

## MONTE NEWS FLASH

September 2019

### THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT : 12 SEPTEMBER

MAKE  
**GLASGOW**  
YOUR START TOWN

For a warm Scottish Welcome,  
Civic Reception, Gala Dinner  
and a fantastic send off.

One night free accommodation.  
Compete for unique awards  
for Historique and Classique

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As we announced in the last Monte News Flash, the 2020 Monte Start is returning to the Centre of Glasgow to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> running of the return of the Rallye to Scotland in 2011. We are working hard on sorting out all the things that need to be in place to ensure a successful Start for example road closures, safety plans risk assessments, etc, etc. We are hoping to have a Classic Car Show and some entertainment, so there will be lots to amuse the crowds before the 7pm Start on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Keep an eye on the website, social media for the Big Announcement.

### THE GOLDEN DAYS OF RALLYING

We have already had enquiries from enthusiasts keen to enter the Classique including, an Austin A40 crewed by two brothers, in their late father's car which took part in the Monte a number of years ago. Marc Hanson will once again be at the Start in his MG YB. He will be joined in the navigator's seat by a friend who is flying in from Australia. Another family crew from Paisley – this time a father and son- are planning to enter in a Wolseley 1500. The most unusual car that we know of so far is a Daimler Majestic.

## British Trio To Re-enact 1955 Monte Carlo Rally

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“ Sixty five years ago, on the famous Rally Monte Carlo, Nancy Mitchell and Lola Grounds, competing against three hundred and nineteen other, mostly male crews, finished 17th overall and runners-up in the coveted Coupe des Dames category, driving a car supplied by the Daimler Motor Company: Next January Robert Grounds, son of Lola, will be part of a three man team attempting to re-enact history by entering a similar car in the Rally Monte Carlo ‘Classic’, starting from Glasgow and finishing on the Mediterranean coast-line some five days later. Although more relaxed, the crew will still need to follow the correct 1600km route and remain within the official time schedule. The Daimler Conquest has been prepared by experienced rally driver, Peter Baker, while acting, as chief navigator will be ex-RAF pilot and journalist, Guy Loveridge. Cars taking part in this exciting event will gather in Glasgow city centre during lunchtime on Wednesday 29 January, and begin leaving at one-minute intervals as from 19.00hrs precisely. Their progress will be frequently updated via social media, with a full report recording their adventures and eventual arrival in Monte Carlo scheduled to appear in March 2020.”

Press release courtesy of Peter Baker

## WELCOME RETURN TO THE MONTE



After a year off, David Glen and co-driver Andrew Sturgess have entered David's magnificent Ford Escort RS 2000 in the 2020 Rallye Monte Carlo Historique. It is currently being prepared for the event and we look forward to seeing them taking their rightful place on the Start Ramp in Glasgow.

