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EDITOR'S REMARKS

A relatively good turnout at our April meeting at Sacko's Bar in El Limonar with a total of 38 members in attendance. Our guest speaker was Tracey McKay from the RACC. An informative talk which dispelled thoughts that this was purely a motor breakdown service in Spain!! In fact it offers so much more. Some members joined on the spot and for those members who could not attend, give Tracey a call on 686531147 and she will be pleased to give you all the information on the services offered. The recent fiestas and medieval market were well attended and were quite a spectacle. These events seem to improve every year. Our website has been updated and is worth a look!! I have not received any photographs from members of ARPO events attended so check your drawers! We will be only too pleased to publish them. And, of course anyone can access the photographs online by clicking on:

<http://photobucket.com/albums/fl56/senorlyn/arp>

If you want to download and/or print any photographs just double click on its thumbnail which brings up the full size photograph. Then, right click and select 'save picture as'.

Repayment of United Kingdom income tax??? Surely not!!! The Spanish tax returns are nearly due so if you are paying income tax on your pension in the UK and paying Spanish taxes STOP!!!! Under the United Kingdom/Spain Double Taxation Convention (SI 1976 Number 1919) you can reclaim UK taxes paid on your pension. You need to complete a form FD9 both in English and Spanish and follow the instructions. Both English and Spanish copies can

be downloaded by entering the following address in your browser window -

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/cnr/spain-individual.pdf#search='form%20fd9%20uk%20inland%20revenue'> and simply hit the print button!!!!.

We had noticed already that future functions were likely to be oversubscribed and this is becoming more evident. The April monthly lunch at Dona Isabel Restaurant in San Miguel de las Salinas proved very successful. 43 members and guests experienced a first class meal and service and the atmosphere was 'buzzing'. Many congratulations to Jim and Joan Wood for arranging this lunch, I am sure it will not be our last visit there!! To reiterate last months comments, it is important that if you are considering hosting any function that the venue can accommodate those wishing to attend. Please inform the secretary, Mike Peters on 966797015 or email mpeters@tiscali.es who will be able to assist and advise.

My website of the month is <http://www.blueknights.org>

I have a personal interest with this organisation being a member myself!!

It may surprise you that such an organisation exists..... 'Ride with Pride'

Hasta luego.

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TREASURER'S CHEST

Please note, we now have a bank account with Banco Popular following hard work and strong negotiating by George Patterson, our vice treasurer. We now have 114 members with 22 subscriptions overdue. A list will be on the information board, (purely as a gentle reminder of course!!)

At the April meeting, 16 members renewed their membership.

Our funds now stand at € 1626.05. The monthly 25 euro draw was won by Jim Neville. Congratulations from all still waiting at the bar in eager anticipation!!!

How much are those doggies in the window??.....ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.. 2 down and 5 to go??? If you want a lovely little puppy, free to a good home, contact Sue Bassett on 68309774

DIARY OF SOCIAL EVENTS

DATE	TIME	COST	VENUE	CONTACT
WED 24	7.30PM	23.50€	Country Cook-In Restaurant, Formantera. **	Gerry Lawson – 966791537 Mike Peters – 966797015
MAY				966786108
WED	11.00AM		Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar. Guest Maureen Evans on Natural Health Products	
14 JUNE				
FRI	8.30PM	26.00€	Rocio's Palace, Benijofar **	Mike Peters 966797015
30 JUNE				
SEPT	Lunch	tba	Beez Bar, Via Park 111, Los Altos	Lawrence Bilbey 966791537
OCT	Lunch	tba	Drive through the country treasure hunt to Beniél and lunch	Andy Bassett 968309774
WED	11.00AM		Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar.	966786108
11 OCT				
WED	11.00AM		Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar.	966786108
8 NOV				
NOV	Lunch	tba		Roy Coombes - 966761431
12 DEC	11.00AM		Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar.	966786108
18 DEC	Xmas Dinner Dance	tba	tba	Mike Peters 966797015

** Directions to these venues are published below and on the website.

DIRECTIONS TO EVENTS:

Country Cook-In Restaurant ...I am assuming people will come from Torrevieja up to Quesada ... Off the island take the road to Benijofar . At the traffic lights turn right towards Rojales on CV 860. First island turn left second island turn left . Sign posted San Fulgencio and Elche. Continue on CV 860 to island with signs for San Fulgencio and Daya Nueve , Here turn right onto CV 903 for San Fulgencio. Short distance to stop sign . Turn right then left signed for Country Cookin . Twisty country road drive with care. Past orange house, Country Cookin on right car park is on left. There is another way but due to works and builders skips, this is the best.

Rocio's Palace, Benijofar.....Again from Torrevieja take the Crevillente Road, CV90, go over the Quesada roundabout and it is on your right. *****THE OWNERS HAVE ASKED FOR A 50% DEPOSIT SO PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PAY AT THE MAY MEETING, if possible!!!*****

BE ON YOUR GUARD

Opportunist thieves are rearing their ugly heads again as the season begins. It is so easy for us all to drop our guard especially when collecting friends or returning from airports to our Spanish homes or holiday residence. The worrying trend is to be followed to your destination and robbed the moment you step out of the car whilst you are distracted opening gates etc. It would appear, unconfirmed, that they will not be adverse to violence to steal your property. Keep the vehicle doors locked until you are sure it is safe to get out. Retired police are not immune from this type of crime!!!!

FOR SALE

Shop Rider Sovereign 888-4 disabled 'buggy' with aluminum ramps, eighteen month old. Cost new with ramps €2800.00. Asking price €1000 o.n.o. Please contact Sheila on 966775196, she was a friend of the late George Brearley who owned it.

MAY FAIR 2006

The inauguration will be at the fair site next to the harbour on Wed 3rd at 9pm. and the fair finishes on Sun. 9th. Full itinerary will be published in local press shortly but one event 'not to be missed' is the procession of horses and carriages, from the Imaculada Church, after mass at noon on Sat. 6th, to the fair site.