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CRA Events – Going where driving is still a pleasure

Welcome to the first Newsletter for the 21st Classic Marathon. Plans for the event are progressing well and we are delighted with the quality of the entries we have received.

Jeremy and Anthony have just returned from a very productive trip to Slovenia, Austria and Croatia where they met up again with the local event co-ordinators in each country and also the various local authorities/tourist offices to firm up plans for the event.

This year's event is full of variety combining the lush farmland and steeply wooded valleys of central Slovenia with the warm "Mediterranean" landscapes of the Istrian Peninsula and the spectacular Dalmatian coast in Croatia and the idyllic snow capped mountain scenery of southern Austria.

During the week, crews will be kept busy with a programme that includes over 30 regularity sections and around 10 exciting special tests at diverse venues.



Exciting special tests at Blagomix Racing Park will be a highlight of Day 1..."

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.

CES

We are delighted to confirm that the Poppy Rally, the 21st Classic Marathon and the 9th Rally of the Tests will once again be supported by CES. They have been involved in rallying for as long as the Marathon has been running and thankfully in the last couple of years they have developed a passion for classic rallying. Directors Howard Warren and Charles Colton will both be bringing along Porsche 911's. They will also be running the support van that helps to keep you topped up with water and snacks. Increasingly they are also able to assist with sourcing spares en route.

Ferries

Due to the wide variation in ferry / tunnel services required we have not been able to negotiate any special arrangements. Currently there are very good rates available so we'd recommend you make your bookings as soon as possible.

Hotels

Included within the entry fee is seven nights hotel accommodation in a twin or double room. A limited number of single rooms are available on payment of a supplement. Should you wish to upgrade please return the enclosed form as soon as possible. We can also make arrangements for additional rooms at the finish in Bled. These will need to be quoted on an individual basis so please get in touch with details of your requirements.

Transporter Service

We are pleased to confirm that there will be a transporter service to deliver and return cars to the UK. This service is being co-ordinated by regular competitor Peter Rushforth. The service he provides utilises open transporters which of course is a cheaper option. **Current exchange rates have increased the cost over our original estimates but we still hope to be**

available to offer places for around £1000. In order that we may confirm this we need to know the number of people interested. Please therefore complete the enclosed form and return to the Rally Office by 16th March.

Flights

For those of you who are having their cars transported back from the event the closest airport is Ljubljana. This is about 35km from the start / finish. Closer to the time we will enquire about people's flight arrangements so that transport may be arranged between the hotel and airport.

FIA Historic Regularity Rallies Championship

The **21st Classic Marathon** will be a round of this prestigious championship as will the **9th Rally of the Tests** will be the final round. Don't forget that to score points you now need to register. Details of the Championship including current positions can be found on the FIA website - www.fia.com.

Regulations

The Supplementary Regulations are just being finalised, they will be very similar to previous years. If you have any specific question regarding vehicle eligibility please don't hesitate to contact us.

Scrutineering

Scrutineering will take place on **Saturday** between **10:00 and 16:00** and by prior arrangement on **Sunday** between **08:30 and 10:30**.

Tyres

We are pleased to confirm that once again Vredestein will be offering Classic Rally Association competitors a discount on their tyres. A tyre order form is enclosed and must be used to take advantage of discounted rates.

Route Information

We'll be providing **tulip style route instructions**, these will be issued as a daily pack along with the Regularity and Test Information for the day. If some of the passes are not opened by the time of our final route survey we may have to substitute marked maps for some sections of route. The only other maps that will be allowed are: Please read the Supplementary Regulations carefully with regard to which additional maps may be used.

Mechanical Assistance

We will be running at least two mechanical assistance crews. Please remember that they are provided to ensure, wherever possible that no competitors are left stranded at the side of the road. They are not provided to carry out routine servicing work - much of which should have been completed before you set off. We appreciate that you all lead busy lives but it is well worth trying to use the car on a regular basis prior to the event. It's also a good idea to load it up with some equipment to highlight any issues that may arise once both you and the navigator are in the car along with your baggage and some car spares. If you are struggling for space don't forget the option for the baggage van - see below.

Baggage Van

If you want space on the baggage van please remember that **it must be pre booked** - if you don't pre book we will do our best but there is a limit to the weight we can carry. A booking form is enclosed.

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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