

Invitation to the 53rd International Auto Union Meeting from August 6 to 9, 2026 in Papenburg



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Dear Auto Union friends,

The Auto Union Veteranen Club e. V. and the DKW Motorrad Club e.V. are organizing the 53rd International Auto Union Meeting at the 'Alte Werft' in Papenburg in the Emsland region from 6 to 9 August 2026.

The grounds of the 'Alte Werft' directly on the Ems will be our meeting place for this weekend and, with its town hall, restaurant, beer garden, hotels and car parks, offer ideal conditions for our meeting.

Papenburg is the northernmost town in the Emsland region and has the southernmost seaport in Germany. It is well known for its shipbuilding tradition. Papenburg is closely associated with the name of the Meyer shipyard, which builds the largest cruise ships in the world. The former machine shop of the Meyer shipyard will be our meeting place this weekend and the starting point for our tour of the Meyer shipyard on Friday afternoon and our trip on Saturday to the Lower Saxony museum village of Cloppenburg. The entrance fees are included in the entry fee. The trip on Saturday will take us through the Emsland region to the Cloppenburg open-air museum for lunch. Before and after the meal, there will be plenty of time to explore one of Germany's oldest open-air museums, which features over 50 buildings from the 16th to 20th centuries, before returning to Papenburg.

In addition to the event centre with ample parking, the "Alte Werft" also has 100 rooms. Additional rooms are available at the nearby Best Western Hotel. The historic Schnürboden restaurant and beer garden directly on the Ems River are available to us every day.

Please book your accommodation in good time. Papenburg Marketing GmbH can arrange additional guest rooms in various price categories. Papenburg also offers a campsite and motorhome parking spaces.



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Spend a few wonderful days with us in Emsland with like-minded friends.

We wish you a pleasant stay in Papenburg and look forward to your participation.

The organising team

Auto Union Veteranen Club e.V. DKW Motorrad Club e.V.



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Programme

Thursday, 6 August 2026

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration and distribution of starting documents at the Alte Werft

All day Visit to the Bourtange fortress in Groningen on your own

6:00 p.m. The Schnürboden restaurant is open. Otherwise, the evening is free for you to spend as you wish.

Friday, 7 August 2026

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration and distribution of starting documents

All day Individual tours on your own
Suggestions from page 10 onwards.

10 a.m. Start of a group motorcycle tour

From 2 p.m. Tour of the Meyer shipyard in different groups, exact time see confirmation of entry

6 p.m. The Schnürboden restaurant is open. Otherwise, the evening is free for you to spend as you wish.



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Programme

Saturday, 8 August 2026

From 8:45 a.m. Registration and distribution of starting documents until approx. 10:00 a.m.

From 9:00 a.m. Start of the trip to Cloppenburg

From 11:30 a.m. Lunch break

From 2:00 p.m. Arrival at the Alte Werft in Papenburg and parts market

From 6:00 p.m. Admission to the festive evening with dinner

Sunday, 9 August 2026

From 10:00 a.m. Farewell and last opportunity to talk shop during the meeting.

Programme subject to change.

Conditions of participation

All Audi, DKW, Horch and Wanderer vehicles as well as the first direct successors to the IFA are eligible to participate. The vehicles must be in perfect technical and visual condition and should be presented in their original form: All mopeds, scooters, motorcycles and cars participating in the tour must be properly registered and have minimum liability insurance coverage. The organiser reserves the right to reject vehicles.



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Registration

Please send your registration documents by 31 May 2026 to:

Auto Union Veteranen Club e. V.
Andreas Ptack
Michael-Bitzer-Straße 7
D-72461 Albstadt
Deutschland

or

info@auto-union-veteranen-club.de

or

dkw.ptack@gmail.com

Registration by telephone, WhatsApp or other means is not possible. The entry fee is non-refundable. A refund will only be given if the entry is not accepted or if the event is cancelled. An entry without simultaneous payment is invalid and will not be considered. Please transfer the entry fee to the account specified on the registration form.

Services provided by the organiser:

The entry fee includes:

Welcome drink,
tour of the Meyer shipyard,
admission to the Cloppenburg open-air museum,
lunch during the trip on Saturday (excluding drinks),
dinner on Saturday (excluding drinks),
start number,
souvenir gift,
event poster,
list of participants,
participant documents and organisation.



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Accommodation and overnight stays

Rooms in Papenburg have been pre-booked at the Hotel Alte Werft and the neighbouring Best Western Plus Hotel. When making your booking, you have to state that you are a participant in the International Auto Union Meeting.

We kindly ask you to make your own room reservations. Please book at the Hotel Alte Werft using the attached booking form.

Or at the neighbouring Best Western PLUS Hotel via the link:

bestwestern.com/de_DE/book/hotelrooms.95563.html?groupId=W29PW5M2

or by email at reservierung.papenburg@provenhotels.com

Please also book camping or motorhome pitches yourself.

