



# FIVA UPDATE

From TAVCCA  
THE ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN CAR CLUBS  
IN AUSTRALIA



## FIVA NEWS

### EUROPEAN E-FUEL POLICY COULD SAVE HISTORIC VEHICLES

FIVA welcomed news that the use of carbon-neutral e-fuels is now officially recognised in Europe as an important factor in tackling climate change. In recent years, FIVA member organisations have been actively studying the use of e-fuels and the results to date suggest these fuels work well in historic as well as modern vehicles.

FIVA welcomed the development because...

- It will encourage the commercial development of e-fuels, and encourage e-fuel manufacturers to provide e-fuel on a larger scale, which should lead to better availability and, we hope, lower prices, making it easier for historic vehicle owners to begin transitioning away from fossil fuels
- The availability of non-polluting fuels will help keep Europe's historic vehicles on the

road long into the future, while reducing their impact on the environment

- The ongoing production of e-fuels will be important in other parts of the world where the internal combustion engine will still, by necessity, have a role to play for some time
- ***Ongoing trials by FIVA member organisations in Austria, France, Germany, Netherlands and the UK have already shown that e-fuels work well in historic engines*** and, as fossil fuels start to disappear from the mainstream market, owners are increasingly keen to embrace the use of clean, green alternatives.

Lars Genild, FIVA's Vice-President, Legislation Commission, said "This EU decision...will also help us keep our motoring heritage on the road, without making a negative impact on the carbon footprint.

### FIVA YOUTH COMPETITION 2023

For ages 5 – 18+ years. Entries should express the importance of maintaining historic vehicles on tomorrow's roads through innovative and bold photographs and paintings of historic vehicles in relation to industrial heritage that supports them. Entries close August 31<sup>st</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> Category: Photography of industrial buildings, gas stations, garages, related to historic vehicles or related industry

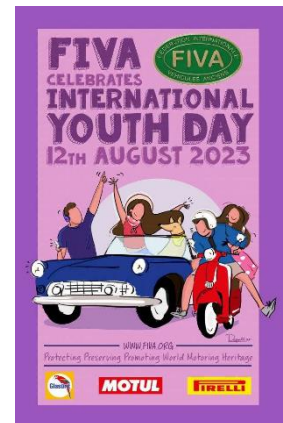
2<sup>nd</sup> Category: Paintings/drawings of industrial buildings, gas stations, garages

3<sup>rd</sup> Category: Photography showing an owner with his/her historic vehicle

Winners of each category should be announced by 30th September, their project will be published on the FIVA webpage and social media, be presented at the FIVA General Assembly in November, and winners will receive a FIVA book, FIVA vehicle plaque and a recognition diploma.

[fiva.org/en/fiva-](https://fiva.org/en/fiva-competition-marks-international-youth-day-2023)

[competition-marks-international-youth-day-2023](https://fiva.org/en/fiva-competition-marks-international-youth-day-2023)



### FIVA SEES WELCOME INCREASE IN YOUNGER ENTHUSIASTS

At its 2022 General Assembly, held in Sofia, Bulgaria, FIVA was delighted to see a marked increase in the proportion of younger historic vehicle enthusiasts attending – a shift that is essential to secure the future of the movement. "Spreading the word to the younger generation

is often seen as the race to win in the historic vehicle world," said FIVA president Tiddo Bresters. "At times, attracting younger enthusiasts has seemed a hard hill to climb. However, two factors have helped kick-start an extremely welcome change. First, by

embracing social media – often the chosen method of organising events and get-togethers for younger people – we've been able to welcome a significant lowering of the average age of enthusiasts participating in our events.”

Tido went on to note that – “secondly, we are delighted to see the so-called ‘emerging countries’ of the international historic vehicle community bringing a whole swathe of younger people, often women, to the fold.

Among the 200-odd participants who joined us in Sofia (120 in person and the rest online), the vast majority of delegates from Morocco, Turkey, Mexico, India, and Central and Eastern Europe were under 50 years old, with many in

their 30s and 40s. It is often these countries also leading the drive to encourage more women to take a leading role. The national federations of Turkey, Romania and Cyprus, for example, have female presidents. In Iran, the rapid expansion of the historic vehicle movement is being driven by Instagram, thanks largely to the dedication of a knowledgeable and highly motivated young woman.

There is certainly a great deal we can learn from these countries – and I believe the historic vehicle movement has more reason for optimism than at any time in the recent past.”

<https://fiva.org/en/fiva-sees-welcome-increase-in-younger-enthusiasts/>

---

## **FIVA EVENTS**

### **PAST EVENTS**

**FIVA Online Events.** The Marrakech Symposium was among several online FIVA events I have joined in over the last 3 years, including the excellent **Restoration - Science or Art forum** in 2021, and FIVA's **Friday Chats**, at which a range of ideas and experiences are shared by enthusiasts from around the world. While the time difference for us in Australia means some late nights to participate live, every FIVA meeting, symposium or forum I've connected with has been valuable.

These FIVA events clearly demonstrate that our hobby has many different voices, and different opinions, but we all share one common passion – protecting motoring heritage.

