

MODENA CENTO ORE

7th-12th June 2016 MODENA CENTO ORE: standing ovation

A very special edition has just ended, a 'Coast to Coast' that crossed Italy from east to west, from the Adriatic to the Tyrrhenian Sea, featuring circuit races and special stages on closed roads.

The British, Belgian and German national anthems were played in Piazza Grande as Modena Cento Ore 2016 crowned **crew No. 1 Walker-Redhouse** in a 1962 Jaguar E-Type the **winner in the competition section for cars built until 1965** for the third consecutive year. **Crew No. 58, Van Riet-Cartenian** in a 1974 Porsche 911 Carrera 3.0 RS, **with first place** among cars from **periods G/H/I**. First place in the **Index of Performance classification** went to **crew No. 41 Otten-Billesfeld**, in a 1939 BMW 328 Roadster. **Crew No. 75, Maes-Pyck** in a 1970 Porsche 914/6, were the winners of the **regularity section**.

German team **Carolus Magnus** from Aachen prevailed in the **teams classification**.

The **Ladies' Cup** for the competition section went to **crew No.27 Ellerbock-Rohwer**, in a 1965 Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint GTA, while **No. 72 Van Roosbroeck-Peeters** won the regularity section with a 1963 Jaguar E-Type conv.

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The 2016 edition was a very special one: **Scuderia Tricolore** from Reggio Emilia planned a unique and spectacular 'coast to coast' route featuring locations in Emilia Romagna and Toscana. The crews travelled from the Adriatic to the Tyrrhenian Sea, facing each other in the most challenging racetracks in Italy and on the toughest mountain roads of the Apennines.

The race took place from June 7th to 12th, with 90 crews from all over the world and their wonderful classic cars. Vehicles from all periods and many collector's items, for a total value of over 100 million euros.

Six intense days, four of which were spent driving, 1,300 km on evocative panoramic roads starting from **Rimini** and finishing in **Modena**, with stops in **Firenze** and **Forte dei Marmi**.

This year's Modena Cento Ore was quite tough. The Competition section featured **22 time controls**, 17 passage controls, **12 special stages** on closed mountain roads and **3 spectacular races** with **starting grids** in the famous **racetracks** of **Imola, Misano** and **Mugello**.

The Regularity section followed the same route as the Competition, with 12 average speed trials held on the same closed roads as the special stages and several laps at the 3 racetracks.

The crews of this special edition came from all over the world: the United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland, France, Belgium, the United States and many more. Among the participants



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were celebrities such as acclaimed driver Jürgen Barth, whose achievements include winning the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1977.

The route and its legs: a day-by-day report

Scrutineering and opening evening in Rimini

The 2016 edition of this prestigious event – which boasts a nomination to the International Historic Motoring Awards, the ‘Academy Awards’ of classic motoring – welcomed its participants with an evocative aperitif on the beach of the Grand Hotel, which Federico Fellini made famous with his movie ‘Amarcord’.

Luigi Orlandini, President of Scuderia Tricolore, founder of Canossa Events and organiser, explained the characteristics of this edition to the drivers while the public admired the cars exhibited in the Federico Fellini Park.

The competitors arrived promptly and listened closely. The briefing went over the programme and various details about the highlights of the race, its schedule and the scenarios that awaited the 90 competing cars, which had been selected among the many application requests. After the 30-minute presentation, the participants moved to the terrace of the Grand Hotel for the opening dinner in the dreamy atmosphere offered by the vast Italian garden.



Leg 1: Imola Racetrack and Romagna

The first ‘coast to coast’ edition of Modena Cento Ore started officially on Wednesday, June 8th with the circuit race at the ‘Enzo e Dino Ferrari’ racetrack. The cars were lined up at the starting grid as in F1 races.

Adrenaline and close fights in the competition section, followed by the timed trials of the regularity section, in a famous racetrack were cars drive counter clockwise.

The event continued with two special stages: Sambuca, on the ‘prince’ of the passes of Mugello, and Brisighella, each repeated once – before and after the lunch in the centre of Palazzuolo sul Senio. In the afternoon, a sudden change in weather challenged the wet driving skills of the competitors.

