

Courses 2019



For over 30 years I have been running maintenance and repair courses in Benken ZH in the north of Switzerland, near the Rhine Falls, for both beginners and advanced Traction owners. In 2012 I began offering courses in English.

Since then I have had participants coming not only from the UK, but from as far as Japan and Australia. All were happy with the mixture of theory and practice, in combination with a large number of tangible demonstration parts.

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. Pictures and reports in German from earlier courses can be found on the Swiss CTAC website http://www.tractionavant.ch/db/Archiv_abfrage.php by entering “kurs” in the line “Stichwort”. A report of a participant of the 2013’s English course was printed in the magazine of the CCOCA.

Another article appeared in FLOATING POWER Volume 38, issue 3. The PDF’s are available on request.

2019 the “Basic Maintenance and Repair Course for Tractionists in English” will take place from Thursday April 04 till Saturday April 06 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 of 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’ll get advice for buying a Traction

A social evening will take place on Thursday evening in a local wine cellar.

Course costs: CHF 240.-, food, drinks and accommodation not included.

Max number of participants: 8

The basic course will be based on 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.tractionavant.ch/Shop/RepbrochureE/RepbookE.php>

In 2019, the advanced courses are treating topics like “Car Electrics for normal consumers”, “Brakes”, “Settings on engine, clutch, gear box linkage”, “Removal and Re-installation of a 4-cylinder-engine” or “Installation of seat belts in a Traction”. If you are interested in one of the topics and presumed you do understand some German, you may find the detailed information and the inscription form here:

<http://www.tractionavant.ch/Anlaesse/2019/RepKurse/repkurse19.php>

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

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or in the Guesthouse Baumgarten <http://baumgarten-benken.ch/>.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me regarding further information, to inscribe for the course and to organize accommodation for you.

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