**FIVA ONLINE LIVE CHAT ROOMS** – began a few months ago and are held last Friday of the month via FIVA's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/fiva.org>

Already several thought-provoking topics have been covered, like:

- ♦ *Are Historic Vehicles Out of Reach*
- ♦ *How Sustainable are Historic Vehicles?*
- ♦ *Which has more soul, historic motorcycles or modern?*
- ♦ *Concours d' elegance – have we got it all wrong?*

**VIDEOS of many of FIVA's other online gatherings and events** are available in the VIDEOS page of FIVA's Facebook

including presentations from **Restoration Science or Art**, the **Marrakech Youth symposium** and FIVA's annual General Assemblies.

<https://www.facebook.com/fiva.org>

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**A calendar** of FIVA World and International Rallies, and other events, can be found at <https://fiva.org/en/fiva-events/>

#### **Major Events for 2023 include:**

- **MAY FIVA WORLD EVENT MOTOR CYCLES, 100 YEARS of the TOURIST TROPHY (T.T.), AUSTRIA**
- **MAY FIVA WORLD EVENT CAR RALLY, PORTUGAL**
- **JUNE INTERNATIONAL GORDON BENNETT RALLY, IRELAND**
- **JULY INTERNATIONAL HISTORIC UTILITARIAN VEHICLES FESTIVAL, NETHERLANDS**
- **AUGUST THE TRANS AMERICA CHALLENGE, USA**
- **AUGUST ALASKA TO MEXICO MARATHON**
- **OCTOBER LA FIESTA MILLE MIGLIA, JAPAN**
- **NOVEMBER RAC RALLY OF THE TESTS, UK**

**TAVCCA clubs are invited** to submit details of their upcoming rallies for inclusion on FIVA's Events webpage. Please use this form: <https://fiva.org/en/fiva-events/events-registration>

## Some FIVA PUBLICATIONS

### **Alternative Fuels for Historic Vehicles**

#### **Position Paper**

<https://fiva.org/download/alternative-fuels-for-historic-vehicles/#>

### **Electrification of Historical Vehicles**

#### **Position Paper**

<https://fiva.org/download/electrification-of-historical-vehicles/#>

### **Historic Vehicles in the Age of Climate**

#### **Changes Position Paper**

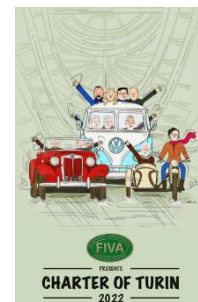
<https://fiva.org/download/historic-vehicles-in-the-age-of-climate-changes/#>

### **Definition of a Historical Vehicle Position**

**Paper** <https://fiva.org/download/definition-of-a-historic-vehicle/#>

**Fiva for Youth** A handy booklet for clubs to consider how to go about encouraging younger people into the hobby

<https://fiva.org/download/fiva-for-youth-booklet/>



**The Charter of Turin** is the primary document of guiding principles for the use, upkeep, conservation, restoration and repair of historic vehicles. FIVA recently published a version in cartoons, explaining those principles.

<https://fiva.org/download/cartoons-of-the-charter-of-turin/#>

---

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ FIVA has formed a **Working Group on e-Fuels**, with representatives from several ANFs, to monitor e-fuel developments and testing on historic vehicles.
- ❖ FIVA is a **Consultative Partner of the United Nations organisation ECOSOC**, and through that, WP29, the Working Party for harmonization of global vehicle regulations – a global platform on which FIVA hopes to promote historic vehicles as an exceptional category of vehicles on the roads of the world.
- ❖ FIVA has an agreement with **FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile)** to jointly lobby for appropriate regulations for historic vehicles to continue to access public roads.
- ❖ FIVA has a **formal agreement with FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme)** to collaborate on sustainability, the Women in the Motorcycling Commission, the planned FIM Racing Heritage Register and joint events.
- ❖ FIVA and **TICCIH (the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage)** have an MOU to cover their joint efforts to promote shared heritage objectives.
- ❖ FIVA is actively **getting young people more directly involved** in its Commissions and project groups.
- ❖ FIVA is looking at ways to **encourage “youngtimer” vehicle owners** into historic motoring

---

## UNRESTORED, ORIGINAL, PARTIAL RESTORATION OR TOTAL RESTORATION?

FIVA member, the Mille Miglia Museum in Brescia, in collaboration with Lopresto, set up an exhibition dedicated to the conservation of automotive heritage, illustrating through four unique cars the different conditions in which a historic car can be found.

Features a 1935 Lancia, 1939 FIAT Cabriolet, 1961 Alfa Romeo Giulietta, 1970 Alfa Romeo Montreal.

Go to this FIVA page for a presentation on the four cars. [fiva.org/en/examples-of-good-practices-among-our-members/](https://fiva.org/en/examples-of-good-practices-among-our-members/)

---

**FIVA Update 29/4/2021.** Prepared by Jenny Fawber, on behalf of TAVCAA - The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia (TAVCCA) [tavcca.org.au/](http://tavcca.org.au/) TAVCCA is the Authorised National Federation (ANF) representing Australia to FIVA (Federation Internationale Vehicules Anciens)