

Rally News

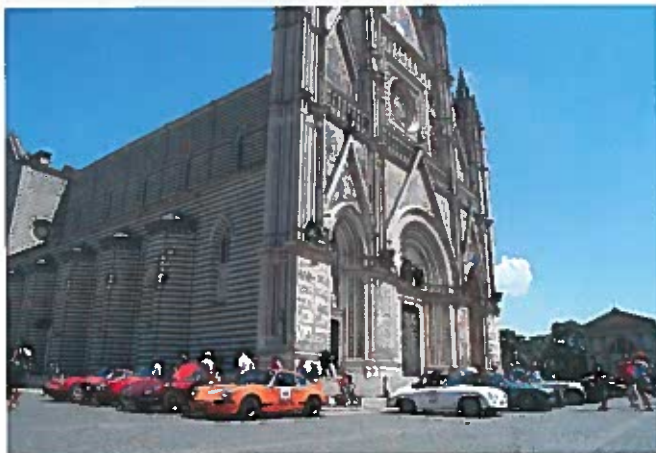
Henri Toivonen to be honoured at Race Retro



Along with race organisers, parts and accessory suppliers, motor clubs, artists and more, Race Retro also has an extremely strong rally element and this year will be no exception. Finnish rally driver Henri Toivonen who sadly lost his life along with co-driver Sergio Cresto, in a Lancia Delta S4 on 2 May 1986, will be remembered at the 26-28 February show. A display of ex-Toivonen cars is being put together by Peter Clarke, the team principal of PCA Motorsports, for whom Toivonen drove in the 1979 Lombard Rally, including the original Ford Escort RS1800 (MK2) he drove before retiring with clutch problems on Stage 30. There will also be examples of the Talbot Sunbeam that he took to victory in the 1980 Lombard, as well as the Rothmans Opel Ascona (B) he successfully campaigned during 1982-3 season. Toivonen's co-drivers Phil Boland and Paul White and his brother Harri Toivonen have been invited to help celebrate his life.

Race Retro, the international historic motorsport show, will be held at its traditional home of Stoneleigh Park, in Warwickshire near Coventry, where an outdoor rally stage, interviews with rally stars past and present and rally displays are all part of the varied show. See www.raceretro.com.

Cento Ore 2016 - Coast to Coast



The 2016 Modena Cento Ore will feature a coast-to-coast route with three circuit races, at Misano, Imola and Mugello, and a dozen special stages, in four days. The route goes from Rimini to Florence and Forte dei Marmi, to the traditional finish in Modena, with fine hotels, lunches and dinners in unique locations. A very popular event, limited to just 80 cars so the atmosphere remains intimate, places for both regularity and competition cars fill up early. Dates are 7-12 June. Go to www.modenacentooreclassic.it for an entry form.

Cap Corse Historic

Two days in late February: 408kms of which over half are run as special stages over the sinuous and empty (at this time of year) roads of Cap Corse. This is the short recipe for a new project proposed by the team that brings you the Tour de Corse Historique each October. Yves Loubet is asking for those interested to contact him directly on +33 (0)6 12 35 91 99.



Rallye du Maroc Historique

The 7th running of this stage rally will be more compact than last year, starting in Rabat, with legs ending in Ifrane, Bin el Ouidane, where the rally will stop for two nights, Essaouira, Sidi Kaouki with a finish at Paradise Plage in Agadir. Typically there will be four specials for each leg totalling about 100kms of stages per day, for a rally that will be "Just as magnificent, but also very different". Open to cars built up to 1985 (with some special exceptions of historical interest) last year's winner was Bernard Munster in a Porsche 911, but there was great variety in the top ten, with George de Mevius taking second place in a Nissan ahead of a Peugeot, a Datsun and a Ford Escort. Cars from Period F and H1 (1962 to 1971) may have modifications limited to a list published by the organisers and including things like replacing the material for doors and bonnets, cockpit ventilation, additional oil radiators, etc. This event regularly attracts a who's who of famous rally drivers, navigators and team managers from different eras, as well as talented amateurs. It is a real step back in time, well organised, highly competitive, and runs through breathtaking landscapes. 2016 dates are 9-14 May.

Entry forms are now available on the web site (www.rallyedumaroc-historique.com) along with technical and other information – as well as organiser Yves Loubet's rally notes.

