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CRA Events – Going where driving is still a pleasure

Welcome to the first Newsletter for the 19th Classic Marathon. Plans are progressing well and Anthony Preston has just returned from a highly successful recce trip.

Anthony and Keith Baud have planned a great route that as well as incorporating many of the classic Norwegian roads such as the Trollstigen as well as many little known roads that probably the locals don't even know exist.



Priority Registration

Some entrants who completed the priority registration form have not yet completed a full entry form, if this applies to you please complete the enclosed form as soon as possible. Without it we are missing a lot of information about you and this is delaying the publication of the entry list.

Early Entries

Last year's winners Jayne Wignall and Kevin Savage

were one of the first entries but Jayne is being very coy about which car she may bring....Oldest car to date is the fabulous 1932 Austin Seven of Roger Gourd and Terry Davies. Barry and Roma Weir are back in their Austin Healey 3000. Emerald Isle winner Paul Bloxidge will be out with Dennis Greenslade in the Volvo 123GT unless he has managed to complete the rebuild of his Jaguar XK – the car that features on the cover of the event brochure.

We are delighted to already have several entries from crews that are new to CRA events – Val and Graham Gilmore will be in a MGB GT and Terry and Pip Secker have a touch more power in their MGC GT. Mike Spindle brings an Austin Healey 3000 – co driver Andy Belcher will find access slightly more restricted than his usual Triumph 2000!

Martyn Hayward and Andrew Coventon also bring an Austin Healey 3000, currently this is the most common car on the entry list. The flowing roads of Norway likely to suit the Healeys.

Ferries

Thank to those who have already submitted their ferry booking forms. If you haven't done so and wish to use the Newcastle – Stavanger / Bergen – Newcastle service please send the form back as soon as possible. A couple of competitors have contacted us about the possibility of

having their cars taken on to and off the ferry by fellow competitors – we are quite happy to assist with these arrangements but it will be up to the competitors to arrange appropriate insurance cover etc. For those who wish to take their car to Newcastle by trailer we will make arrangements for trailer and tow car parking as close to the port as possible but in order that we can make these arrangements we'll need to know who wishes to utilise the parking by the end of July at the latest.

Transporter Service

Cars Motorsport will be running a transporter service to the event, a booking form is enclosed with this newsletter and if you require any more information it's best to contact Claire on 01284 850760 or info@carsmotorsport.com

Flights

For those of you who are having their cars transported to the event the best airport for the start is Stavanger airport, direct flights to Stavanger are available from Newcastle or via Oslo if you are using alternative airports. The closest airport to the finish at Balestrand is Bergen

Getting to the event from Europe

We are aware that Norway is perhaps, not the easiest of places to get to from Central



Our last event to Norway was the winner of International Road Rally of the Year at the Historic Motorsport Show



Europe but here are some of the possible options:

Colorline ferry from Kiel to Oslo Or
Hirtshals (Denmark) to Stavanger
Or Fjordline run a service from
Hantsholm (Denmark) to Kristiansand
Or you could catch the ferry to the UK and use the Newcastle to Stavanger service and back again from Bergen.

If you would prefer to have your car transported to the event please do contact us as soon as possible so we can assess the viability of arranging a transporter service from mainland Europe.

FIA Historic Regularity Rallies Championship

The 19th Classic Marathon will be a round of this prestigious championship and we have provisional notification that the **7th Rally of the Tests** will be the final round. Details of the Championship including current positions can be found on the FIA website - www.fia.com.

Route Categories

The event will have two route categories.

Clubmen category - this is aimed at competitors who have not previously competed on a major event and those in older cars. It features a tulip style route book for easier navigation. The route will avoid some of the more difficult sections and the time schedule will be relaxed by omitting some controls and sections.

Masters category is aimed at the experienced competitor

who has already competed on several major events. Navigation will be map based and the route will be designed to be more challenging with a higher number of controls and competitive sections.

If you would like any advice on what would be the most suitable category for your level of experience and the car you propose to use please do give us a call.

Regulations

The Supplementary Regulations are included with this mailing. Please take the time to read them prior to the event and don't be afraid to raise any queries. For those who have done our events in the past please do read the sections relating to Time Controls carefully as there have been some significant changes to this section - aimed at removing temptation to speed on road sections and standardising penalties between our events.



Route Information

Our preferred maps are in the process of being re printed so it will not be until our next newsletter in July that we will be able to provide the full map list. As is our tradition the majority of the route information will be sent out at least two weeks before the event so that you may have plenty of time to plot, we will

be restricting the maps that may be used and where necessary these maps will be supplemented by either marked maps or tulip style instructions.

Clubmen category competitors will of course have a route book with tulip style instructions which is issued on a daily basis.

Scrutineering

Scrutineering will take place in Newcastle on Friday 7th September and in Stavanger on Saturday 8th.

Mechanical Assistance

We will have our usual sweep crew - Peter and Betty Banham and Andy Inskip. They will do their very best to keep your car running should you have any mechanical problems. There aren't many things they don't seem to be able to fix. This service though is no substitute for good car preparation and you should remember to try the car out when it is fully loaded with a week's luggage and spare parts.

Rally School

Should there be sufficient demand we will run a rally school prior to the event. The most logical time to do this will be on the ferry from Newcastle. If you are interested please do let us know. The school will be aimed at the Clubmen Category competitors.

Any Questions?

If there is any further information you require please don't hesitate to get in touch, contact details are shown below.

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