

Classic

UPDATES & MONTE NEWS



WELCOME

The photograph on the front cover of this month's Classic Updates and Monte News is of Pierre Lequeux with his Frogeye Sprite, on the finish ramp at the famous Quai Albert 1er in Monaco. He had a few problems on the way but he finished. As organisers, our hope is for all the competitors in the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique and Anniversary Monte 100 Classique to make the Finish. The sense of achievement going over the finishing ramp is something you will remember for a long, long time.

There is no ADO update this month but we have some interesting items for you to enjoy. We now have the full list of entries for the John O'Groats Starters for the Historique and Classique. One surprise entry is all the way from Japan. We also have an entry from the USA in a very special Sunbeam 90 and car 00 is a Renault 5 Works replica. The unique is the emerging theme this month!

There is a report on the Inverness photoshoot where we brought the city centre to a standstill! Following on from the ERDC very successful Rallye Workshop there will be a Rallye Skills Event and shake down, the Arrochar Alps and Col de Ruisg Challenge. The Regs and Entry form are included in this newsletter. There is still time to enter but don't delay. It is on 6 December.



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28^E RALLYE MONTE-CARLO HISTORIQUE

29 JANVIER
07 FÉVRIER 2026





Rallye

Automobile

Monte-Carlo

Programme

21 au 24 Janvier 1926

This is the front cover of the Programme for the 1926 Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo. The Programmes and posters became more elaborate as the years went by with eye-catching artwork.

FIVE MORE THAN THE FIRST ONE



On the morning of Monday 18 January 1926 only one car started the Monte Carlo Rallye from John O Groats to drive competitively to Monte Carlo. The driver was Hon. Victor Austin Bruce driving a 2 litre, six-cylinder AC Tourer. He won the Rallye and was the first British winner of the Monte. His navigator was W J Brunell.

In 2026 there will be five more cars making the Start of the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique from John O’Groats and you never know there might be a winner – or at least a class winner – among them.

The Six John O’Groats Historique Starters are

1952 Sunbeam Talbot 90 MK 11A James Pohl and Joyce Mordenti

1955 Sunbeam Mk111 Saloon Jim Dean and Hugh Crabtree

1968 Datsun Bluebird 1600 SSS Ko Nagai and Masataka Usami

1968 Volvo 123GT Neil Oliver and Cameron Oliver

1978 MG BGT Ken Brown and Aidan Walsh

1979 Porsche 924 Alan Thompson and Alan Brisbane

FURTHEST TRAVELLED



We have one of the furthest travelled crews in the Rallye, all the way from Japan. They will also be making the longest journey from John O'Groats to Monte Carlo. The driver Ko Nagai tells us, *'Our car has a deep history with my family; it was originally purchased by my father with his first salary. I took over as the car's primary driver around 2011. In January 2012, we transported the car to England to support the 2012 Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique. Following that event, I teamed up with Masataka Usami and others for a six-month journey: we drove the car from Europe to Thailand, passing through countries including Italy, Turkey, and Iran, before finally bringing it back to Japan.'*

Ko Nagai and Masataka Usami are inaugural members of an overseas historic rally project led by Kohei Kusaka of the University of Tokyo. This project has participated in the Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique from Japan several times since 2011. Our first participation in 2011 started from Glasgow.'



STIRLING MOSS' S 1953 MONTE CAR



Our other far travelled crew are Jim Pohl and Joyce Mordenti from California. Jim wrote to tell me he was now the custodian of a unique Sunbeam Talbot 90. It is the actual car in which Stirling Moss competed in the 1953 Monte Carlo Rallye.

This is Jim and Joyce's third Monte. In the previous two editions they competed in a Sunbeam Alpine and regular readers will remember Jim's report in a previous Classic Updates and Monte News. Jim's new car is currently being rebuilt and rally prepared in the UK. Let's hope it is ready in time.

They will be joined on the Start line at John O'Groats by another Sunbeam Talbot, this one being a Mk111 saloon, crewed by Jim Dean and Hugh Crabtree. This is their first Monte. I met Hugh at the NEC Classic Car Show earlier this month. His car was on the Sunbeam stand and it looks the business. He brought me up to speed with the rally preparations, in particular, a major upgrade of the lights because he feels that you can't really have too much light on the dark night stages in the Alps.

We wish them all the best of luck.

