

MONTE NEWS FLASH



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News from Monaco

I had a very good meeting with the Automobile Club de Monaco last week and there are some very interesting and exciting new developments for the 2018 Monte. In particular ACM wish to develop the Classique and encourage new entries. They are also keen to develop the route through the UK to make the event more interesting for the competitors and raise the profile of the Monte in the UK. All the indications are looking very good for the 2018 Monte.

Rallye Monte Carlo Historique 2018



To date we have had a high level of interest for next year with some interesting cars. Once more the organising committee hope to be able to provide one night free accommodation in the UK for competitors. The 2018 route through France will be different from 2017. After leaving Calais the competitors will drive straight to Valence rather than continuing on to Monte Carlo. This will make it a shorter distance on that section of the Rallye. The regulations and draft itinerary for the Rallye will be published by ACM in July.

Rallye Monte Carlo Classique 2018



For 2018 there has been a change in the cut-off date for eligible cars. The cut-off date will be 1969. This opens up a lot more possibilities for suitable cars. The route will be the same as the Historique to Valence, where Classique entrants will have an overnight stop with accommodation and buffet included in the entry fee. After Valence they will follow a traditional Monte route which will incorporate many of the traditional 'cols' including the iconic Col de Turini, before they arrive in Monaco. Entrants will be given cards which can be stamped by the officials at the time/passage controls, but there will be no time penalties and visiting these controls will remain optional. To finish the event off, overnight accommodation and a finish buffet will also be provided in Monte Carlo. I am sure you will agree that at the same cost as in the previous two years, €1500, this is great value for money, with one night accommodation in the UK, two nights accommodation in France, two buffets and the usual goodies.

Monte Heritage Runs 2018

In the previous Monte News Flash we announced that there would be a new Heritage Run in 2018. It may come as a surprise to many of you that Aberdeen was a Start Town for the Monte Carlo Rally before the second world war. In recognition of this, we will have a Heritage Run from Aberdeen to Paisley Abbey, starting on the morning of the Monte Start. The route will take in the Cairn O'Mount and other traditional rally roads. This will give our friends from the north-east the opportunity to enjoy the experience of a Monte Start. There will of course be the traditional Heritage Run to Dumfries along with at least one, possibly two more runs which will be announced at a later stage.

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