

Classic

UPDATES & MONTE NEWS



WELCOME

The Monte Carlo Rallye is legendary. It's tough, but the sense of achievement at the Finish is something to be experienced. It also brings people together from many different nations and friendships are formed that can last a lifetime. But after 100 years, the 2024 Rallye is likely to be the last one starting from Glasgow. Cars are no longer welcome in City Centres and ULEZ make life extremely difficult and it won't get any better. However we have had some great times organising and taking part in the Rallye since 2011 when the Start returned to Glasgow after a gap of many decades.

If you have always wanted to take part in a Monte event there is still time to enter the Anniversary Monte 100 Touristique which will take you on a Monte adventure, from Blythswood Square, following a traditional Monte route through the UK, across France and arriving in the Principality of Monaco. Regulations and Entry form from June Anderson june.a.anderson@outlook.com

Last weekend we finally managed to run the Arrochar Alps and Col de Ruisg Challenge. 18 crews came along and had a thoroughly enjoyable day when at last the Scottish sun shone. You will find a report with some excellent photographs taken by Colin Bruce and Ken Brown in the newsletter.

There is the usual update on the ADO project, which is closing in on the finish at last, and updates on the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique and the Touristique.

Stuart Bankier has kindly provided an interesting article on his visit to the Matra Museum in France. Hope you enjoy the newsletter.

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UPDATE



Like all motor car projects there have been the inevitable delays along the way, but we are back on track and heading for the finish. The ADO body has now been united with its pristine tub. The next step is the paint shop. The colour I have chosen is BMW Mini Pepper White which is very similar to Old English White. It should look fantastic. That only leaves re-assembly with new or refurbished components. I am hoping it will be ready for the Restoration Car Show at the NEC in the spring. Fingers crossed.

The Matra Museum at Romorantin Lanthenay.

Stuart Bankier

Whilst Linda and I were on holiday last year we passed a sign which said “Matra Museum” on the edge of a small town just south of the River Loire. I made a mental note and thought I must go back sometime. This year I was able to do that and I was surprised to find a very good museum hidden down a back street in the middle of town. Spread over two floors the museum has a lot of vehicles that relate to its own history as well as a reasonable collection of other, primarily British, cars which were all well presented. Why Romorantin, well apparently the Matra factory was here and between 1961 and 2003 they built over a million vehicles most of which were Renault Espaces. The Espace was developed by Matra with the aim of selling the concept to Peugeot but they weren’t interested and Renault took it up. Remember the Matra Simca Bagheera coupe with three front seats and the Talbot Rancho ? They were made at Romorantin with a body consisting of fibreglass and polyester, the forerunner of techniques to be used in the Espace and the ill-fated Avantime. For the record there are apparently seven Bagheeras and two Ranchos still on the road in the UK.

However, from the early 1960s they made a lot of their own small sports cars, some Rene Bonnet cars as well as specialist cars for racing and rallying. They ran in Formula 1 from 1967 to 1972 winning the drivers and constructors championship in 1969. Their most successful small sports car was the M530 which looked rather like a Ginetta G21

The museum is well worth a visit if you are on holiday in the Loire. It was I thought a well set out with a lot of interesting exhibits and interpretation panels in both English and French. They have a good web site which gives you the opening hours and the directions.



Matra M530 powered by a Ford V4 1700 cc engine which was mid mounted with a transaxle



MS620 Prototype – the later MS670 was very successful and won at Le Mans in 1972 driven by Graham Hill and Henri Pescarolo. They won again in 1973 and 1974 and also won the World Championship for Makes in 1973 and 1974



Left hand drive prototype Mini Traveller with an 848cc engine used for testing in Switzerland



Blue was obviously the brand colour



1965 Matra M610 rally car Cosworth Ford Twin Cam engine, Hewland gearbox, 645kg 145 bhp



A Rene Bonnet Djet with Renault Gordini power



Daimler Dart in very nice condition as were the TR6 and Morgan that kept it company

MONTE SHAKE DOWN

June Anderson

THE ARROCHAR ALPS AND COL DE RUISG CHALLENGE



Eighteen crews tackled the Monte shakedown event on 4 November 2023. Starting at the Village Inn Arrochar, the crews set out at 1pm to follow their tulip



roadbooks to Inverary, taking in some very interesting and little used rally roads. All went well up the Rest and be Thankful, which was open despite the rain and the ever present threat of landslips on that stretch of road, but unfortunately the famous Hell's Glen road was closed, although it had not been shown as closed on the Roads Scotland website which Craig had checked the previous night. This did not put off any of the navigators who plotted a new route and were able to pick up on the roadbook further on. There was another minor hitch further on with a road closure but it didn't cause the crews any problems.



