



The international Ford Taunus 12M P4 family meets regarding the 55th anniversary of the P4 at the Edersee from 19 - 21 May 2017

The increasing large P4 family is growing up, more than 700 P4's from 26 countries are now included in the P4 register. Main communication platform is the Ford Taunus 12M P4 group in Facebook. There will be news and technical questions announced but also on two websites www.Taunus-P4.org and www.12mp4.de many P4 pictures and messages are available.

Every 5 years there is a big international P4 meeting. After the 50th anniversary of the P4 in 2012 located in Weiterstadt, the P4 meetings in 2014, 2015 and 2016 takes place at the Edersee and now the 55-year anniversary international meeting takes place in Hemfurth/Edersee on 19-21 May 2017.

The ORGA team consisting of Andreas, Frank (F), Bert (NL), Herbert, Hildo, Tore (N) and Torsten already started to plan this big meeting and to distribute the tasks during the P4 meeting at the Edersee in 2016. This resulted in a 5-language flyer (German, English, French, Flemish and Norwegian), which was distributed with a Motomobil advertising in the different countries.

The registration documents were available in four languages and were sent out by email to approximately 400 P4 owners and via post to another approximately 20 P4 owners without internet access.

It was discussed with the owner and the managing director of the biker bar that the biker's pub acts as the organizer, collecting the necessary permits and concluding a tour operator's liability insurance. Because the start of building of 30 western houses now shifts into the winter of 2017/2018, we could use the meadow directly behind the biker's lodge.



A cost calculation had to be made and then the registration fee was set at 20 €, whereby we assumed a number of participants from 60 to 80.

An appropriate sticker (Andreas), a T-shirt (Torsten) and trophies for the award had to be designed and decided by the ORGA team and manufactured.

Further clarifications were necessary and had to be implemented, for: e.g. program, accommodation list and, map, welcome letter, registration list and and supervision of the registration fees, name badges, certificates, presents for helping P4 owners, invitation of guests of honor, television and specialized press, megaphone for announcements, drone for aerial photography, space and equipment for video presentation, tents and tables. Two ORGA meetings took place, the first on the last day of the 2016 meeting and the second on a weekend in early November 2016 at the biker's lodge Zündstoff. All further clarifications were completed via WhatsApp, email and phone.

The date for this international P4 meeting was announced at last year's P4 meeting at Edersee 2016, the flyers and the registration documents were sent before Christmas 2016, the first registrations arrived in December 2016. Several reminder letters in all portals ensured a good number of applications, which we communicated constantly within the ORGA team.

Working together within the ORGA team was a great fit, other P4 owners offering their help also, organizing such a big meeting is enjoyable, no one is overburdened and this will be guaranteed to help for the next meetings in the coming years. Too bad that Herbert has been injured for some months and we all keep our fingers crossed that Herbert will be soon healthy again. Unfortunately it did not work with the television and the specialized press. They show interest but they give no commitment, it's actually a pity. But we want to have fun together within the P4 family and so the absence of television and press don't keep us off our path.

But now coming to the meeting!

Thursday morning, the first P4 arrives, the ORGA team meets in the late afternoon to make the final arrangements with Sven the Biker's CEO, to inspect the area, to clarify some things within the ORGA team and hanging up some Ford pennant chains. At the evening we are already 9 P4 owners and let the evening comfortably ending in the biker's lodge Zündstoff.

On Friday morning we built up two pavilions and put in tables. The welcome bags still need to be completed during many P4's arrived, one more beautiful than the other.



Our two busy welcome ladies, Traudel and Elisabeth, have a great deal to welcome all new arrivals, to check the registration for completeness and to hand over the name badges and welcome bags.

The classic car row is growing, but unfortunately there is sometimes a shower of rain, but all participants are regardless happy. Because of the rain showers in the afternoon we cancel the first trip with our P4's to the Edersee and the church in Bringhausen. We make the first official information event with a welcome and thanks to all present P4 owners. Georg hands over to Hildo a beautifully finished wooden plate with a dedication, thank you very much Georg and all P4 owners!