WE ALL LOVE THE SPORT AND ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS

All those involved in organising and running the Start and the UK Section of the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique and the Classique are volunteers. We enjoy what we do and we hope that through the sport we make people happy and help them to fulfil their ambitions. The generosity of volunteers always takes me aback. For example, I had an email from Clive Baty offering to help out with the Rallye in any way he could. He would have liked to have done the whole Rallye, having competed in the Historique in the past, but personal circumstances prevent it this time. I thought he would be an ideal Car 00 as he has Monte experience and the ideal car for the job.

Clive says, 'Our car is a works replica Renault 5 Alpine, in which I entered the 2025 Monte Carlo Historique. Running as one of the opening cars sounds both nice and also compatible with my experience. I've been rallying since the Motoring News days and more recently have done Rally of The Tests and many HRCR rounds. It would be both a privilege and a pleasure to run as Car 00 for you. As you say, an experienced crew running sufficiently far ahead of the first competitor to allow good time to go through the ACM paperwork will help both putting your PC marshals at ease and also increase their enjoyment, as well as helping "warm up" the spectators. There was a magical atmosphere at the PCs on the run out from Turin earlier this year, it will be great if you can replicate this in Scotland'



ANNIVERSARY MONTE 100 CLASSIQUE

JOHN O GROATS

1926 - 2026



INVERNESS BROUGHT TO A STANDSTILL



The Inverness photoshoot was on 3 November 2025 outside the Townhouse. Inverness Council, in particular Provost Glynis Campbell Sinclair, went out of their way to allow the Press to get the best shots of the invited Classic Cars from the Highland Car Club. They applied for a TTRO (Temporary Traffic Restriction Order) for 15 mins, which stopped all the traffic. As you can see the photographers were able to stand in the middle of the road without fear of being rundown. It was a very successful photoshoot with coverage in the Press and Television.

There will be a Passage Control in Inverness, manned by members of the Highland Car Club. Roddie Main will be the main man on the day. In the tradition of the old Monte Carlo Rallyes, the Passage Control will be in the reception area of a hotel, the Columba Hotel, Ness Road on the banks of the River Ness, right in the heart of the City. It will be the first PC.





Present at the photoshoot were members of the Highland Car Club who brought along some of their collection of classic cars including three of a type which have competed in the rally in the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's.

From the 1950's Donald Campbell's Sunbeam Talbot. From the 1960's Willie Preece's Mini Cooper S. and Brian Fraser's 1970's Hillman Avenger.



The Columba Hotel will become part of Monte history on 29 Jan 2026.

FINAL ENTRY LIST ANNIVERSARY MONTE 100 CLASSIQUE

00	Clive Baty	Ms Baty	Renault 5 Alpine
0	Douglas Anderson	June Anderson	tbc
1934	James Mann	Richard Watton	Lagonda
1934	Peter Baker	Clive Berry	Sunbeam 25
1940	Sandy McEwan	Alan Stark	Ford Fordor deluxe
1954	Hylton Reid	Melvyn Harris	Austin A30
1956	Guy Markham	Tim Hutton	Studebaker Hawk
1958	Guy Loveridge	Dan Salter	Jaguar Mk1 3.4
1959	Mike Helm	Andrew Flexney	Triumph TR3
1959	Pierre Lequeux	Marc Hanson	Austin Healey Sprite
1960	Peter Barker	Christa Percival	Herald Coupé
1962	Tim Fenna	Sally Fenna	MGB Roadster
1969	James Simpson	Henrietta Simpson	Mini Cooper S
1964	Ranald White	Marjory White	Rover P6
1964	Mark Hartland	Tracey Miklaucich	Sunbeam Alpine
1964	Patrick McGrorty	Jim McGurk	Imp Mk1
1965	John Ross	Paul Conroy	Chamois Mk1
1965	Nigel Griffiths	Elannah Griffiths	Alfa Romeo Giulia
1967	Mike Authers	Max Authers	MG Midget
1968	Owen Ferry	C McGibbon	Volvo 142S
1969	Sandy Dennison	Marion Dennison	Riley 1300 MKII
1972	John Beattie	John Baird	Ford Escort MK1
1972	Bill Jiggins	Stephanie Jiggins	MGB Roadster
1973	Mike Kent	Shelagh Kent	MGB GT
1974	Stuart Sargeant	Sian Slater	Porsche 914-6 GT
1975	Tim Green	Mel Green	Lancia Fulvia
1975	Rudy Micallef	Susan Hayes	Alfa Romeo GT 1600
1976	John Clayton	Jackie Clayton	Ford Escort RS2000
1976	Karsten Brown	Carol Brown	Dolomite Sprint
1977	Keith Mainland	Angie Fuentes	Dolomite 1850
1977	Gordon Horn	Tom Horn	Porsche 911
1980	Nigel Sayles	Richard Butler	Ferrari 308
1980	Duncan Massie	Ron Adam	MGB GT
1983	Gordon Tulley	Ko Kaming	VW Golf GTi
1983	David Almond	Helen Almond	Austin Mini
1993	Tony Smith	Richard Jenner	MGRV8