When they arrived back at the Village Inn, they were ready for a meal in the hotel restaurant before setting out on the night section from Arrochar driving through Glen Douglas and Glen Fruin before arriving at Dumbarton. Craig had included a tricky little road, the Red Road, which caused a few hiccups as it looked like it was the entrance to a field but was in fact a proper road. There's nearly always a sting in the tail at the end of events, but it kept the concentration going until the very end.

The format of an afternoon and evening route was very popular and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to have a meal and chat together between the runs. The observation questions on the afternoon route were thrown out a bit because of the road closures, but John Lawson and Christine Ogilvie came out winners. The prize was a pair of the 2024 Rallye Monte Carlo Historique posters which have just arrived. They kindly donated one poster back and this was given to Alan Pettit and Kay Pickering who were second. A raffle of two authentic Rallye Monte Carlo Historique backpacks with Londres timecards raised £160 for club funds. The winners were Donald Carslaw and Alan Thompson. Thanks to all for their generosity.





26^e RALLYE Monte-Carlo HISTORIQUE



31 JANVIER 07 FÉVRIER **2024**

FRENCH CREW COMING TO GLASGOW FOR THE RALLYE MONTE CARLO HISTORIQUE START

Etienne Goldet has entered his 1977 Alpine A310 V6 in the Rallye and has opted to Start from Glasgow. He says that he is looking forward to undertaking the challenge of the longest route to Monte Carlo. We are looking forward to seeing his car on the Start Line on 31 January 2024.



SCOTTISH CREW RETURNS FOR THEIR SECOND RALLYE MONTE CARLO HISTORIQUE

Father and son crew, Fraser and Barrie Hendrie, have entered the Rallye for a second time in their A40 Farina. They have rebuilt it after their Monte adventure in the 2023 Historique and are looking to move up the results table. We wish them every success.



We are looking forward to receiving the list of Glasgow Historique Starters in the next few days.

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RALLYE AUTOMOBILE
MONTE CARLO

100



GLASGOW 1924-2024
MONTE CARLO RALLYE

OLDEST PRE-WAR CAR ENTERED IN THE ANNIVERSARY MONTE 100 TOURISTIQUE

James Mann has entered his 1934 Lagonda, Josephine, in the Touristique to celebrate the 90th birthday of the car which was his grandfather's and has been in the family for the whole of its life.



RARE POST WAR CAR TO ENTER THE TOURISTIQUE

Guy Loveridge is well known in motorsport circles and his 1953 Lanchester 14 is being prepared for the Touristique. We are delighted that Guy has decided to enter and look forward to seeing him and his car in January.



1954 A30 ENTERED FOR THE TOURISTIQUE

Hylton Reid is in the final assembly stage of the rebuild of his A30 for the Anniversary Monte 100. He has sent some photographs of the before and after restoration of the shell. It now looks immaculate in jet black. He has upgraded the engine to a 1098 version of the A series and rebuilt the gearbox. I wonder if he is still using drum brakes?





ERDC member Sandy Dennison sent us a photograph of the A30 which his father, Bill Dennison, along with Jim Broadbent entered in the 1954 Monte Carlo Rallye. They made it to the Finish.



FOR SALE

Doug Ashworth, secretary of the Strathendrick Car Club sent a list of spares which a member has for sale. For more information contact Doug on this email address. SCSCC.Sec@gmail.com

List of Spares and other items

Lamps Legend S = Spot F = Fog R = Rear mounted B = Bottom mounted

NEW LAMPS

1	Lucas	S	6 in	R
2	Lucas Ranger	S	6 in	B
5	Lucas	S	6 in	B Pair
6	Lucas	S	6 in	B Pair
7	Lucas	S	6 in	Pair
8	Lucas	F	6 in	Pair
9	Lucas	S with Peak	5 in	B Triple
10	Lucas	F with Peak	5 in	B Triple
11	Lucas	F with Peak	5 in	B Triple
12	KC Day lighter	S	6 in	B

