

Traction Courses 2021



In 2020 – for the first time in more than 30 years – all maintenance and repair courses for Traction owners / drivers / lovers had to be cancelled. Hopefully the Covid 19 situation will allow in 2021 to run the courses in Benken ZH in the north of Switzerland, near the Rhine Falls.

The first courses in English took place in 2012. Since then there were participants coming from all over the world, even from countries as far as Japan and Australia. All were happy with the mixture of theory and practice, in combination with a large number of car parts that can be touched.

In 2013 the first “advanced course” took place in German. Since then, topics like “car electrics”, “brakes”, and “engine, clutch and gearbox linkage settings” have been treated in small groups, in theory as well as in practice. The “engine removal” courses of 2015 – for example – had to be repeated four times due to high demand. Since the website of Swiss Traction Club CTAC <http://www.tractionavant.ch/> is undergoing major changes which will take time, it is not possible actually to find reports from earlier courses. A report of a participant of the 2013’s English course was printed in the magazine of the CCOCA.

Another article appeared 2017 in FLOATING POWER Volume 41, issue 6. The PDF’s are available on request.



The “Basic Maintenance and Repair Course for Tractionists in English” will take place from Thursday April 22 to Saturday April 24 2021 with the following main focuses:

- 🔧 The basics of a combustion engine including carburettor, ignition, clutch, gearbox and brakes
- 🔧 Details of the functions and the peculiarities of the different components in the Traction
- 🔧 Recognize malfunctions, causes and consequences thereof
- 🔧 Carry out simple maintenance tasks like ignition and valve setting and know the important points for regular care and maintenance
- 🔧 Prevent excessive wear when driving, changing gears and braking
- 🔧 Further topics: Tools, electrics, body work, improving safety and comfort of your Traction
- 🔧 Ownership is not required: You may get advice for buying a Traction

A social evening will take place on one of the evenings in a local wine cellar.

Course costs: CHF 250.-; food, drinks and accommodation not included.

Max. number of participants: 6

☞ It is possible to join the Traction meeting on April 25, the Sunday after the course either with your own Traction or as a passenger in an other Traction. See <https://tractionavant.ch/kalender>

The course is accompanied by my manual “Citröen Traction Avant 11 and 15 CV for beginners”, which is highly recommended even if you don’t participate in a course.

See: <http://www.oldtimer-taxi.ch/RepbrochureE/RepbrochureE.php>



In 2021, the advanced courses are treating the following topics: “Brakes”, “Settings on engine, clutch, gear box linkage” and “Installation of seat belts in a Traction”. If you are interested in one of topics and you do understand some German, please get in contact with me for the details.

If you are able to motivate a group to participate in one of the advanced courses, but prefer to follow in English, either in Switzerland or in any other country, please contact me to negotiate terms and details.

Rooms in Benken will be available in our B&B www.bnb-chellhof.ch or in the Guesthouse Baumgarten <http://baumgarten-benken.ch/>.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me regarding further information, to inscribe for the one of the courses and to organize accommodation for you or to order the book.

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