First leg ended in Rimini, where the cars remained on display in Piazza Cavour and Piazza Tre Martiri.

Leg 2: Misano racetrack and the road to Firenze

The race resumed on Thursday, June 9th with the meeting of the crews at the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli. Once again, the racetrack didn’t let down those in search of excitement. A decidedly unique and tense atmosphere lingered in the paddock. The 10 right and 5 left turns spread over about 4,000 metres challenged the drivers until the end...this is racing, this is Modena Cento Ore.

Afterwards, a passage control in the evocative San Marino, which captivated the participants, then the crews reached the starting point of the first special stage of the morning at the Spino Pass. A famous regularity hill climb, tough and demanding.

Lunch was held at the Sanctuary of Chiusi della Vernia, an old Franciscan monastery where the competitors – mostly foreigners – admired the place and enjoyed the calm atmosphere before the last special stage of the leg.

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Croce ai Mori offered the drivers a succession of climbs and slopes that really tested their cars, and the undoubted protagonists of this challenge to the last hundredth of a second. The route of this leg, which also went through the Foreste Casentinesi National Park and the Consuma Pass, was a triumph of green and incredible landscapes: the crews had fun on the hillsides, under the vigilant eye of the Polizia Stradale, and then reached Piazza Ognissanti in the heart of Firenze, where their cars remained on display until the following day.

Now it was time to get ready for the gala soirée. The event took place inside Palazzo Vecchio, in the amazing setting provided by Piazza della Signoria – two locations that have been veritable icons of Firenze since the 13th century. The elegantly dressed participants were lead through the Michelozzo Courtyard to the Pope's quarters, and then to the vast Salone dei Cinquecento ('Hall of the Five Hundred'), in a magical atmosphere. These landmarks and their history are the pride of the 'Bel Paese', and also parts of a unique and peerless experience that attracts crews from all over the world every year: the Modena Cento Ore.

Scuderia Tricolore's President Luigi Orlandini presented the authorities, accompanied by the notes of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, and then introduced the video of the first two legs. This footage moved even the very protagonists of the race. Their eyes captivated by the beauty that surrounded them, the guests were very thankful for the wonderful opportunity to enjoy this celebration of the Italian Renaissance.



Leg 3: Mugello Racetrack and Garfagnana

The third leg started on Friday, June 10th at the Mugello Racetrack, and the 'coast to coast' journey of the Modena Cento Ore was completed with the arrival in Versilia.

The cars revved their engines in Piazza Ognissanti before reaching the track, which spreads over 5,000 metres among the gentle slopes of the Tuscan hills.

After lining up at the starting grid, the competitors faced the 15 different turns with sportsmanship, but also quite competitively. After the over 1 kilometre-long uphill straight – one of the highlights of this racetrack – comes the first turn, where it's important to brake as late as possible, then steep slope variations and fast, blind and tough turns.

Still excited by the race, the participants reached the lunch location at the Ciocco Resort & Spa, a fascinating complex located inside a 600 hectares-wide park. Afterwards, Garfagnana's three special stages: Tereglio, Renaio and Tereglio 2. These winding and technical stages were part of the Rally del Ciocco, a former Italian Championship race, making this a tribute by the Cento Ore to the Tuscan rallying tradition.

The cars arrived just before sunset in Piazza del Duomo in Pietrasanta, a city that has always attracted artists from all over the world, and then the leg ended with the time control in Piazza Marconi in Forte dei Marmi, the 'queen' of the Versilia.

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Each arrival offered a new scenery, another precious memory to bring back home. A sunset with the unmistakable Versilian colours welcomed the crews to the **Beach Party** on the most glamour seaside resort of Forte dei Marmi, the Bambaissa.

