



NEWS from the Rally Office Summer 2009



CELEBRATING **25** YEARS
SUPPLYING THE AFTERMARKET

We are delighted to continue our association with CES UK. It is their 25th Anniversary this year and we were honoured to be invited to the anniversary celebrations at the recent Cholmondeley Pageant of Power. Here we met many competitors and officials from CRA events and made new friends that we hope to see out on future events.

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Inside – two new events

Manx Classic Reliability Trial

Classic Mountain Challenge



31st January – 5th February



In January we open up our season with the Winter Challenge, it has been a couple of years since we ran a winter event and many of you have said how much they miss the pilgrimage down to Monte-Carlo.

Events have evolved since the Challenge's of the 90's but it is still possible to run an event for 60 cars or so through the myriad of lanes that France and Italy have to offer and Monte-Carlo is probably still the most famous classic rally destination.

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Winter Challenge continued

George Mullins will be Clerk of the Course for this event. He has been involved with many of our past events including the Poppy Rally.

We'll be starting within easy reach of the channel ports and the low countries. We'll include two nights at Aix-les-Bains, probably one of the most famous stops on the original Monte-Carlo rallies. We'll then have a couple of nights in Italy before arriving in Monte-Carlo for a ceremonial finish on the harbourside. Don't forget your best bib and tucker for the prizegiving in the Café de Paris, Casino Square.

We haven't forgotten that you'll need to get back home afterwards so will run a transporter service to bring your cars back home whilst you take the easy option and jump on a plane.



18th – 20th March

The Poppy Rally we ran in March was very successful and we are keen to repeat this short event

format. For some years we have been considering an event on the Isle of Man and are pleased to announce that our plans are coming to fruition and in March we'll be running the inaugural Manx Classic Reliability Trial. We'll be based in Douglas and this three legged event will start on Friday morning and conclude on Saturday evening in order to best fit in with the ferry sailings to the Island. The route design and local liaison will be in the hands of Fred Bent and John Bateson respectively. Fred of course is well known as the Clerk of the Course for the 'Tests and John Bateson is a Manx resident so well placed to assist.



12th – 18th September

A decade ago, Keith Baud proposed a new idea for a motoring event which we feel, as the Classic Rally Association is now in its 21st year of organising major European rallies, is the appropriate time to launch.

We hope to see you out on a future event. If you have not registered yet we will be pleased to send you event DVD's and sample even



NEW EVENTS for 2010

The concept is simple and the rules are few. During an exciting week long drive through the finest mountain scenery in Europe, you will be set the target of climbing some of the highest and most famous cols in motor sport history - as well as many that you've probably never heard of!

You can choose your own route, use whatever method of navigation you are happy with, and - within the relaxed time constraints of breakfast and dinner - take your own time about it each day! Achieve the daily targets we set and you will be rewarded - but it will not be as easy as it sounds...

Drawing upon his unrivalled knowledge of the Alps, Keith has identified over 150 cols in France, Switzerland and Italy, many hardly used by locals let alone rallies! To succeed on the Classic Mountain Challenge you will need an imaginative mind and a sense of adventure. Forget anything you have ever learnt about rallying and think of this as Munro Motoring!

As the Classic Mountain Challenge is not about outright speed but resourcefulness, the organisers are keen to attract owners of older vehicles, especially drivers of

Vintage cars, and are considering a handicap system to allow fair competition.

Intrigued? If you think you are up to this pioneering challenge then register your interest with us now, and more information will be sent to you in the autumn.



1st – 6th November

Fred Bent has been Clerk of the Course since the 'Tests inception and is keen to mark the anniversary with an event that combines some of the highlights of previous years with a twist thrown in.

Also many of you have said how much you miss the Emerald Isle so we have decided to start the Rally of the Tests in Ireland and finish the event in the England with of course a section through Wales. The event will , as an anniversary special be a day or two longer but we think this is worth doing for the 10th edition - I wonder how many of the field of 2001 will be back out to play in 2010?

**Recently done an event with us please do get in touch and we
t paperwork so you can see what you have been missing.**

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29th October – 1st November

For our touch of tartan 'Tests we already have nearly 60 entries and there is still 3 months to go. Fred Bent has been working his magic on the unsuspecting landowners of Northern England and Scotland to come up with new test venues whilst still retaining some of those popular from previous years

Often quoted as if you only do one event a year it should be the Rally of the Tests hurry up and get that entry form to us!

The latest entry list is published on the website and regularly updated.

Marshals Required

If for some unexplainable reason you aren't able to compete you could always come out and marshal - download the marshal's application form from the website or contact Chief Marshal, Bob Redhead on 01229 824131, or e-mail bredhead79@googlemail.com.



19th – 25th June

We have already started work on plans for the 22nd running of the Classic Marathon. We haven't been to the Pyrénées since 2003 so a return visit is long overdue. We'll keep the start a manageable distance from the channel ports and for the return journey home you'll have the option of a transporter service or you could take advantage of the ferry services that run from Northern Spain.

We will be continuing with a tulip route book but recognise that some competitors would also look some maps so we'll look at the options to see what we can do.

You can be assured we'll have the usual mix of good driving roads, mostly traffic free, well planned regularities and a selection of driving tests to ensure equal enjoyment for both crew members.

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