

CHEVIN SARAH'S PANDA CRUSADE

Through the use of cunning, guile, and press-ganging, a team of 12 drivers has assembled to navigate in a bizarre motor rally across Europe.

Intending to raise funds for the Cumbrian Northern Air Ambulance, the drivers are racing their 6 Fiat Pandas against the legendary Orient-Express, from Paris to Istanbul

One of the drivers might be familiar to you, with Chevin's Operations Manager, Sarah Monk, participating in the race.

Sarah (right of picture) is co-driving car number 5, a 1986 Mark1 Seat Panda, which has been sponsored by Chevin Fleet Solutions and is the actual car featured in the popular computer game Gran Turismo 4.

The vehicles and drivers will leave the UK on 30th August, heading for Paris, where the next day, the official start will be at the Gare de L'Est Train Station, with the Orient-Express leaving on its journey at 16:00, followed by the Fiat Pandas.

The journey will take the train and the Pandas through France, Austria, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and finally into Turkey, calling in at various stations along the way, a trip total of approximately 3000 miles.

It is very much hoped that on the 5th September, all 6 of the Fiat Pandas will reach Istanbul Sirkeci Train Station before the Orient-Express.



With the intention of the trip to benefit the lives of others, the organisers also feel that the event should not have an adverse impact on the environment. Although the engine sizes of the cars involved are very small and economical (approx. 900-1100cc with an average of 45-50mpg) it is intended to plant more than enough trees to nullify the carbon footprint produced by the 6 cars used on the trip.

For further information, visit the official webpage: <http://www.panda-to-istanbul.co.uk>

Direct link to Charity giving site: <http://www.justgiving.com/panda-to-istanbul>

NEW STARTERS SET FOR SUCCESS



Due to continued expansion and success at Chevin Fleet Solutions, the leading fleet management software providers, it has appointed several new members of staff.

Sarah Ivins has been promoted to customer liaison manager and David Hart has been appointed as the new marketing manager.

Jamie Wood joins as a support engineer and Tony Dawson and Michael Jones as senior software developers.

The new appointments demonstrate Chevin's total dedication to customer satisfaction and will provide even further support to Chevin's large and expanding customer base.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, QUERIES, RESPONSES TO THESE ARTICLES OR WANT TO RAISE A SUBJECT IN THE NEXT ISSUE, PLEASE CONTACT:

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FLEXIBLE FLEETWAVE FOR MOBILE WORKERS

Chevin Fleet Solutions has extended its browser-based fleet management software, FleetWave, to enable users to access their organisations' fleet management system in 'real time', using smart-phones or PDAs.

Any PDA with access to the internet via Windows Mobile can log on to dedicated PDA pages of FleetWave. This includes functionality such as:

- Access to home pages with important dates (Service/Inspection reminders) and important contact numbers (e.g. breakdown, windscreen replacement, service contact numbers etc.)
- Access Driver Trips to record details of business journeys, client visits or service calls
- The ability to report an incident, capturing 3rd party details and times, even pictures if the hardware has a camera.
- Task allocation system which allows service calls (e.g. client pick up, sweep a road, site visit, etc.) to be allocated to a specific user and progress tracked, with customisation options to allow each clients individual requirements to be fully met.
- Stock Control options for barcode readers to allow wireless stores control, stock counting and receipting.
- Daily Driver Inspection checks, with real-time visibility for the Fleet Manager showing which vehicles have, or have not, been inspected. The need to record Daily Driver Inspections, even when no defects are found, is seen as best-practice by the **Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA)**.
- Chevin Fleet Solutions' fleet management software has also been formally recognised by VOSA as **fully compliant** with the conditions set out in the **Guide to Maintaining Road Worthiness**.



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NEW ARCHIUM CRM SOLUTION

Our new business process management solution allows you to streamline your business processes across multiple locations and multi-national operations.

Developed using the latest web and browser technologies, Archium CRM is the most powerful and versatile asset, service and CRM management system available.

Archium CRM helps accelerate and better manage the exchange of information both inside your organisation and externally with key business partners.

