

Testing Times

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With five weeks to go, Guy Woodcock and his team are busy finalising the plans for this, the 11th Rally of the Tests. Combining old favourites with some exciting new venues, this year's 35 special tests will provide crews with a wide variety of challenges from the outset. In addition, there will be 20 regularities, exploring scenic country roads and challenging private land venues, and a "Testing" TC section that both crew members should enjoy.

Entries

We have been very pleased with the response to date and we have many new competitors on this year's event. We only have a couple of places left now so if you have any friends who are interested in taking part in what has become the most authentic recreation of an RAC Rally from the pre stage rally days please do ask them to give us a call as soon as possible.

Data Sheet

Please check the enclosed data sheet which as well as detailing your personal information also details room type, Wednesday night and baggage van bookings. If there are any errors or you think you have booked something that is not shown please do let us know as soon as possible.

Payments

The data sheet also details any outstanding payments. Please remember that all entry fees are now overdue. We do hope to accommodate all crews in the HQ hotel but if this is not possible the criteria used for room allocation will include date full payment is received.

Regulations

If you have any queries on the regulations please do contact us as soon as possible, it is far easier that we resolve any queries now rather than on, or just before the event.

Classes and Categories

Please check on the enclosed entry list that you have been entered into the correct classes. Classes are based on the date of the latest components fitted to the car so if for example you have a pre 1962 car but it is fitted with a post 62 engine you will go into the later class.

Tyres

This year's event is once again a round of the FIA Regularity Rally Championship and hence running under an International permit. This means that 65 series tyres may be used.

Lights

Please read the regulations regarding lighting carefully - i.e. a maximum of FOUR forward facing lights are allowed. There will be no exceptions - just removing the bulb from any additional lights will not be sufficient. Also, hard plastic light covers with manufacturers logos are discouraged and mean you are unlikely to feature in many photographs!

Route Information

The pre event route package and rally plates will be sent out on 25th October. If you have not received it by Wednesday 31st please do contact us.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a document giving examples of the format for the route information and an indicative timetable of when information will be issued to you. Previous competitors will see that a larger amount of information is provided in advance of the event which will hopefully enable the navigators to participate more fully in the social aspects of the event.

Time table

A full schedule will be published with the route information. **But you do need to be aware that you will need to leave the HQ Hotel on Thursday at**



around 16:00. If this is a problem for any competitor please let us know in advance so we can give you a later start number.

Dress Code

We hope that you will maintain the dress code traditions of the Rally of the Tests. Special awards are presented for the best dressed crew. We will be observing dress code from documentation onwards. The tradition continues into the prize giving dinner which will be "black tie".

Baggage Van

The booking form for this has previously been sent out, please let us know if you need another copy. The van will collect from the start and baggage will be delivered to and collected from all "official" hotels on the event. Alternatively you may leave items in the van to be collected at the finish. Please book as soon as possible as there is a limit to the amount of baggage we can carry. We cannot guarantee to take any baggage that has not been booked in advance.

Insurance

Please check your existing motor insurance policies to see that you are covered for a regularity rally, you may be asked to show evidence of cover at Documentation. If your existing policy does not cover regularity rallies you may be able to take advantage of a group scheme. If you are interested in this option please let us know. For a

standard rated competitor the premium will be approximately £60. You'll need to be able to sign a declaration that:

Over 21 and held a full licence for at least 6 months

Not more than 1 fault accident in last 3 Years

No more than maximum of 6 speeding points on licence

No physical or mental disabilities

No other material facts

Please contact us by the 16th October if you cannot comply with this so we may see if cover can still be provided, but at a higher premium.

Any Questions

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any queries. We'll be away on a Poppy Rally and Marathon Recce from 28th September to 14th October so you may need to leave a message on answer phone but we will call you back as soon as we can and emails will generally be answered on a daily basis.

The Future

We are pleased to announce that with effect from 1st December 2012 the Classic Rally Association will become an operating division of HERO Events Ltd.

We will be continuing to run events under the CRA "brand" but will share many resources with HERO and develop a joint calendar.

Our next events are:

Poppy Rally
15th - 17th March

London - Lisbon
27th April - 5th May

25th Classic Marathon
15th - 21st June

Throckmorton
12th October

12th Rally of the Tests
31st October - 3rd November

Le Jog
7th - 10th December 2013

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Winter Challenge to Monte-Carlo
23rd - 27th February



HERO's Arrive and Drive division still have a couple of cars available for the Rally of the Tests so if you have any friends who would like to do the event but have no suitable car why don't you get them to give Mark O'Donnell a call on 00 44 1656 740275 or classichire@heroevents.eu

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