## BACK TO GTG FOR SCRUTINEERING



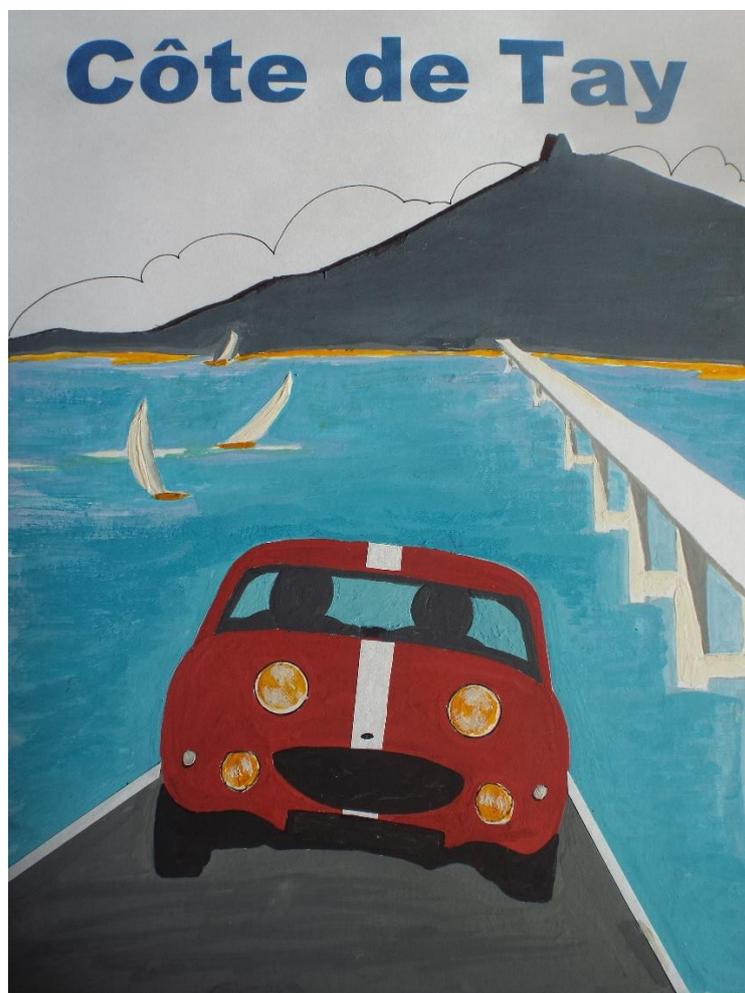
We would like to thank Brian Telfer, our regular Start Commentator, for securing the fantastic facilities at GTG, Glasgow as our Scrutineering venue. The folk at GTG always give the Monte a warm welcome and could not be more helpful. It is well-equipped, friendly

and the food is great. We are all delighted to be returning after a year away.

## WORKING HOLIDAY



While on holiday, June and I will be checking out some of the Alpine roads from Valence to Monte Carlo which the Classiques could use on their route to Monaco. Oliver Tomlins has prepared a couple of optional routes taking in many of the traditional Rallye stages and famous Cols. We are looking forward to yet another adventure!



**SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2019**

Regulations and Entry Form now available at [www.monte.scot](http://www.monte.scot)

## Dates for your diary

- 26 October 2019** Côte de Tay. This event will circumnavigate the River Tay, starting and finish at Bridge of Earn, taking in rally routes from the 1960's. Regs and entry form will be posted on the ERDC tab of the [www.monte.scot](http://www.monte.scot) website nearer the time.
- 1 November 2019** Monte 2020 Get Together. An informal get together for all Historique and Classique crews, and anyone else who is interested in the Monte. It will be held as usual at Harry's Bar, Glynhill Hotel, Renfrew.
- 15 November 2019** Rally School 1. Designed principally for new crews to give an introduction to the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique and Classique including navigation, timing, route and what to expect. Experienced participants will be on hand to share their experiences.
- 6 December 2019** Rally School 2. A follow up meeting with an opportunity to ask all the questions that you have thought of since Rally School 1.
- 11 January 2020** Col de Ruisg. A 'shake down' event to try out your car before the big day. It is designed to be a 2 hour 'Mini Monte'. Starting and finishing at the Loch Lomond Arms Hotel, Luss
- 28 January 2020** John O'Groats Monte Heritage Run. This event was so successful in 2019, that we have decided to run it again. Overnight halt in Aberdeen, then on to the Start.
- 28 January 2020** Pre-Monte Dinner. The 2020 dinner will be held in the Monte Carlo Suite of the Blythswood Square Hotel, Glasgow, the former home of the RSAC.
- 29 January 2020** Monte Heritage Run – Aberdeen to Start
- 29 January 2020** Monte Heritage Run – Start to Luss
- 29 January 2020** Monte Heritage Run – Start to Stirling
- 29 January 2020** Monte Heritage Run – Start to Dumfries
- 29 January 2020** Scottish Start of the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique and Rallye Monte Carlo Classique.
- 30 March 2020** Post Monte Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Blythswood Square Hotel, Glasgow.

**Please note that the Three Hills and The Rest Auto Heritage Tour has been postponed until next year.**

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