

Marts 1991

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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your kind letter and your club badge, which is now decorating the bumper of my DKW F91.

Since this is the first time that you have contact with somebody from the Danish DKW club, I would like to tell you about our club and engagements:

The club was founded in 1975 in Holbæk near Copenhagen, Sealand. The purpose of the club was to preserve as many DKW's, Audi's, Horch's, and Wanderer's as possible and to collect spare parts and literature about these.

During the first decade the club grew slowly, but steadily. But in the mid-eighties the membership more than doubled to a total of 210 members spread all over Denmark.

At the same time the club changed from being a social club to being a club of seriously working car and motorbike enthusiasts, but we did not forget enjoying ourselves.

In 1988 the rules of the club were modified so that we also admitted the East German cars: IFA, Wartburg, Trabant, and MZ motorbikes of at least 20 years of age.

More than 90% of the members' vehicles are still DKW's. There are 3 Horch's left, of which 2 are in museum. There are approx. 10 Wanderer's left, among these a motorbike from 1914. There are no more pre-war Audi's left. Our club possesses approx. 15 East German cars.

The oldest DKW is a moped from 1920. All models of motorbikes and cars from 1930-1966 are represented. The age of the members ranges from 18 to 88, and both sexes are represented.

The honorary member is the 82 years old Dr. Ove Rasmussen. He is the oldest son of the founder of DKW, Mr. Jørgen Skafte Rasmussen, who, as you know, was born in Denmark. At several occasions Ove Rasmussen has visited our club in order to lecture about his childhood and his father's work in Sachsen.

During winter time club members on Sealand meet once a month. During summer time we meet four times with our cars and motor-bikes. We also participate in exhibitions all over Denmark in order to popularize DKW-vehicles.

We have established files with work manuals and spare parts catalogues available to club members when restoring their vehicles.

Our club has arranged the International Auto-Union session twice; in 1979 in Holbæk and in 1984 in Helsingør, and we are going to arrange it again in 1993 or 1995.

As you probably know, the European clubs arrange this session by turns. 900 persons and 300-400 vehicles participate, among these 20-30 Danish vehicles.

Finally, I would like to tell you a little about my own experience with Auto-Union:

In 1950 my father bought a 1938 "DKW F7 Meisterklasse", which he held for 4 years. Then he bought a brand new "DKW F91 Sonderklasse 3=6", which he held for 4 years (120.000 km), until it was replaced by a 1958 "DKW F93 Sonderklasse", silverblue with white top. Six years later my parents bought a new ivory coloured "DKW F12 De Luxe", which they held until 1976. At that time my father had turned 73 years, and he decided to quit driving. But still, at the age of 87, he participates enthusiastically in DKW sessions all over Europe.

In 1960 I bought a new "Auto-Union 1000". In 1962 I married, and this car became our means of transport until 1967 (125.000 km). Since DKW did not exist any more, I bought a Datsun, later on another Datsun, and then a VW-Passat. After 11 years with four-stroke engine vehicles, I bought a two-stroke engine "Wartburg 353 Tourist".

In 1982 I found a ramshackle old "DKW F91", which was totally restored by 1985. In 1986 in Holzminden this car won the International contest, group B cars from 1949 to 1960 for best restored and most original DKW car. Later, competing with 800 other cars of different brands, I achieved a third place at the annual "Copenhagen Autojumble", after a "MG TD" and a "Jaguar XR150".

This was a small biography about Danish DKW Club and myself.

Best DKW regards,

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DEAR SIR,

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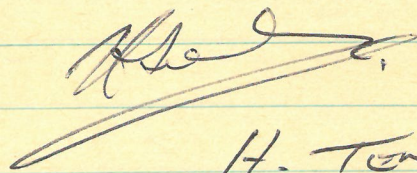
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 5 MAY 1990. I
APOLOGISE FOR TAKING SO LONG TO REPLY. THE
ADDRESS ABOVE IS OUR CORRECT ADDRESS. UP UNTIL
YOUR LETTER, THIS WAS THE FIRST CONTACT I HAVE
HAD WITH YOUR CLUB.

I WILL ENSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE OUR CLUB MAGAZINE
IN THE FUTURE. OUR LATEST MAGAZINE HAS BEEN
SENT TO YOU IN ANOTHER PACKAGE. I TRUST THAT WE
CAN ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING FUTURE EDITIONS OF
"SKYLERPORTON".

ENCLOSED, WE ARE SENDING YOU OUR CLUB BADGE AND
LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOURS IN EXCHANGE.

HOPING FOR FUTURE CONTACT & MUTUAL CO-OPERATION.

YOURS FAITHFULLY.



H. TEN DOESCHATE (CHAIRMAN)