Archium CRM system also enables standardisation of best practice across an organisation by replicating the most effective processes, policies and procedures.

A flexible high-end management solution, Archium CRM's powerful functionality includes:

- Web content management & visitor tracking
- Asset management
- Call centre management
- PDA functionality for mobile workers/service teams
- Document Management & Collaboration
- Service delivery & control
- Workshop control
- Fleet Management
- Inventory Management
- Building maintenance
- Road / street furniture maintenance
- HR control / staff management
- Quote module (contract hire, rental, maintenance, asset)
- Information store

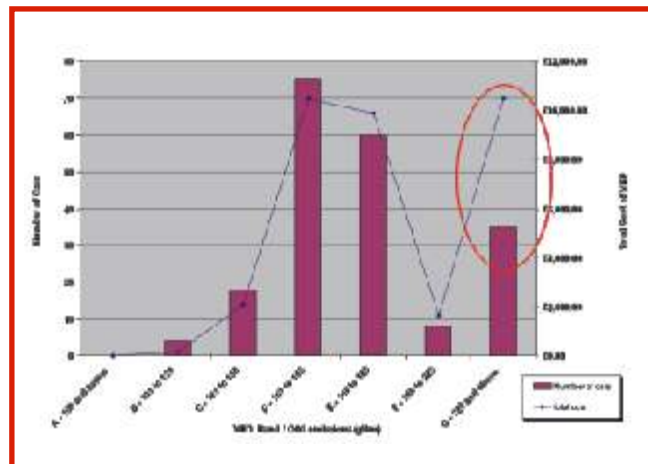


REDUCE YOUR VED COSTS WITH CHEVIN FLEET SOLUTIONS

Following the recent Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) increases announced in the latest Budget, you can now easily measure and reduce the higher tax burden of your fleet at the touch of a button with Chevin Fleet Solutions' award-winning fleet management software.

With VED on new petrol cars being increased, bringing these vehicles into line with diesel cars, and with VED on diesel cars also being increased, most fleet managers will see a large impact on the overall tax cost of their fleet.

A key function of Chevin's software is the ability to have all necessary tax information readily available at the fleet manager's fingertips, enabling instant access to easy-to-use figures and at-a-glance reports showing complete tax cost figures of the fleet.



For example, by exporting a simple graph using information stored within Chevin's software, that shows vehicle tax bands / CO2 emissions and number of cars in the fleet, fleet managers will be able to easily see and then lower costs on VED, by reducing the number of higher band vehicles on their fleets and then opting for lower-rated alternative models.

The information generated clearly displays that a small percentage of cars can cover a large percentage of total VED cost, allowing the fleet manager to adopt a fleet policy reducing the number of higher band vehicles.

SMOKE FREE ZONE

Companies face fines of up to £2,500 for failing to enforce anti-smoking laws which come into effect on July 1st 2007.

All enclosed public places and work places will become smoke-free from that day including company cars, pool and hire cars under the 2006 Health Act.

The legislation will make it an offence for those who control or manage smoke-free premises to fail to stop people smoking in them. No smoking signs will have to be displayed.

Q: Will the regulations include all company vehicles?

A: Where a vehicle is used at a workplace by more than one person, regardless of whether they are in the vehicle at the same time, it will be required to be smoke-free at all times. This is meant to protect people who use the vehicle from second-hand smoke, regardless of when they use the vehicle. Drivers of convertible cars will be exempt as long as the roof is down when they or their passengers are smoking.

Smoking will be allowed in vehicles that are for the sole use of the driver and are not used by anyone else, either as a driver or passenger.

Q: Some of my drivers share a company vehicle with one other person. They both smoke. Can they continue to smoke?

A: This legislation has been developed to protect both smokers and non-smokers from second-hand smoke. As the vehicle is part of the workplace it falls within the legislation and is required to be smoke-free.

Q: Can I smoke in my privately owned vehicle?

A: Yes, the regulations do not extend to vehicles used for private purposes.