In the evening we are more than 40 P4's and we go almost closed for dinner at 6 pm in the restaurant Ederaue on the opposite side of the river Eder, but first we had to clear and close the registration pavilion. Unfortunately, three P4's have not been arrived and stopped by breakdown nearby. We were able to help one of them because his generator had failed, some of us pushed it and on Saturday he installed a spare alternator. The second has stopped by a timing gear damage, here we could help so far, that one of us drove with trailer, put the P4 on the trailer and came back to the meeting area. So he could at least attend the meeting.

On Saturday late afternoon, his P4 were picked up by an ADAC car. Unfortunately, we could not help the third P4 driver. The son of Herbert saw the P4 at a tow hook and remembered the car number. Quickly we could determine who it was, but we had no phone number from him and he unfortunately not from one of us. We try to send him an email but we did not get an answer. Stefan found out the mobile number late in the evening, we called him but he was already sitting in the train heading home. In retrospect, we learned that one of the engine mount was broken, too bad.

On Saturday, the sun was shining and cheerfully we went back to the meadow.



We have admitted the registration tent and shortly thereafter come the next P4 drivers. Unfortunately, there were only a few girls and boys in 60 years clothes, but they looked pretty adorable, so I'd like to mention them here. An idea for next year would be the most beautiful clothes from the 60s to include in the award.



Around 10:30 am, we start the second information event with a welcome and congratulations with a small box of truffle chocolates to Martina, who has her birthday today.. Likewise, Hildo thanks and honors all the helpers: Sven and Timm (CEOs of the biker bar Zündstoff) who act as event organizers, Andreas, Bert, Georg, Herbert, Juliane, Stefan, Tore, Torsten, Elisabeth and Traudel. In addition to the huge thank you, everyone receives a box of truffle chocolates with the logo imprint of this year's P4 meeting.



Directly after the information event Torsten arrange the driver / vehicle presentation where everyone briefly introduces himself and his P4. This idea alone takes around 90 minutes, when each of the approximately 60 attendees only talks 1.5 minutes on average.



Herbert and Hildo just went to Bad-Wildungen to discuss with the owner of the fairy tale shop, that in the afternoon in front of her shop we would moderate the passing P4 participants. After that we decided to plan the P4 route through the historic city center of Bad Wildungen. After the lunch break - around 2 pm – we start the trip to Bad Wildungen with all P4's.



As strung on a string of pearls and led by Herbert, the P4's drove from the meadow to the official street to Bad Wildungen where a quadcopter took great aerial shots. On the drive to Bad Wildungen, Herbert made a detour through the Wesetal - one of the charming landscapes of the Kellerwald region. Traudel and Hildo drove straight to the Brunnenallee, put the P4 diagonally in front of the fairytale shop and pointed

the people strolling through the approx. 60 P4's from seven countries via megaphone. Soon, despite occasional light rain, several interested people stops here during the P4 queue with Herbert at the top drive through the Brunnenallee.



Each P4 was presented with some car details and the drivers and co-driverers name, before the vehicles turned right and collected at a parking area in front of the leisure complex Heloponte.



Im Konvoi ging's dann durch die historische Altstadt von Bad Wildungen wieder zurück Richtung Edersee.

In a convoy all P4's passes the historic part of Bad Wildungen back towards Edersee.



At the parking area of the Edertal tourism (there is an exceptional house: This house is complete with its furnishings upside down - it is the only one of its kind in Hessen! By a 5-7% slope of the house are the doors, windows and Walls sloping, which also brings the sense of balance properly skewed.



