



Editorial

This is a sample issue (or maybe the first of many) of the new Newsletter to gauge your opinion.

The idea is to provide SRMN news, members routes and timings, travel tips, country information, useful waypoints, useful info for the less experienced overlander even One of My Favourite Photo and lots more.

The plan is to issue the Newsletter every 3 months and perhaps more frequently.

Your contributions would be very welcome.

Carnet Changes

The RAC introduced changes to the application process in 2013. The application form has new questions and the cost has increased by £5, so that the 25 page version is £200. In addition there is a deposit required of £350 which is refundable if the Carnet is returned within 3 months of expiry.

Securing the Carnet is now only permitted using an insurance policy which has a premium of 10% (plus tax) of the value of the vehicle increased by the area multiple. The basic multiple for Africa has increased from 200% to 250%. Half the premium (and tax) is refundable if there is no claim on the policy.

The RAC will now challenge the valuation if they think the vehicle has been undervalued using various commercial and consumer price guides as evidence. There is also a time limit to catch you out. Carnets will now only be issued 10 days before your trip starts.

Route plan from Clive and Ann. We are in East Africa until early October when we fly back to the UK for 3 months. Then we return to drive north through Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Israel. From there we ship to Italy and back to the UK about May / June 15

Travel Tip

Always fill in the next of kin details at the back of your passport. If you lose it there is a chance it may be forwarded to them

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This is our truck called Nomad



We are currently in Kenya

SRMN News

Following the resignation of some officers of the Network very little has happened. The Treasurer, Champa Soma has called an EGM to sort out what should happen next. This meeting is to be held at the end of August.

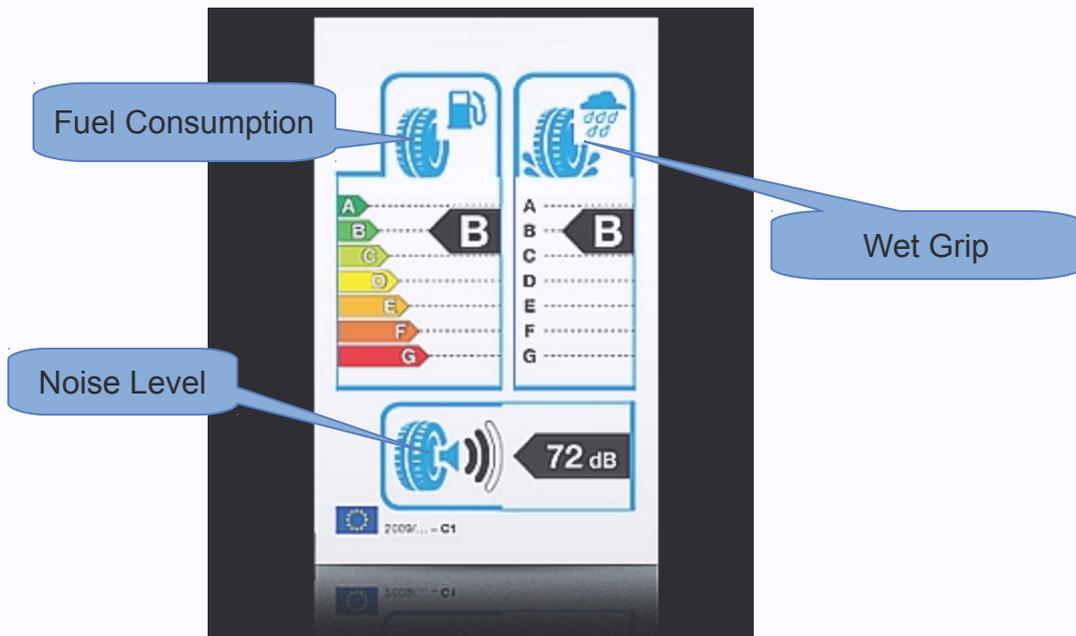
The AGMs recently have spent a lot of time chewing over the way forward for the Network with a lot of different views being expressed.

The EGM is an opportunity to simplify and restart the Network and provide a focus for the enthusiasm of present and new members who want to drive overland around the world.

About Tyres – Part 1

Basic tyre information

Since November 2012 EU Tyre regulation no 1222/2009 has required tyre manufacturers to attach a stick-on label to new tyres, for most categories of vehicle including lorries. The label specifies the fuel consumption, wet grip and noise classification of the product. The tyre label uses a classification from the best (green category "A") to the worst performance (red category "G" for Car and "F" for truck).



You are unlikely to have this label drawn to your attention as most tyre fitting companies require you to sit away from the tyre fitting bay for health and safety reasons. The fitter is likely to remove the label before you get access to the vehicle although you may find a general leaflet on the counter.

One of My Favourite Photos



The Road Not Taken (a parody)

Two roads diverged in a
wood and I -

I took the one less
travelled by,

And that has made all
the difference -

Thanks to my handheld
Garmin Oregon 600
GPS

Bekyldov Lew

European Health Insurance Card

If you are travelling through the EU, as a UK citizen you can get a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This entitles you to medical treatment at the same level as is provided to residents of the country where you need treatment. In some cases you may have to pay for treatment but you can reclaim some or all of these costs back in the UK. The cover also includes chronic ongoing conditions.



The EHIC card is free and you can order one online from here

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx>

or by phone

0300 3301350 Local call rates apply.

The website provides all you might need to know.

It can take 10 days or more for your card to be delivered. As long as you have ordered your card but have not received it before you travel you can still get treatment by phoning the Overseas Healthcare Team on 0044 191 2181999 (Monday to Friday, 8am–5pm).

The card is valid for 5 years.

Please note that when searching online there are some organisations who will order a card on your behalf for a fee which may be as much as £25. I do not recommend you use them.

The EHIC only covers basic medical needs so it is prudent to have Travel Insurance as well.

Country Information - Turkey

Turkey has commenced issuing tourist visas as e-visas. These can only be obtained online. It allows multientry for a total period of 90 days in any 180 day period. This matches the Schengen visa rules. Longer tourist visas can be obtained but these have to be obtained from a Turkish Embassy.

The visa cost for UK nationals is \$20 which can be paid by credit or debit card.

<https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>