



Sunday July 22nd 2018

11th Traversée de Paris estivale (11th Summer crossing of Paris)



The endearing rolling heritage

La Traversée de Paris has never carried a better name. Vincennes en Anciennes, organizer of the event, wished to pay an homage to the Marcel Aymé novel brought to the big screen by Claude Autant-Lara. Today still, this movie remains a must-see with cult lines and legendary scenes. A wink to the past that will highlight this Sunday of July in a joyful and nostalgic atmosphere with more than 700 vintage vehicles (cars, motorbikes, bikes, tractors, buses, trucks).

Will the organizers take inspiration from the locations mentioned in the movie? The must-see rue Poliveau (5th arrondissement) where the story takes place could be part of the journey. Only those who've registered to the event will have access to the full itinerary. Although some pit stops are already known for the public, always numerous, coming to admire the



passage of the vehicles: quai Saint-Bernard, Pont de Sully, Ile Saint-Louis and quai d'Anjou.

Key characters, the vehicles have always had a special relationship with the cinema. For the French brands, we all remember the Citroën Traction in *Les tontons flingueurs*, the DS in *Rabbi Jacob*, the 2CV in *Le corniaud* or in *Les gendarmes*, the Peugeot 406 in *Taxi*.

The vintage vehicles are everyone's favorite

No doubt, we love those vintage cars with their patina acquired through time and pampered by their owners, always ready to share their passion. All of those vintage vehicles are more than 30 years old and represent brands of all countries.

A 30-kilometer ride from the Château de Vincennes esplanade all the way to the Terrasse de l'Observatoire de Meudon. The early birds will meet in Vincennes to see the departure of the vehicles while the late risers will join in Meudon with their pique-nique to have a family time in the park surrounded by vintage cars. All through the morning, the vehicles will circulate across the city of lights.

Three old buses will join the Traversée de Paris from Vincennes to Meudon for you to have a back in time experience from the inside of the event. Booking is mandatory and the number of seats is limited (10€ per person).

What is the police doing ?

On this morning of July, l'Amicale Police Patrimoine (the police heritage organization) will be part of the event with restored old police cars: 4CV, Dauphine Pie, Simca 1100, DS 19, Renault 12 Break Police. Even few "Hirondelle" (swallow) will join the party.



Sold between 1900 and 1960, this French bike was produced in Saint Etienne by Manufrance.

Those bikes used to be used by the Police on patrol across Paris. This is why, the policemen were named "hirondelles" as their capes were floating reminding people of swallows. In 1950, there were 3 patrols per arrondissement.

L'UNIVEM is showing the Red Ball Express

L'UNIVEM organization is dedicated to preserve the historical heritage constituted by military vehicles used on the last conflicts. Just like every summer, a camp, which theme is this year the Red Ball Express, will be built in Meudon.

Between August 25th and November 16th 1944, the Red Ball Express was a road escorting system organized by the Allies after the end of the Normandie battle. It was based on a one-way itinerary in buckle between Cherbourg and Chartres. It was about carrying food supplies, gas and ammunition.

Each of the 28 allied divisions engaged in those operations needed 700 to 750 tons of supplies. The traffic was constant, day and night.

The Red Ball roads were trivialized by more than 25 000 big boards, inspired by American ad boards. They were helping drivers not to lose themselves and were also indicating the objectives of daily volumes reached in order to motivate them.

In total, 5 958 vehicles have been used carrying 12 500 tons of supplies on a daily basis. Jeep, Half Track, GMC, Ward la France and Duck W will be on show and the members of l'UNIVEM will be there to give more information on this exceptional road escorting system.



« Vincennes en anciennes », first multibrand vintage cars organization

Created in 1998, the organization has more than 1 200 members, women and men, gathering 3 000 cars. The administrators are also active members of this club. The first Sunday of each month, the organization gathers on the exceptional esplanade of the Château de Vincennes. Extremely dynamic, the organization takes part in many events: Heritage days, Téléthon, fairs (Automédon, Rétromobile, Salon de Reims, etc...) and exhibitions and organizes twice a year the Traversée de Paris: in winter, in January; in summer, end of July or early August.

Practical information – Sunday July 22nd

Departure of the vehicles between 8 and 8:45am from the esplanade of the Château de Vincennes.

Arrival around 11:30 am at the Terrasse de l'Observatoire de Meudon

Exhibition of the cars in Meudon: until 4pm

Website: <http://www.vincennesenanciennes.com/>

Booking for the old buses (mandatory; limited number of seats): 10€ per person

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