

# 10th RAID LAPONIE 2004



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## Dear raiders,

Happy Raid Year! Time is getting close, less than 5 weeks to the start.

The weather is getting colder in the North, but Southern parts of Finland have stayed "warm" most of the time. Anyway, Christmas was white all over the country. The lowest temperatures in Lapland have been around -35C, but also sometimes above zero. At the moment it looks quite typical, have a look at <http://www.fmi.fi/en/>

From 22nd Dec the days have been getting a little longer again, but still at the moment the sun do not rise at all in Lapland. When the raid starts, we will have some glow of daylight again.

There has been two cancels in the team list (team 12 Schelewski/Knab and 35 van der Lelie) and some changes of co-drivers (teams 36, 37 and 39). You can see the present situation from the website. We are now 40 2CVs and 80 people and there are still teams in the waiting list.

<http://www.sitruuna.com/raidlaponie/> (the password is sssf)

Now use a few minutes and send in your pictures and other stuff for the team listing for our website. E-mail: <nalle@citroen-hy.com>

December 20 was the deadline for the arrival of the Enquiry Forms, but a few are still missing. The forms of teams 2, 10, 23, 27, 38 and 40 havenot arrived by today. Also a few second hand drivers (yes, that is co-driver in our raid language) have not sent their form. It is very important for the organising work that every team returns it.

## Cold starting experiences

I met strange starting problems with two of our 2CVs in the beginning of the winter. Normally the cars would start wonderfully, but now it was very unstable and the engine stopped several times before running steadily. The reason in both cases was a missing tiny spring which connects the choke lever to the carburetter body (see the attached image carb\_spring). As the spring is gone, everything feels and even looks normal when using the choke. When the engine starts, the choke lever (without the pull from the spring) makes freestyle movements changing the mixture constantly. In warmer weather the choke is not fully needed and one do not recognize the problem. Check if this spring still exists, I have noticed that it is often gone or broken from the other end.

On the top of newer twin carburetters there is a vacuum operated unit on the right hand side (see the attached image carb\_lockthis). After cold starting this device automatically pulls the choke lever off a little bit. I suppose the reason for this are some anti-pollution regulations, but in -20 or colder this

device may ruin your starting attempts. It is easy to lock the unit out of order. It has no other effect to the carburetter.

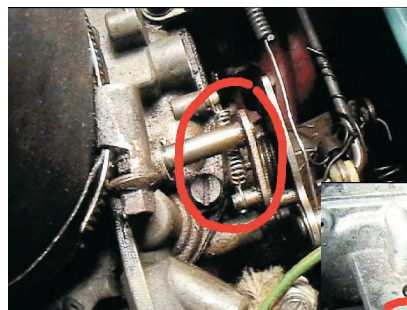
## Other things

We will arrange an "evening of food degustation" after visiting the Norh Cape. So please bring some specialities and delicaties from your countryfor other raiders to taste. Of course, the winter circumstances and the low temperatures may make this a little more difficult so maybe better take

something from the deep freeze or use your imagination. Remco Donders from Holland is a participant of a few previous raids. He has a set of used spiked winter tyres which he could rent or sell if someone is interested. You can email him <remco.donders@planet.nl> Remember also the special offer from Michelin (see last info bulletin).

Gert-Jan van Asperen can supply wooden shoes if someone is interested, email him <superfin@home.nl>

Jo Cabral can arrange 2CV spare parts and petrol heaters (Webasto). <jolacabriole@club-internet.fr>



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The Raid Laponie Organisation wishes you all an exciting year of 2004.

**Jukka, Henkka & Veikko**

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PS Just got this mail:

Hello Jukka, All the best wishes for 2004!!! I want to chance my second hand driver. Monique is staying in Holland and my new second hand driver

is Barend Saalmink (red fox 1) ssssf. See you in one month. Greetings. Peter Saalmink ssssf

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