Visit: smokefreeengland.co.uk for more information

News In Brief

Welcome to our new customers including:

- Business Post
- Renault
- ROK Group
- 3663
- Northern Ireland Ambulance Service
- ComputerLand
- City Facilities Management
- Clarke Roxburgh
- KONE
- Applewood
- United Agri Products
- Arizona Dept. Of Public Safety
- McNicholas / Skanska
- First Engineering
- Aramark
- Eveready Industrial Services
- Douglas County, Oregon
- City of Sauk Rapids
- City of Knoxville
- Louisville Fire Department
- State of New York
- Louisville Parks Department
- City of St. Cloud

FleetWave is now verified as Microsoft Vista Compatible.



FleetWave has now been further enhanced to include a Document Management System, an upgraded Workshop Floor System and integrated Driver Licence Checking.

U.S. POLICE FLEETS ACCESS CRITICAL INFORMATION VIA WIRELESS PDA



With FleetWave, US police fleet managers can now further enhance the operational efficiency of their fleets by having the ability to access and input critical fleet data remotely, eliminating the need for manual re-keying.

Using smartphones or PDAs running Microsoft's Internet Explorer, police officers, supervisors, mechanics or any

authorized individual can now remotely update vehicle safety inspections, trip details, personal and/or business mileage, as well as complete accident details from anywhere, at any time.

For example, by leveraging FleetWave's uniquely flexible architecture, drivers can utilize their PDA or Smartphone to perform daily vehicle circle inspections, notifying supervisors or shop personnel of any safety related defects while maintaining and displaying inspection histories should the need ever arise.

Where defects are found, these are immediately fed back to

the fleet manager or maintenance foreman for rectification and a **DO NOT DRIVE** message can be passed to the driver. This message will then persist until the defect has been reviewed by a responsible person. This combination of real-time data capture and feedback also ensures that the organization's risk profile is greatly reduced.

By utilizing FleetWave's integrated personal and business mileage management tools, drivers can also capture, maintain and report their daily, weekly or monthly mileages, as well as fleet related expenses where necessary and other relevant information directly from their PDA or Smartphone.

With this flexible technology, drivers can easily capture and report comprehensive accident and incident details (including incident images) while in the field, allowing them to more accurately document all pertinent information to ensure correct and timely reporting.

Using standard FleetWave development tools, Chevin can quickly and easily create and deploy client specific remote management functionality to any Windows-enabled device. This unique capability allows the fleet and risk management department to rapidly capture and easily maintain the precise operational details necessary to meet stringent compliance requirements.

With this flexible solution, police fleet managers now have the ability to free themselves from paper intensive documentation and can more easily manage their fleet through information rather than instinct. By pushing mandatory driver documentation directly to the driver, FleetWave eliminates redundant data entry while significantly enhancing accuracy of driver data and compliance monitoring. This unique capability simplifies the police fleet manager's processes, making it less time-consuming for them to achieve their objectives.

STRENGTHENING FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

Executive Order signed that requires Federal Agencies to lead by example to advance US energy, security and environmental performance.



Federal government fleet managers continually need to juggle conflicting and changing business requirements while squeezing increased efficiencies and cost savings out of shrinking fleet operating budgets.

With the recent Executive Order entitled "Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management", Federal agencies must adjust their practices and policies to accommodate these new objectives. Just some of the specific goals specified by this Executive Order include:

Reduce petroleum consumption in fleet vehicles by 2% annually through 2015.

- Increase alternative fuel consumption at least 10% annually.
- Increasing the purchase of alternative fuel, hybrid, and plug-in hybrid vehicles when commercially available.
- Expand purchases of environmentally-sound goods and services, including bio-based products.
- Reduce use of chemicals and toxic materials and purchase lower risk chemicals and toxic materials.
- Reduce waste and implement recycling programs.

In order to comply with the new requirements while documenting these ongoing operational savings, Chevin Fleet Solutions helps Federal agencies with the industries most flexible and comprehensive fleet management information systems.

Architected to provide complete asset-centric oversight over every aspect of a diverse government fleet, Chevin's fleet management software solutions provide Federal fleet managers with the tools needed to manage their fleet through information rather than instinct.