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Preface

"The Classic Register Committee has for some time been concerned by its inability to reach Register members and the lack of a suitable forum for members to express their views. It is for these reasons that the committee has decided to publish a Classic Register magazine.

It is intended that 'Front Drive' will appear bi-monthly and is aimed at presenting information of a technical and historical nature in a quality format. For the benefit of new members, it is appropriate to restate some of the reasons for the Classic Register's foundation.

The 'Traction Avant' series had been out of production for twenty years and parts, information and know-how was becoming increasingly more expensive. The feeling was that a group could do more and achieve more - hence the Classic Register. In nineteen months membership has passed fifty which is ample vindication of the original idea.

'Front Drive' is intended to inform, instruct, amuse and help owners of pre-1956 production Citroëns. It can only be a success if you the members read and contribute to its pages. Articles, letters, jokes, classified section, problems and solutions are welcome from all members (including country members).

*Vive La Traction! (and La 2CV)
Classic Register Committee"*

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"Dear Sir,

After discussing the future of the Classic Register and its relationship to the CCCV with a number of Register members at length, the following points have come to light.

The Register, now in its second year, is thriving if the membership which has topped 50, is the indicator of health. A good number of cars are under restoration, technical information is being presented and the spare parts side of the organisation is now under way with Swan Hill successfully come and gone.

The great majority of Classic Register members do not own post 1955 Citroëns and do not necessarily have any interest in the later cars. It is reasonable to assume that they joined the CCCV and Register for the benefits that the Register offers. Personally, while I find the post-55 Citroëns technically interesting they lack the "panache" of the Tractions and early 2CVs, and the rarity of the vintage Citroëns. Also, because of the time span between the conception of Register cars and "D" series, the only links are the front drive and the name badge.

For these reasons, I feel that it may be time for Register members to seriously consider whether the Register should continue the existing relationship with the CCCV. Currently, membership of the Register effectively costs \$18, \$10 of which goes to the CCCV. I suggest that the Register aims at existing in its own right with affiliations with the CCCV if this is mutually acceptable. This, incidentally is the arrangement that the Traction Owners Club (England) has with the English CCC, and has considerable mutual benefits whilst retaining individual identities.

Food for thought!

Roger Brundle"