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*CRA Events – Going where driving is still a pleasure*

Welcome to the first Newsletter for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Classic Marathon. Plans for the event are progressing well and we are delighted with the quality of the entries we have received.

## 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. If no form is enclosed it means we already have one. Without the completed form we are missing a lot of information about you.

## CES

We are delighted to confirm that our 2010 events will continue to be supported by CES. They have been involved in rallying for as long as the Marathon has been running and in the last couple of years have developed a passion for classic rallying. Directors Howard Warren and Charles Colton will both be bringing along Porsche 911's to the Marathon, Charles finished one place ahead of Howard on the Three Legs of Mann so no doubt Howard will be aiming to get in front of Charles on the Marathon to even the score. Competitors will be pleased to know their support van will also be along keeping you topped up with water and snacks as well as assisting in the sourcing of spare parts 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. Beaune is about 6 hours from Calais, for those looking to get a ferry back home at the end of the event both P & O and Brittany ferries have services to Portsmouth from Bilbao (Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>) and Santander (Monday 21<sup>st</sup>) respectively.

## 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 Biarritz if required. If you do wish to economise, alternative hotel packages can be arranged. Please contact us to discuss 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. The estimated cost of the return journey is £1000 and £700 for just a return trip. These figures include VAT and are based on full truck loads. Please do contact Peter on 01256 461173 or peter@lhdplace.co.uk as soon as possible if you are interested in this service. Pick up points will probably be Kendal, Chester and Basingstoke.

## Flights

For those of you who are having their cars transported back from the event the closest airport is Biarritz. This is about 3km from the start / finish. From here there are Ryanair flights to London Stansted or Birmingham. Other airports to consider are Bilbao, Toulouse and Bordeaux.

## FIA Historic Regularity Rallies Championship

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Classic Marathon will be a round of this prestigious championship as will the 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.fia.com).



## Regulations

The Supplementary Regulations are enclosed, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. With regard to the need for FIA / MSA / FIVA papers this is only compulsory if you are entered in the FIA Championship but we would urge all competitors to consider obtaining papers.

## Scrutineering

Scrutineering will take place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** between **10:00 and 18:00** or later by prior arrangement.

## Mechanical Assistance

We will be running 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 - 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.

## 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 and maps may have to be issued in the event of their being road works requiring re routes. The only other maps that will be allowed are those listed in Appendix 2 of the Supplementary Regulations.

## Groundsheets

We are aware that the use of groundsheets can be an issue for some and we will now be amending our requirements so that we specify where they must be used rather than there being a blanket requirement for their use at overnight halts etc, examples where they may still be required are where we are using "heritage parking areas" but we will not be insisting on their use in general car parking areas. If you have a car that you know does have a leak though some form of protection should be used. We'll monitor this new approach for the Marathon and depending on it's success or otherwise amend event regulations to suit.

## 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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