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for members and friends of *SeniorSitters*

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SeniorSitters goes International

***SeniorSitters* has now gone international with a vengeance! Through our links with affiliate HouseCarers.com, we are now able to offer members housesitting opportunities in no fewer than 27 countries on all six continents.**

For a low annual fee – which is further discounted for *SeniorSitters* members – HouseCarers enable unrestricted access to every listing carried on their website.

So, if you want to have a great holiday without it costing a fortune, housesitting through *SeniorSitters* – whether you are an Owner or a Sitter – is one of the best value propositions around.

The principle is quite straightforward: A homeowner has his or her house looked after and any pets cared for while the housesitter occupies the house rent-free for the duration of the owner's absence.

Now, the world is truly your oyster.

Previously, estate agents, classified advertisements in newspapers, magazines and newsletters, and word of mouth got sitters together with owners.

Today you have the power and reach of the Internet.

To see the great value available from HouseCarers, first log on to SeniorSitters.com and, if you haven't already done so, apply for free membership of *SeniorSitters*. Once your membership has been confirmed, return to our site then click the link to HouseCarers, found on every page of the site. Here, you can see for yourself the wide range of housesitting opportunities available, but you are unable to contact any of the owners until you pay the low annual access fee.

Once you have paid, you have a full year's access to Housesitting opportunities in 27 countries – with more being added all the time. And there are usually 50 or so new opportunities becoming available every week.

So what are you waiting for?

If you fancy a month's holiday in Hawaii, for example, the following may be tempting: "We have a newly renovated 2,400 sq foot home on the marina in Hawaii Kai (Honolulu). There are many good restaurants and a couple of small shopping centres within 1 mile, as well as a 24 hour fitness centre. A kayak is available for use. Large pool…etc." As we said, the world is your oyster.

Waikiki Beach, with Diamond Head in the background

A Real Lifesaver

Police and other Emergency Services professionals all agree that when individuals need emergency medical attention, rapid and accurate identification can save lives.

Whether one is injured in an accident, suffers a stroke or heart attack, or is otherwise taken suddenly ill, it is vital for ES people to know about medical factors, such as allergies, pre-existing conditions, etc., as well as being able to contact the patient's normal doctor, next of kin, and so on.

Now all of this is possible, thanks to a simple and inexpensive device that is now available through outlets in Australia and New Zealand, and can also be obtained over the Internet.

The flashID® Emergency Identification Device (top) carries all this vital information, plus a lot more.

Coloured green with a white cross in accordance with international practice, the flashID device plugs straight into a computer in a Police vehicle, in the Emergency department of the hospital, or wherever.

Information is contained in a MS Word document, previously completed by the owner of the device.

There is a link on our website to www.flashid.org, and to distributors in Australia and NZ.

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The Republic of Vanuatu is the latest destination available to *SeniorSitters* members.

An island nation located in the Pacific, some 1750 km east of Australia, Vanuatu was named New Hebrides during its colonial period, during which it was ruled by both Britain and France in a rather bizarre condominium arrangement.

Vanuatu is an archipelago of 83 islands, most of them mountainous and of volcanic origin, with a tropical or sub-tropical climate. The nation's largest towns are the capital, Port Vila, and Luganville. The highest point is Mount Tabwemasana, at 1879 m (6158 ft). Vanuatu has several active volcanoes, including Yasur on the island of Tanna, which is one of the world's most accesible volcanoes.

For more information, go to the *SeniorSitters* Home Page, then click on the Vanuatu flag.

Wheels

Hummer Goes RHD

The civilian version of the US military's Humvee (officially High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle) - above - now part of the GM empire, has gone leaner with the H3 version and is now being built in South Africa with Right Hand Drive.

Both lighter and lower than the military 998 and its H1derivative, the H3 is powered by a 3.7-litre 5-cylinder petrol engine, compared with the original's 6.5-litre diesel.

Gross weight is 2653 kg (5850 lb) compared with 3493 (7700 lb) while the H3 has a healthy maximum towing rating of 2041 kg (4500 lb). US base price of the H3 is $29,995, compared with the H1 at $140,796.

But beautiful it isn't!

Jock Barker Says ...

Many of us spend a lot of time on the road, so it is interesting to see a recent item from the UK Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM)

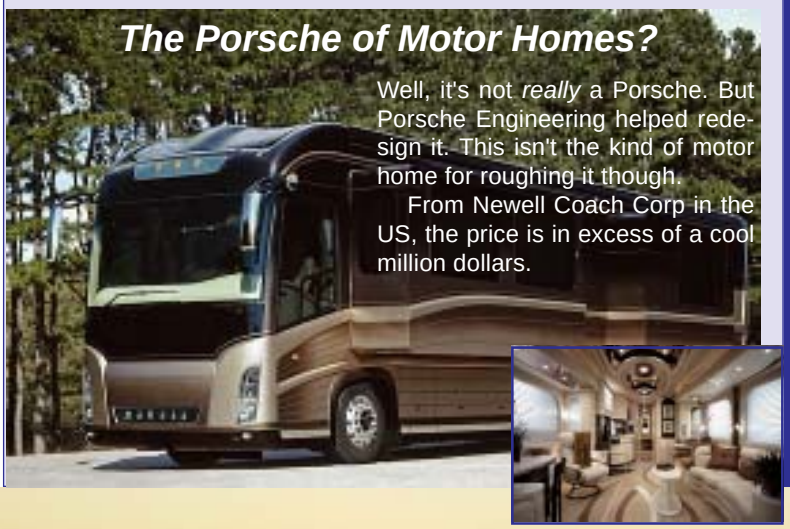
The IAM suggests that we're suffering from information overload when it comes to road signage and that we're missing the information on the road in front of us.

The IAM warns that drivers tend to ignore all but the most basic of road signs. A red light will still get most drivers to stop, most of the time, whilst a junction marking stating "STOP" in large capital letters is often ignored; at best it will be treated as a "give way" and then only by the locals who should know the dangers well.

There are so many instructions, official and unofficial, so many direction signs and road signs competing for attention that drivers already have their heads full of information coming at them from eye level. That's resulting in many drivers being oblivious to the markings on the road beneath them.

The IAM goes on to urge drivers to take heed of the markings on the road, both official (white lines, cross hatching etc), and also clues left by other road users (skid marks, mud from tractors etc).

The Porsche of Motor Homes?



Well, it's not *really* a Porsche. But Porsche Engineering helped redesign it. This isn't the kind of motor home for roughing it though.

From Newell Coach Corp in the US, the price is in excess of a cool million dollars.

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Tourism Links

Because of our International availability (see main story) each country in which housesits are on offer is indicated by that country's national flag displayed on our Home Page.

When you click on the flag of your selected country, a link will take you directly to the country's official tourism website so you can learn more.

Special Offers

Need travel insurance, fine food and wine and great coffee? Or do you just have an urge to buy flowers or a special gift? Perhaps it might be car parts - or even a new car. Or you are looking for a business service or opportunity.

Whatever your needs, check out the Internet Special Offers on the specialised pages accessible from the Special Offers page at seniorsits.com

Did you know?

By clicking on Resources in the left column of our website, you can access a mine of information on many aspects of housesitting.

And, for *SeniorSitters* members, there are downloadable documents, such as a standard Housesitting Agreement and a form for verifying identity of housesitters. These require password for access, so if you are not already a member, apply now.

Best of all, it's free!

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