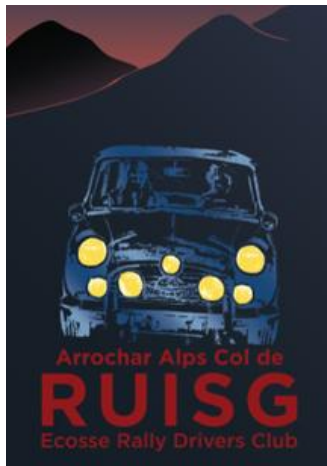
The 36 Classique entrants will start after the six Rallye Monte Carlo Historique cars. There will also be 10 classics from CSVVC. 52 in total leaving from John O'Groats. It will be quite a spectacle on 29 January.



Arrochar Alps Col de
RUISG
Ecosse Rally Drivers Club



Arrochar Alps & Col de Ruisg



6 December 2025

FOREWORD

Ecosse Rallye Drivers Club will promote the Arrochar Alps and Col de Ruisg Challenge on Saturday 6 December 2025. The event is designed to allow crews to practice navigational skills and to provide an opportunity for the driver and navigator to work together as a team.

This event is open to all car enthusiasts and will take the form of a daytime Tour starting at the Kirkhouse Inn in Strathblane at 12Noon with a rest halt at the Arrochar Inn between 3 and 4pm. The re-start for the evening Col de Ruisg section will be between 5 and 5.30pm and the finish will be in Balloch.

The organising team look forward to meeting old friends and newcomers alike.

The Organising Team

REGULATIONS

1. Ecosse Rallye Drivers Club will promote a touring assembly on Saturday 6 December 2025 under a Certificate of Exemption issued by Motorsport UK. A permit will be obtained and available for inspection at the Start.
2. The event is open to all motoring enthusiasts.
3. The event will start at the Kirkhouse Inn Strathblane at 12 Noon and will finish in Balloch with an afternoon rest halt in Arrochar. The exact location of the Finish will be in the Final Instructions.
4. Signing On will take place from 11:00 at the Kirkhouse Inn Strathblane G63 9AA. Cars will start at one minute intervals from 12 Noon. Individual start times will be issued with the Final Instructions.
5. Entrants will be required to have the following where required by law.
 - A. A valid MOT Certificate as applicable.
 - B. Vehicle Excise Duty paid.
 - C. A minimum of Third Party Insurance for all persons who will drive the participating vehicles must be applicable for the duration of the event.
6. The entry list opens on publication of these regulations and entry closing date is Sunday 30th November 2025. Refunds for withdrawn entries will be at the discretion of the organisers.
7. The entry fee for the event is £25 per crew, each crew will receive a rally plate, number, and tulip roadmap. All entries must be made on the entry form which should be emailed to the Secretary of the Event, Alan Brisbane alan.brisbane1@hotmail.com

Payment should be made into the ERDC bank account. Bank details are on the entry form.

8. Officials of the Event

Secretary of the Meeting: - Alan Brisbane 07811 373 635
Clerk of the Course- Craig McGibbon 07920 154 007

9. The Organisers will not be responsible for damage to, or loss of, any car, its parts or accessories, or for any damage caused by any entrant or car, and any entrant by entering and driving, and a passenger by taking part, shall thereby waive any right of action at law against the organisers for any damage sustained by him (her or them) in consequence of any act or omission on any part of the organisers, or of the officials, representatives or agents with respect to these regulations or to the run or to any matter arising therefrom.



ARROCHAR ALPS & Col De RUISG

6 December 2025

ENTRY FORM

Driver		Navigator	
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
Postcode		Postcode	
Telephone		Telephone	
Mobile		Mobile	
E-mail		E-mail	
Age if under 18		Age if under18	
Driver's next of kin		Navigator's next of kin	
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
Telephone/Mobile		Telephone/Mobile	
Vehicle details			
Make/model		Year	Reg No

Entry Fee

The entry fee for the event is £25.