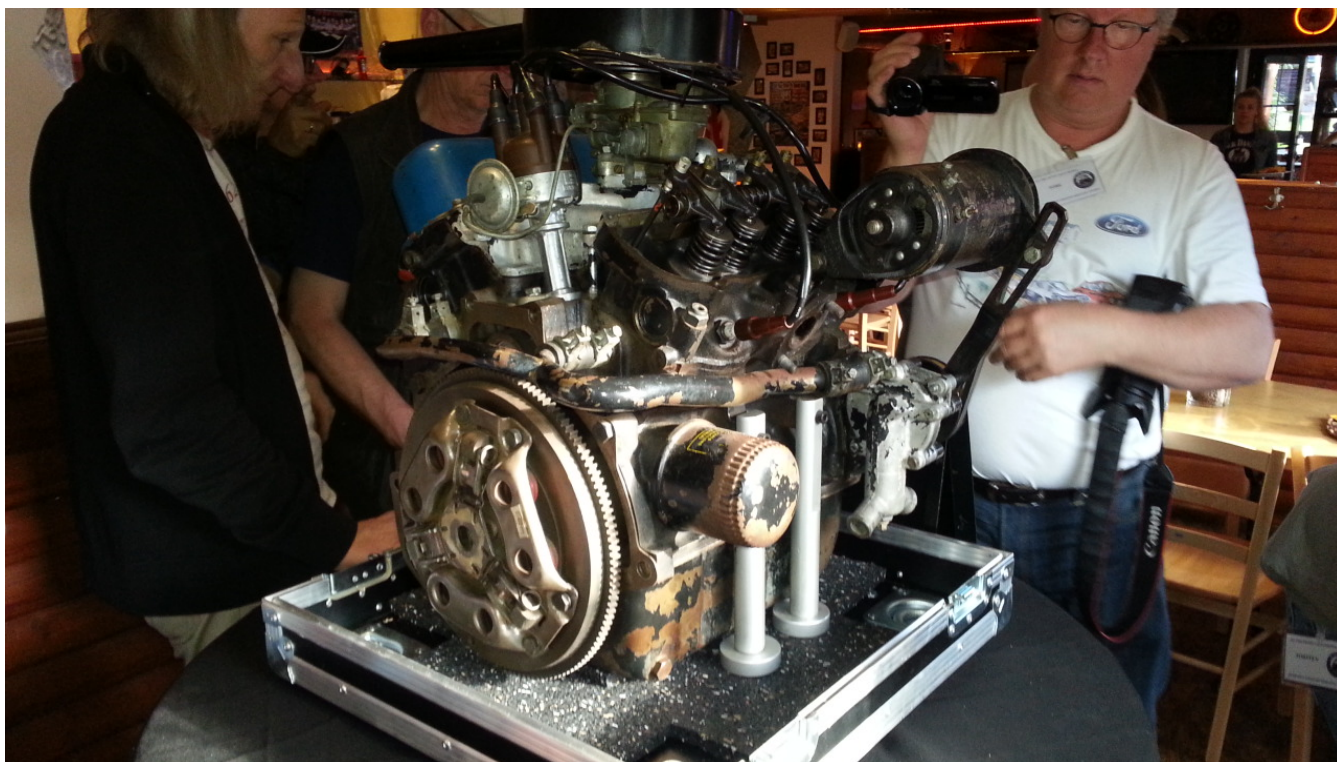
Everyone should have experienced this unique perspective from the headstand point of view. Now it was time to drive off the parking area, because from here the P4 queue was filmed again from the air. Back on the meadow at Zündstoff the quadrocopter has made more aerial photographs and films.



The ORGA team have opted for the not very cheap order of a professional cameraman, because aerial photography is exceptional and for the P4 meetings so far a novelty.



At 7 pm everybody gathered for dinner in the beer garden of the Biker bar. Then coming the next highlight. Even though the P4 world record car with its owner Frank was not present, Torsten had brought the world record engine with Jürgens help, many thanks to both of you. The engine without all periphery was housed in a fairly handy transport box and all the periphery parts together with tools and all screws in a second smaller box. Torsten asked me to help within the assembly work, which was a special honor for me.