Leg 4: Apuan Alps, Apennines and the arrival in Modena

The competitors, still delighted from the great evening in Forte dei Marmi, left the town for the fourth and last leg on Saturday, June 11th. As usual, the start was paced to one car per minute for the competition section, and two cars for the regularity. This parade of beautiful and fast 'old ladies' started the final race for the podium. The route wound through the Apuan Alps and, after the special stages of Careggine and Massa-Sassorosso, reached the Radici Pass. Given the wintry weather, the crews warmed up in front of the fireplace and enjoyed a typical mountain lunch at the Casone di Profecchia.

The final and longest special stage took place in the afternoon. The setting of this very technical stage was the Castle of Carpineti, with 12 kilometres of narrow and steep roads surrounded by the 'calanchi' (badlands). After this last challenge, the 'Amici dei Motori' reserved a warm welcome in Carpineti for the participants, with people wearing traditional costumes and enjoying refreshments featuring local products.

As always, the race reached its conclusion in Modena with the arrival in Piazza Grande, where the public admired the splendid cars accompanied by the voice of Savina Confaloni. The famous host presented both vehicles and drivers, who were eagerly awaiting the final results. The podium ceremony and the champagne shower excited everybody, while the competitors congratulated the winners in a great display of sportsmanship. However, the challenge for 2017 is already on!

The event ended with the final evening and the awards ceremony at the Museo Enzo Ferrari, one of the most evocative locations in Modena, the birthplace of great car makers and of the Modena Cento Ore itself.



Once again, **the numbers of the Modena Cento Ore** are truly record-breaking:

- **90 cars**, a limit imposed by the Organiser to keep the event exclusive, in spite of the 200 applications with a total value of over **€ 100 million**.
- **18 countries** represented by **180** participants coming from all over the world: United Kingdom, Switzerland, Germany, France and other European countries, but also United States, Hong Kong, China...
- **Vehicles from 16 different car makers**, with a balance between Italian (Ferrari and Alfa Romeo), British (Jaguar, Cobra, Lotus...) and German (Porsche and BMW) brands.
- **12 special stages** on closed roads, **3 circuit races**, 25 time checks, leg arrivals in 4 different cities
- A route of about **1,300 km**, spread over **4 days**

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Over **600 people involved** in various ways in the event amongst organisation, staff, rally officers, timekeepers, police officers, photographers etc.

The conscientious choices of Modena Cento Ore

The traditional collaboration with the Panathlon Club of Modena was confirmed: as usual, Scuderia Tricolore will make a donation to support sports projects for disabled children. In addition to this, the organisers' care for the environment has not changed, with the adoption of the CarbonZero protocol, which will completely offset the CO2 emissions by planting new trees in the Tosco-Emilian Apennines. Modena Cento Ore is the only 'zero-emission' event in this sector.

Thanks

Heartfelt thanks from the organisation to everyone who contributed to the success of this event: first of all to the competitors, whose enthusiasm made the 2016 edition of Modena Cento Ore such a unique experience.

We also wish to give our thanks to the authorities of the Comuni and the Provinces crossed by the race, to the Rally Officers of the Automobile Club of Italy, to the agents of the Polizia Stradale, to all the collaborators and the volunteers without whose support all of this would not have been possible.



The uniqueness of Modena Cento Ore is also the result of the involvement of our excellent partners, such as Porsche and RM-Sotheby's, leading auction house in the classic cars business, who have been at our side for years. Furthermore, other new brands have joined as supporters of the Cento Ore: Straight Eight Logistics, Cuervo y Sobrinos, Blackfin and Tenuta Setteponti.

You can **watch the ufficiale video of Modena Cento Ore 2016** at the following link:

<http://www.modenacentooreclassic.it/>

It is possible to download a **selection of pictures** at the following links:

- Pictures of the Winners: <https://we.tl/muijuYGRrF>
- Pictures of leg 4 and awards ceremony - June 11th: <https://we.tl/k1c77OGtoZ>
- Pictures of leg 3 - June 10th: <https://we.tl/aH5CzhYNYp>
- Pictures of leg 2 - June 9th: <https://we.tl/dLyezUa7v5>
- Pictures of leg 1 - June 8th: <https://we.tl/hCmloaHY3N>
- Pictures of the scrutineering - June 7th: <https://we.tl/LuUza2DdNL>
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