

RallyLegend

In three months time the little Republic of San Marino will celebrate the 10th edition of the RallyLegend event. This year the event will move to a Saturday-Sunday, with a prologue on Friday. The date is 11-14 October for the event that gathers all the great past, and some present, rally drivers for two days of intense special stages in the cars that made them household names. Safari will be one of this year's themes, with a grand central display of ex-Safari cars, both on and off the piste. Details at www.rallylegend.com.

H.E.R.O announces the return of the Iberian Classic in 2013

After a break of six years, one of Europe's premier classic car events, the London - Lisboa reliability trial and tour, will take place in 2013 between April 27-5 May.

"We are proud to announce the return of the London - Lisboa Classic", said Tomas de Vargas Machuca, Managing Director of H.E.R.O., the Historic Endurance Rallying Organisation, "It will combine a 2,091 mile route through stunning landscapes with challenging tests and will attract some amazing cars from all over the world." He added: "We are planning an unforgettable start from Hyde Park on April 27th and the first leg will take drivers to HMS Victory before they embark to Saint Malo", he added.

Further on in the competition, drivers will be able to stand on the most westerly point of continental Europe before completing the final leg arriving at the finish line in Lisbon.



The event is open to cars made before 31st December 1983 and welcomes competitive drivers as well as less demanding participants with its two categories, the Reliability Trial, with Tulip regularity sections, and Classic Car Tour, led by a tour guide and taking a shorter route, but enjoying all the lunches, dinners and social occasions.

For those without a suitable car, the HERO Arrive and Drive program provides classic cars available for hire. HERO Assist mechanics will also be in attendance on the event to help anyone who encounters mechanical problems. See www.heroevents.eu for details.

Modena Cento Ore - Welcome Return

After an interruption in a popular favourite, the 11th edition of the Modena Cento Ore Classic took place on 22-26 June under a new organiser, Scuderia Tricolore, organisers of the Terre di Canossa regularity event, which takes place in April.

The 1000km route was run over four days and included the circuits of Modena, Misano and Mugello and the most scenic roads of the Apennines across Emilia-Romagna and Tuscany, with wonderful landscapes and challenging special stages in the mountains, such as Colombaia, San Giovanni, Pazzano, Montegelli, Montetiffi, Le Forche and Tirli and visits to historic towns and villages of the region with arrival in the Piazza Grande in Modena.

For its rebirth, the event attracted a small but select group in both Competition and Regularity categories and these were treated to gala dinners, which included a dinner on the panoramic terrace of Monte del Re, in the hills of Bologna, while the Awards Ceremony, presented by Savina Confaloni, took place on Tuesday 26th in the new Museum Enzo Ferrari in Modena, followed by a Jazz Concert that attracted 500 guests to raise funds for the recent Modena earthquake victims. The dinner featured some of the best chefs in Modena, including the Michelin-three-starred Massimo Bottura.

Pierangelo Masselli and Paola Valmassoi took overall competition section honours with their Ferrari 308 GTB GR4, with second place going to Franz Wunderlich and Klaus Peter Kristek in a Porsche 911 2.3 ST, followed by Clive Joy and Alistair Konig with a Porsche 2.7 RSL. Fourth overall and first of the Period F cars up to 1965, which were running for their own category, were Thomas Studer and Patrick Wäspe driving a Ford Shelby GT 350. Masselli won a Tag Heuer watch, while Studer won a free entry for next year's event. American Douglas Allen, with David Mountford, took the formers Ford Falcon to second place in period F ahead of the Italian crew of Francesco Ferretti and Emanuele Filini in a little Giulietta Spider Veloce.

Luca and Andrea Bortolotti won the Regularity event in a Porsche Targa 2.4S, followed by the French domiciled British crew and regularity specialists, Bob and Anne Linwood, driving a Porsche 2.2S "Grundtyp".

Organisers are already planning next year's event, which they plan to run annually in the future.



Above: Sally and Dudley Mason-Styrron, always regulars were back for the re-launched event, in their 246 Ferrari

Below: Italian victory: Pierangelo Masselli and Paola Valmassoi finished in the overall results three minutes ahead of the second-place Porsche of Germans Franz Wunderlich and Klaus-Peter Kristek

