



March 2008

KNAUS KONTAKT

Hello, a warm welcome to members and a Happy Easter to everyone. Here are new members Brian and Elaine Kennedy from Spain



Well, it's that time of year again when we are dusting off the covers and booking holidays for 2008. We have used our Sun Ti a few times over the Winter and apart from it being in the workshop for 3 weeks with heater breakdown, and dreadful condensation from the roof light (see more of this below) it is proving to be a good all-weather 'van.

Peterborough Show and AGM

The AGM is getting nearer and we hope as many members as possible will attend. It will be at 3pm on Saturday 26th April 2008 at the Knaus Club site at Peterborough Show. Day visitors are very welcome and we are looking forward to meeting members. If any visitors can't make the meeting, but go to the Show on a different day, come along to the Knaus Owners camp area anyway - you'll find a friendly welcome from anyone who is around.

Pre-booking for the show closes on 7 April 2008. You can book online or use the slip in magazines such as MMM, Which Motorcaravan etc. If you use our website at www.knausowners.com there is a link to the Out and About booking site. Tony Poole, our marshal also has booking slips. Contact him at a.poole22@btinternet.com or 24 Middlecave Drive Malton, N Yorkshire, YO117 7BB. Tony reminds us to put 'Knaus Club' on your form, so you get your discount and ensure we all camp together. There is no need to tell Tony you have booked.

The Agenda for the AGM

Apologies

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Webmaster's report

Election of officers

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Webmaster
- Rally Marshal

Subscriptions

Gazebo

Meetings

Any other business.

News from Knaus

Thanks again to Eilidh Gilmour for her translating services. A reply from Knaus Germany suggested using aluminium shielding to solve heat problems with the grill/oven. I understand that Lowdhams Leisureworld has done some shielding on one member's 'van and if you look on the website another member has detailed how he fitted shields.

Knaus suggested using screens to help solve condensation problems on the single glazed roof light on early SunTi's. However, internal screens still allow condensation. After much thought and use of umbrellas on our trip to Ravenglass we piloted a cling film secondary double glazing screen. The prototype worked well during a weeks' holiday in the Cotswolds in March. Condensation was minimal and it doesn't look out of place. It just needs tweaking to ensure an airtight seal. We used 15mm square box plastic electric trunking cut to fit tightly inside the roof light frame and secured to the glass by the sticky back. Two small brackets screwed to each side of the frame provided extra security. We fixed double sided sellotape to the new frame then cling film double glazing, heated by a hairdryer for a tight fit. The whole thing is very light and just needs the corner edges sealing (probably with bathroom sealant), but we will let you know if this works. Anyone going to Peterborough can see what we mean.

A news sheet for the Knaus
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and is where Steve Brock would be happy if you could email your experiences to him for others to share. There is also a Discussion Forum where you can post questions or put up subjects for discussion. Why not log on and see?

Safeguard Insurance

Thanks to Bob Pendlebury, Knaus Owners Club members can now have 10% discount on insurance. Please say you are a club member when taking out or renewing insurance.

Cancellation

Rotary Club of Dereham Norfolk Rally – advertised in a previous newsletter for 26-30th June 2008 has been postponed until June 2009.

SOME THINGS OF INTEREST?

Various items arrive in the mail for the KNAUS OWNERS CLUB, below are a few 'snippets' which may be of interest. As always we are just passing on the information and are not making any recommendations.

THE CARMARTHEN CARAVAN & MOTORHOME SHOW 2008

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, 18TH - 20TH APRIL 2008

Showground is adjacent to the A40 dual carriageway, a mile and half from Carmarthen Town Centre and it has a cycle track from the site into town.

Visiting 'overnighters' welcome from midday on Thursday until Monday morning. Local entertainment to be held on the Friday and Saturday night, along with a licensed bar.

The cost, to include a pass for the show, will be **£30 for a caravan or motorhome** with two people. Children under sixteen admitted free. The organisers also **discount club bookings of more than 10 units to £26.**

Contact Lois Gibbon www.towyevents.co.uk

Freewheel Leisure

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Select Sites

Hartford Manor, Greenbank Lane, Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 1HW. Tel: 0844 406 9876 www.select-site.com organize rallies for clubs on the continent and Ireland. They offer a booking service, competitive ferry-inclusive packages, advice on campsites and places of interest, travel packs with maps, dedicated 'rally team' and arrange holiday insurance.

Free WiFi in France

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Contact Jim and Marie Cregeen at cregeen@gmail.com, website www.cps-spain.com or tel (+34) 968 748 006.

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