Motorhome pitches are available at the Hotel-Restaurant Hilling, Mittelkanal Links 94, 26871 Papenburg, Tel. +49 – 4961 – 97760, info@hotelhilling.de, www.hotelhilling.de

The next camping ground is: Camping Papenburg, Poggenpoel 101, 26871 Papenburg, Tel. +49 – 4961 – 974026, <https://campingplatz-papenburg.de>

Further accommodation can be arranged by Papenburg Marketing GmbH at +49 – 4961 – 8396922 or info@papenburg.marketing.de, <https://papenburg-marketing.de>



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Confirmation of entry

Confirmations of entry and details of the event and travel arrangements are expected to be sent out from 1 July 2026.

Media reports

Participants agree to the taking of photographs and filming during the event by the organiser and its representatives, and to the granting of free public reproduction, recording, duplication and editing rights with regard to themselves, accompanying persons or film and photographic recordings made of their vehicles. If consent is not given, participation in this event is not possible. In addition, participants declare their consent to the publication of their surname, first name and vehicle in the participant lists. The organiser is not responsible for photographs and video recordings of the event taken by participants and visitors, which may be published under certain circumstances.

Data processing

The personal data provided in the entry form for participation in the event and transmitted to the organiser will be used, processed and stored for the purpose of organising, conducting and handling the event. The data will not be passed on to third parties. If consent to the processing of the personal data provided in the registration form is not given or if the registration form is not completed in full or correctly, participation in this event will not be possible. Additional data protection information in accordance with Art. 13 GDPR is available at <http://auvc-forum.org>.

Disclaimer

Drivers, co-drivers, other accompanying persons and vehicle owners declare upon submission of their entry that they waive all claims of any kind for damages arising in connection with the event, except in cases of intentional or grossly negligent damage.



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This disclaimer applies to:

- the Auto Union Veteranen Club e.V. and its board members, members and representatives
- the authorities, service providers and all other natural and legal persons associated with the organisation and implementation of the event.
- the road construction authorities, insofar as damage is caused by the condition of the roads and accessories to be used during the event
- the other participants, their helpers, the owners and keepers of the other vehicles.
- the vicarious agents and legal representatives of all the aforementioned persons and bodies.

The disclaimer shall become effective upon submission of the entry to the organiser. If the participants are not the owners of the vehicle used, they must ensure that the vehicle owner agrees to the rules of the announcement and, in particular, the disclaimer by signing the entry form. If, despite the participant's obligation, if, despite the participant's obligation, this declaration has not been signed by the vehicle owner, the participants shall indemnify all persons and bodies listed in Art. 21 against any claims by the vehicle owner, except in cases of intentional or grossly negligent damage.

Responsibility of participants

Participants take part in the event at their own risk. They bear civil and criminal liability for all damage caused by them or the vehicle they are using. Participants are responsible for ensuring that their vehicles are roadworthy and comply with all applicable traffic regulations.



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Places to visit

Festung Bourtange, Niederlande, ca. 25 km



<https://www.bourtange.nl>



Museumsdorf Cloppenburg

Tour on Saturday (entrance fee included)



<https://museumsdorf.de>



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Meyer Werft

Sightseeing tour on Friday afternoon (entrance fee included)



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<https://www.meyerwerft.de>



Schloss Clemenswerth, ca. 40 km



<https://www.clemenswerth.de>



Von-Velen-Anlage Papenburg with open air museum

Papenbörger Hus & Skulpturengarten, ca. 6 km



<https://von-velen-anlage.de>



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Emsland Moormuseum in Geeste, ca. 65 km



<https://moormuseum.de>



Krone Museum in Spelle

(Museum of the manufacturer of agricultural vehicles), ca. 90 km



<https://krone-museum.de>



Seehafenstadt Emden, ca. 60 km



<https://www.emden-touristik.de>



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Leer

Gateway to East Frisia with historic old town, ca. 20 km



<https://www.touristik-leer.de>



Ems Sperrwerk bei Gandersum, ca. 41 km



<https://www.nlwkn.niedersachsen.de/emssperrwerk>



Ditzumer Hafen Jemgum, ca. 40 km



<https://www.ditzum-touristik.de>



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Gedenkstätte Esterwegen, ca. 26 km



<https://www.gedenkstaette-esterwegen.de>



Ostfriesenbräu Biermuseum und Brauhaus Bagband Großefehn, ca. 37 km



<https://www.ostfriesenbraeu.de>



Oll-Reef-Hus Großefehn, ca. 50 km

Ostfrieslands kuriosestes Cafe, Teestube und Museum



<http://www.ollreefhus.de>



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Köhlers Forsthaus Aurich, ca. 70 km



<https://www.koehlers-forsthaus.de>



Ideal starting point for further tours, overnight stay for example in Köhler's forest lodge. The owner is himself a classic car enthusiast and owner.



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