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CRA Events – Going where driving is still a pleasure



The innovative format of the 1st Classic Mountain Challenge is certainly attracting some interesting entries as can be seen from the enclosed entry list.

Not only is the unique “handicap” system encouraging a number of older cars, the like of which we haven’t seen for years, but the event is also attracting entries from a varied range of competitors. The entry list includes some who are new to CRA events as well as a few “old” faces who we haven’t seen for a while. The latter is quite heartening, for it proves that there are still those out there who hanker for the more “relaxed” type of event we used to run, whilst demanding the sense of adventure that the Classic Mountain Challenge offers.

Keith Baud has been busy over winter logging the 75 cols he has already driven, and is now champing at the bit to get out amongst the Alps again to finish off the other half! Problem is, after the worst winter for 31 years we have had to wait until early July before we can get over some of the higher cols. Although, like the Scottish “Munroes”, all the passes used on the Classic Mountain Challenge will be over 1000m high, the highest tops out at a smidgen over 2,800m, which in UKIP lingo works out at almost 9,200ft! Better bring some oxygen. For the car silly, not you...

Route Information

By now we hope that you have read the simple regulations and understand how the event will be run. It is unlikely to be anything like you have ever done before but there will be no secrecy or trickery. We are trying to be as open as possible and ensure that you have enough information well before you start

To help you understand the format of the

event, and how we will run it, we are enclosing some examples of both the advance, and daily information that you will receive. For obvious reasons the enclosed are only examples and do not consist of all the cols we may use! This sample information includes extracts from:

- 1) Event Target List: Details of each col or pass, plus location map.
- 2) Sample Map: A sample of the maps that will be given to you with the Event Target List.
- 3) Daily Target List: Details of which cols we want you to climb on that particular day, plus the Daily Target Height to be achieved.
- 4) Daily Target Card: The “claim form” that you will have to complete every day to provide proof of visiting the cols that you have selected.

If, after absorbing this information, you still have any queries, no matter how trivial they may seem, please do not hesitate to give Keith a ring on 01803 782064.

Maps

Although you may use whatever method of navigation you wish - even GPS or Sat Nav, in the event regulations we have recommended that you carry as a minimum certain 1/200,000 Michelin maps for France and Switzerland, and Kummerly and Frey for Italy.

The enclosed sample location map is taken from a Michelin 1/200,000 and whilst it would be possible to find your way around on this type of map, as you can see not all the roads we plan to use are



shown! Therefore, the keener navigators amongst you will no doubt want to bring some more detailed maps to find the way up (and down) some of the more obscure cols! As a minimum we would recommend the following:

France: IGN Top 100 - Tourisme et Decouverte (Green Series) 1/100,000 Sheets 144, 151, 158, 164 and 165

Switzerland: Kompass - anderkarte/Carte escursioni 1/50,000 Sheet 125

Italy: Istituto Geografico Centrale - Carta dei Sentieri e dei Rifugi 1/50,000 Sheets 1, 2, 6 and 7

If you do not already have your own favourite map supplier then we recommend:

The Map Shop
15 High Street
Upton upon Severn, Worcs.
WR8 0HJ England
Tel: 01684 593146
Fax: 01684 594559
email: themapshop@btinternet.com
www.themapshop.com

Please be aware that the maps will not necessarily be "in stock" so please do order as soon as possible.

Non-luddites amongst you could also consider one of the many internet sourced mapping services, plus of course, Google Earth!

Cameras

We shall be supplying you with the simple digital cameras that you will need to

record the information at each col visited. However, as we all know, technology can never be 100% reliable so we suggest that you also bring your own digital camera as a "back up" if necessary. Obviously, we want you to use "our" camera so we can download the information each night. However, in the event of a genuine emergency or equipment breakdown, we might accept an image from your own equipment...

Hotels

If you require single rooms, or wish to extend your stay before or after the event please can you complete the enclosed form and return to the Rally Office as soon as possible. You will see that on the hotel booking form there is two options for the single room supplement, a large proportion of the fee is for the final night in Monte-Carlo so if you don't mind sharing on that night a good saving is available.

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.

Transporter Service

Peter Rushforth will be working with Stephen Hogg to provide a transporter service to the start at Evian-les-Bains and home from Monte-Carlo. Further details direct from Peter on 01256 461173 or peter@lhdplace.co.uk

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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