



## **Invitation - Danish Spring Rally - 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May, 2012**

The Danish section invites Danish and international members to a "Summit meeting" in Skagen, on top of the Jutland peninsula. Accommodation will be at Color Hotel Skagen which will be the starting point for our trips in the following days. For the impatient, accommodation can be booked as early as Wednesday evening, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

We will of course visit many of the area's attractions, but social interaction and relaxation is also very much in focus. Something for which the Danes are famous. And which may explain why the Danish RREC rallies are so popular with RREC members from across Europe.

Below is just a small appetizer from the cornucopia of experiences that the organizers are planning:

### **The Buried Church, Grenen and the "Sand Worm"**

The church, whose name is Sct. Laurentii church, was supposedly built in the latter half of 14<sup>th</sup> century and was at the time the largest in Northern Jutland. Sand drift started in the 16th century and had reached the church in the late 1700's. The parish congregation had to dig their way in to the church when service was to be held. This battle against nature lasted until 1795 when the church was abandoned by Royal decree.



We will transported to the sand spit "Grenen" when we, weather permitting, will be able to come right out to the point where the Skagerrak and Kattegat collide and the waves roll against each other! The idea of the "Sand Worm" tractor that carries people out to Grenen, dates back to the late 1940s. At that time, Skagen residents fetched their pebbles from Grenen for use as building material to help construct the many

buildings that were begun after the war. Legend has it that while the tractors were making their way out to Grenen many tourists asked to hitch a ride with tractors that were used to gather the pebbles. Someone had the bright idea, "Why not make this into a business whereby you can earn a penny."

### **Skagen Art Museum and Skagen town**

From the late 1870s until the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Skagen was an international meeting place for young artists. Common to them was that they, inspired by naturalism and open air painting, sought new places and motifs. During the 1880s was Skagen transformed into an artist colony, where there was room for work and celebration. The Artists' favorite motifs were fishermen work on the beach, the small fisherman homes, nature and social life among the artists. Some of their finest works are on display in Skagen Museum. Guided tours of both the museum and the



town will be arranged.

### **Registration**

Final program and registration forms will posted on the club website [www.rrec.dk](http://www.rrec.dk) at the end of January 2012. The annual rally has been sold out the past two years, so early booking is advised.

On behalf of the organizers  
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