Completed and signed Entry Forms to be emailed to Alan Brisbane
alan.brisbane1@hotmail.com

The entry fee should be transferred to the ERDC bank account

Account name: Ecosse Rallye Drivers Club
 Santander Bank; Sort Code 09 01 29
 Account number 38813548

Declaration

I declare that: 1) I have been given the opportunity to read the National Competition Rules (NCR) and all Official Documentation and will abide by them. I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I acknowledge that I understand the nature and type of competition and the potential risk inherent with motor sport and agree to accept that risk. I understand that motor sport can be dangerous and accidents causing death, injury, disability and property damage can and do happen. I understand that these risks may give rise to my suffering personal injury or other loss and I acknowledge and accept these risks. 2) To the best of my belief the driver(s) possess(es) the standard of competence necessary for the Event to which this entry relates and that the vehicle entered conforms to the Regulations of the Event. Where applicable the use of the vehicle hereby entered will be covered by insurance as required by law. 3) I agree that should I at the time of this Event be suffering from any disability whether permanent or temporary which is likely to affect prejudicially my normal control of the vehicle, I may not take part unless I have declared such disability to Motorsport UK which has, following such declaration, issued a licence which permits me to do so. I undertake that at the time of the Event to which this entry relates I shall have passed or am exempt from an ASN specified medical examination within the specified period. (Ch 6 App 2 Art 6.5) 4) If I am the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor of the driver I have countersigned the competitor licence application and understand that I shall have the right to be present during any procedure being carried out under the Event Supplementary Regulations and the NCR and that I have acquainted myself and the minor with them, agree to pay any appropriate charges and fees pursuant to those Regulations and agree to be bound by and submit myself without reserve to the consequences resulting from them (and any alteration thereof). Further, I agree to pay as liquidated damages any fines imposed upon me up to the maxima set out in Ch 2 App 2. Note: Where the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor will not be present the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor must advise the organisers in advance, in writing, authorising their appointed representative to so act. 5) I hereby agree to abide by all applicable Motorsport UK Policies and Guidelines including but not exclusively Safeguarding and Anti Alcohol and Drugs policies and the ASN Code of Conduct. 6) I have read and shall respect the regulations for Control of Drugs and Alcohol as contained in the NCR (Ch 2 App 1 Art 1.6, Ch 2 App 2, Ch 3 App 1 Art 1.7, Ch 5 App 11 Art 1.6) and have also fully familiarised myself with the information on the web sites referred to (www.motorsportuk.org, www.ukad.org.uk and www.wada-ama.org) in particular the UK Anti-Doping Rules which have been adopted by Motorsport UK. Further, if I am counter-signing as the parent or Guardian of a minor then in addition to the deemed consent to the testing of that minor (UK Anti-Doping Rule 5.7.2) I hereby confirm that I give such consent for the minor concerned to be so tested. 7) I understand and agree that my personal data, and that of the persons connected to my entry are being processed solely for the purposes of running this and will be handled by the organisers in accordance with Motorsport UK data protection policy: www.motorsportuk.org/data-protection. Indemnity: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry I agree that neither any one of or any combination of Motorsport UK and its associated clubs, the organisers, the track owners or other occupiers, the promoters and their respective officers, servants, representatives and agents (the "Parties") shall have any liability for loss or damage which may be sustained or incurred by me as a result of participation in the event including but not limited to damage to property, economic loss, consequential loss or financial loss howsoever caused. Nothing in this clause is intended to or shall be deemed to exclude or limit liability for death or personal injury. To the fullest extent permitted by law I agree to indemnify and hold harmless each of the Parties in respect of any loss or damage whatsoever and howsoever arising from my participation in this event. Car # Driver Passenger 1 (If Applicable) Passenger 2 (If Applicable) Passenger 3 (If Applicable) Parent

I confirm that I have read and agree to the terms of the Declaration					
Signature of Driver		Age if under 18		Date	
Signature of Navigator		Age if under 18		Date	
Consent of Parent or Guardian if Driver and/or Navigator is under 18 years of age.					
Parent/Guardian of Driver			Parent/Guardian of Navigator		
Name		Name			
Address		Address			
Relationship		Relationship			
Contact No.		Contact No.			
Signature		Signature			

Data Protection Act: Prospective entrants and competitors are advised that information supplied on the entry form will be held on a computer and used for the administration of the event but will not be passed on to a third party.

FRONT COVER FROM THE PAST