At the same time Andreas and some P4 friends built up in the adjoining room a screen, a projector and a laptop. Then the world record motor was released for inspection and pictures and in the adjoining room all interested P4 friends could join looking P4 videos and sound reports. Until late in the evening outside and inside, P4 friends coming together with the result of new friendships.

The Sunday was unfortunately the last day of our meeting, most P4 friends wanted to go home at noon, so after a leisurely breakfast we went to the meeting area. So the rest of the program we had to finalize in time. The last award queries had to be delivered to the ORGA tent, Traudel and Elisabeth made the evaluation. Thank you very much, you have done professionally and really great the registrations, the participation certificates distribution, selling of the T-shirts and stickers and also collected the award queries.

Just before 11am, the ORGA team met to determine the longest distance for the P4 coming on own wheels and the particular P4. The winners were asked to drive in front of the beer garden and all participants gathered around it. Hildo once again thanked all participants and called to today's birthday children: Andreas, Edgar and Steven got a sinning Happy Birthday and also received truffle chocolates.

Then Torsten and Andreas took over to the award ceremony:

Most beautiful P4 2-door sedan, the winner is Lutz Palluch

Most beautiful P4 4-door sedan, the winner is Thomas Sunmann

Most beautiful P4 Coúpe, the winner is Theo van Bremen

Most beautiful P4 station wagon, the winner is Aniol Bettelyoun

Longest distance coming by car on own wheels, the winner is Thomas Sunmann

The particular P4, the winner is Glenn van Dienst with his highly performed engine performance



All winners got a P4 model 1:43 on a beautiful wooden base and a certificate. The documents for the winners but also all other documents (each participant has received a certificate of participation) was designed and printed by Andreas - thanks to Andreas! From the submitted evaluation papers the winner Aloys Müller was drawn and awarded with a special prize. A photo session had followed with the winners and the ORGA team. Just in time because we could make the trip by cars to the Edersee dam. The dam may not be used by cars, but there are only four exceptions per year, where groups can register for crossing the dam by cars. This reservation is fully booked for the next few years. Herbert also has good relations and found out that today at noon the Opel Aero group drives over the dam and after clarification with the boss of the Opel Aero Club and the technical dam master we were allowed to make the crossing directly behind the Opel Aero vehicles in a long queue. What an experience and what great pictures and videos were made.





After crossing the dam we drove directly to the nearby parking area, where the majority of the P4 family said goodbye to the drive home, the little rest drove back to the meeting area at Biker's pub, dismantled the rest on the meadow (thanks Elisabeth and Herbert) and after everything was packed and stowed, we sitting together for a time and drinking something. Then we all drove home early Sunday afternoon. It was a fantastic and eventful International Jubilee P4 meeting, the P4 family got new P4 friends, which has integrated super fast. Everyone is incredibly nice, open and helpful, just as you would expect in a good family and a language barrier does not exist despite 7 different nationalities. Thank you very much to all Norwegian Ford friends for coming and participating, you have had by far the longest journey.



Unfortunately, only a few P6 owners came to our meeting, which is a shame, but we can not offer more to be part of the P4 / P6 meeting. Here I would like to mention in particular Frank, who feels right at home together with Simone, has made a proper registration and is present at all our events. And then I would like to introduce the Dutch P6 owner I. van Amsterdam. He join our meeting saturday and sunday on the way back from south Europe to NL and since he felt comfortable with us, he camped on the Zündstoff meadow and stayed until the end.





I would like to thank all members of the ORGA team and all other hard-working helpers again. Together we are strong and can handle such an event smoothly.

Here is the P4 meeting in figures:

There were 67 pcs. different P4 at the meeting, in addition 8 pcs. P6 vehicles and about 20 to 25 pcs. other Ford classic cars, so around 100 pcs. vehicles, so the meeting was a complete and great success.

The next big Ford Taunus 12M P4 / P6 meeting at the Edersee is fixed: 25. - 27.05.2018

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