



Our Club is proud and very excited to have two competing A40 crews in the rally and we wish them every success!

### LONDON START FOR THE RALLYE MONTE CARLO HISTORIQUE 2023

*Dear editor*, here's 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. This was the first time we'd meet with the team for over two years due to the pandemic and we discussed the arrangements for next year at some length, deciding that LONDON will be the UK Start of the *Rallye Monte Carlo Historique*. (The last time London was a starting point was in 1969.)

**FOR 2023 THE LONDON START WILL BE AT BROOKLANDS, THE HOME OF BRITISH MOTORSPORT, ON THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY.**

Planning for the event is now underway and it promises to be something very special. At the same meeting 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 100th 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.

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**Dear Farina friends!** With a bit of luck we should manage to bring our dear Farina to yet another finish in Monte Carlo in a few weeks time – the car's **SIXTH Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique!**

Since last time we have had the tank capacity increased and also the



filling system improved for more easy refuelling. Less time wasted and less freezing for us! Hereto some more practical improvements were made including rebuilding the roll cage slightly and we're now able to wind the windows both up *and* down! Great!

During the last two days in Monte22 we lost torque and had to use first gear in all hairpins!

The problem turned out to be a beaten-up cam as well as the engine top close to being blown. The engine now has a new top and also a new cam giving us a better torque at low revs!!

Following Ivar's slogan from Peking-Paris in 1997 in a Morgan Plus 8, "**No guts, no glory!**" it's fingers crossed so please follow us on <https://acm.mc/en/rmch-2023-284-au-depart/> Will keep you posted and we're now going for an **unbeatable record** and a **top fifty overall result!**

Kind regards, **Ivar** (m/n 3944) & **Bjarne**, 1440, Drøbak, Norway

### Rallye Côte de Tay 30th October 2022

New Club member **Fraser Hendrie** and his father **Barrie** enjoyed the run along the side of Loch Tay, following a route through Aberfeldy, Kenmore, Killin and many of the well-known Perthshire villages. This, in preparation for their plans to enter the **Rallye Monte Carlo Historique 2023!**

They were in good company: a superb variety of cars from the 1930 Aston Martin International of Roger Martin, the beautifully prepared 1959 Porsche 356A owned by Simon Whitley, to the cars which used to be plentiful, but are now much rarer, such as Fraser's immaculate A40 and the Johnstone's



famous *Monte Carlo* Mini Cooper 'S', complete with *Monte* rally plate.

Club members and ex-Monte combatants **Chris Mockridge** and **John Varney** have very generously offered to provide their comprehensive information to these two fledglings so they will gain as much benefit as they can from their exciting venture into world class rallying. **Thank you, gentlemen, and good luck to both crews!**

