

# MONTE NEWS FLASH



## NEW UK START

## LONDON START FOR RALLYE MONTE CARLO HISTORIQUE 2023

We have replaced the June edition of Classic Updates with a Monte News Flash so that we can bring you the latest news from the Automobile Club de Monaco. A couple of weeks ago I had a meeting with the Historique Commission team at ACM over lunch at the Club. It was a very good meeting and an excellent lunch. This was the first meeting with the team for over two years due to the pandemic.



From left to right: Christophe Allgeyer, Claude Plasseraud, Gery Mestre, Douglas Anderson, June Anderson, Patricia Beasley.

We discussed the arrangements for next year at some length and decided that London will be the UK Start of the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique. The last time London was a starting point was 1969. For 2023 the London start will be at Brooklands, the home of British Motorsport, on the evening of Wednesday 25 January. Planning for the event is now underway and it promises to be something very special.

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## RALLYE MONTE CARLO CLASSIQUE COMES OF AGE



1954 Derby Bentley 3 ½ litre on the finish ramp in Monaco at the end of the first Rallye Monte Carlo Classique from John O’Groats. The crew R J van Rheen and W Stolk from the Netherlands wore their kilts all the way. Also in the photograph is ACM official Claude Plasseraud

At my meeting with ACM we also discussed, in some detail, the future of the Rallye Monte Carlo Classique. You may remember that the first Classique left from John O’Groats and it was basically a touring event. Over the years it has evolved and last year some of the stages in the Historique were introduced into the Classique, but without the timing. It was felt that now was the time for the Classique to become a full part of the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique. The Classique has now come of age. It will be incorporated into an appropriate age related class in the Regulations for the Historique. It will have its own award. ACM are keen to encourage pre-war cars, as well as early 1950’s cars. It was a big decision but I think the right one.

The format of the Rallye Monte Carlo Classique – a challenging winter touring event run in parallel with the Historique - is expected to continue but will be reserved for important historical occasions in Monte history. For example, we discussed the possibility of running an event to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first John O’Groats start. It will be something special to look forward to for those of you who enjoy challenging touring events.