning on Sunday 9th January for the 22nd winter Traversée de Paris (Crossing of Paris)



VINCENNES EN ANCIENNES, THE PREMIER FRENCH HISTORIC VEHICLE ASSOCIATION FOR ALL MAKES

Formed in 1998, the association unites 1,600 members on average. That represents a fleet of 3,500 vehicles! The administrators of the club are also active members of clubs of individual makes. Excepting January and August, the association organizes a get-together the first Sunday of each month on the south forecourt of the Château de Vincennes. Vincennes en Anciennes is extremely dynamic, participating in a number of parades or exhibitions; heritage ones, telethons and shows dedicated to historic vehicles (eg Rétromobile, Rheims, Automédon...), and organizes two 'Traversées de Paris' (Crossings of Paris) each year; one in winter in early January, one in summer at the end of July or early August.

Organised by Vincennes en Anciennes, 700 vehicles (cars, motorbikes, mopeds, bicycles and tractors) each more than 30 years old are expected at this gigantic gathering.

For this first meeting of the year, the faithful will hurry down to the south forecourt of the Château de Vincennes at dawn because the departure of vehicles is scheduled for 7.15am.

Enthusiasm remains intact throughout the Traversées, combining *joie de vivre* and the pleasure of meeting again, while sharing these unique moments with the spectators.

Respect for Old Things

La Traversée de Paris offers the richest and most diverse line-up there is. It is a fabulous time machine that merrily mixes makes, models, and years. It will only be necessary to travel forty kilometers to complete the route. The history of yesterday's Paris will rub shoulders with that of today's Paris around the theme of: places of worship and culture. During the last Traversée de Paris this summer, more than 70 makes were represented including a dozen which have disappeared. Citroën 5HP, Ford T, Talbot Baby Sport, Traction Avant, Peugeot 402, Panhard, Triumph, Simca Aronde, Facel Vega, Austin Healey, Ford Mustang, Jaguar E Type MKII, Alpine A110, Citroen CX, Isetta, Rolls Royce...motorbikes and mopeds: Terrot, Dollar, Zündapp ...

From the 1920s to the 1990s we can recreate whole sections of the history of transport.

Everyone finds a vehicle that reminds them of the past, and admires the gleaming chrome and the perfect line of the bodywork.

Paris as a playground

Paris is a huge place of discovery. The most symbolic monuments never stop revealing their secrets and surprise even the most indifferent folk.

Numerous places of worship will be waypoints on the course. So the crews will be able to appreciate the progress of the works on the Notre Dame and the basilica of the Sacre-Cœur, which looks towards the centre of the capital, has for topographical reasons a North-South orientation (and not East-West like all churches). The Sainte-Trinité cathedral (Russian orthodox) is a contemporary gem which adjoins the Pont de l'Alma. Its five onion-shaped domes, made in Vannes, consist of twenty glass fibre petals covered with 90,000 sheets of a gold alloy and palladium. They symbolize Christ and the four evangelists. The Great Mosque of Paris, the oldest mosque in metropolitan France, with its minaret 33 meters high will also be on the route.

The Traversée de Paris will cross near the Louvre (the biggest museum in the world) and the Institute de France which brings together five academies including the Academie Française....

The very lively Place de la Contrescarpe, near rue Mouffetard in the middle of the latin quarter, will be one of the stages and will appear on the poster produced by Thierry Dubois for this 22nd edition. The name of this square refers to the outer slope of the ditch (counterscarp) formerly located in front of Philippe Auguste's wall.

From noon the crews registered for the lunch-show at the legendary cabaret le *Lido de Paris* will converge on Avenue des Champs Elysees.

We are happy to start the year with this exceptional performance, which is a unique alchemy between the highlights of the capital and the automotive jewels of more than 30 years old. We have noticed that if the members of our association come in numbers, we will also welcome many enthusiasts of old vehicles from all over France, and sometimes even from abroad, demonstrating as well that the 'rolling heritage' still has a bright future ahead of it. La Traversée will end at the Lido de Paris in feathers and sequins. This is a first for our association and a festive way to conclude this first automotive event of the year" explained Jacques d'Andréa, President of Vincennes en Anciennes.

Practical Information

Departure for cars, motorbikes, bicycles between 7.15am and 9.00am from the south forecourt of the Château de Vincennes

Departure for tractors: 7.30am

Departure for buses: 8.00am precisely - Price: 10 Euros (Book on the website, limited places available.

Meeting place is in front of the Parc Floral de Vincennes) Buses and part of the vehicles will return to the south forecourt of the Château de Vincennes from 12.30pm.

Practical Information and/or reservations: download a form on <http://www.vincennesenanciennes.com>

Health measures according to government directives are in force in January 2022



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