USED LAMPS

13	Miller	S	6 in	B
14	Marchal	S	5 in	R
15	Wipac	F	4 in	B
16	Lucas	S	6 in	B
17	Lucas	F	6 in	R
18	Lucas	F	6 in	R
19	Miller	F	5 in	B
20	Lucas	S	6 in	B
21	Miller	F	6 in	B
22	Notek	F	5 in	B
23	Notek	F	5 in	B
24	Notek	F	5 in	B
25	Notek	F (rubber cas)	5 in	B
27	Lucas		6 in	R
28	Wipac		4 in	B
29	Cible Oscar	S (with cover)	7 in	B
30	Bosch	F	7 in	B

LAMPS – PARTS

31	Lucas	Sealed Beam	5 in	
32	Lucas	Sealed Beam	5 in	
33	Headlamp	Chrome Rings	7 in	4 off
26	Stoneguards		7 in	New

RADIOS

34	Retracting aerial - new
35	Universal radio mounting cabinet
36	Radiomobile push button radio - med/long wave
37	Sharp push button radio - am/fm

MISCELLANEOUS (Named)

39	RiceTec oil pressure gauge
40	Tim Superdash oil pressure gauge
41	Smith's fuel gauge
42	K&N air filter K/N RU - 2410
43	Momo wooden gear knob
44	Woolies bottles of leather cleaner/renovator
45	Cockpit ammeter

JAGUAR ITEMS

46	Alternator
47	Girling front calliper service kit
48	Tarox competition disc pads - new
49	Tarox competition disc pads - used
50	TJ oil filter FP3312
51	TJ oil filter FP3313
52	Stainless steel blades - new
53	Smiths speedometer (28k miles)
54	AP clutch plate for 6 cylinder Mk2
55	Front wheel bearing kit
56	Rear wheel bearing kit
57	Rear brake repair kit
58	Front wheel bearing kit (2 kits)
59	Bump stops x 2
60	Coil
61	Goodrich brake flexibles - x 2
62	Head gasket set
63	Dashboard glovebox conversion kit for competition dials
64.	Transparent wind deflector - full car width with seal
65.	Dash switch DBC5138 69560
66.	Chrome rear number plate light housing
67.	2 off seat belt holsters - red - with electrical connectors
68.	Switches for heated seats & cables - both LH & RH part DBC 6458 Issue 1 U4 M 90
69.	Red ashtray / trinket box with engraved lid
70.	Fitting instructions for fire extinguisher into 1995 model year XJ saloon
	Probably Jaguar items
71.	Oil pump
72.	Oil pressure guage
73.	Heater fan motor
74.	Electric fuel pump (possibly leaking)
75.	Lucas coil (used) BVS NP12 45354A
76.	Old pistons 90mm diam approx. - paperweights?
77.	Twin 2 3/4" SU carburetors on manifold with air cleaner
78.	1 off 2 3/4" SU carburettor (cover for float chamber missing)
79.	1 off 2 3/4" SU carburettor with air cleaner (carburettor cover missing)

80.	1 off 3 1/4" SU carburettor & float chamber
81.	2 off side lights or flashers (with orange lenses)
82.	Water hose 470 - right-angled - 42mm internal bore - branches 8 1/2" & 3 1/2"
83.	Water hose - S-shape - 35mm internal bore - 10" long
84.	Petrol pump
85.	Thermostatic valve
86.	Length of red plush fabric draught excluder
87.	Dash trim with labelling
88.	15cm plastic speaker grille
89.	Length of black plush edge trim - metal backed
90.	Metal wide U-shaped tubular bracket
91.	Spare wheel retaining bolt and plate
92.	Long length of 12mm diam rubber tube
93.	2 off 4-point red safety harnesses
94.	Chrome latch (for door?)
95.	Thermostat - either Autogem 1040X or Quinten Hazel QTH 1005
96.	Bag of B18 lifters
97.	TJ Oil filter FP9385

HEADLAMP ADJUSTER

64	Lucas Lev-L-Lite Headlamp aimer
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MISCELLANEOUS (Unnamed)

Relays, condensers, switches, battery leads, cig lighter, dimmer, fuses, connectors, fuel filter, etc
Dip stick
Rubber door seals - various profiles
Red plastic filler tube
Volvo door sill plate
Snow chains in box
Bag of brackets & bolts - unused for mounting something
Volvo 122S front hubs and disks (used)
Black plastic box - for batteries?
"Bugatti" tin of old spark plugs, radiator pressure cap, fuel cap
3 off car ashtrays
4 off pulleys & screw hitch