

PHOTOSHOOT CITY CHAMBERS GLASGOW

On the coldest day of the year so far we had the first of the Monte photoshoots. Centre Stage was Geoff Marr's 1966 Mini Cooper S which is a replica of Paddy Hopkirk's 1967 Monte Mini. It looked magnificent and certainly attracted a great deal of attention from the Official Press photographers and the public. Owen Ferry brought along his Volvo Amazon which successfully completed the 2019 Rallye Monte Carlo Classique and I drove my MG Midget through from Dundee, setting off at 6.30 and spending a good 10 minutes de-icing it before we set off. I think you will agree that the cars set off the Chambers pretty well.

VINTAGE YEAR FOR CLASSIQUES



In terms of variety and uniqueness the 2020 Monte has all the ingredients to make it a vintage year for the Classique. The photograph above is of the very rare Fiat 2300 s Coupe which has been entered by Doug and Ruth Martin. These magnificent cars were rallied in the 1960's and it will be great to see one on the Start Ramp. Some of the other entries include a once common, but now rare, Austin A40 Farina, crewed by brothers, Colin and Richard Levin, and a Daimler Conquest, which was rare even in 1954 when it was built. It has plenty of room for the three-person crew of Peter Baker, Robert Grounds and Guy Loveridge. They will be travelling to Monte Carlo in luxury.



ADO COUPE LAUNCH

As many of you will know I have been working on designing and building my interpretation of the Midget that might have been. I ended up doing two cars – firstly an aluminium bodied Midget with a unique rear suspension. When it was finished I changed my mind about the shape and decided to make a second car incorporating some new ideas. This car is now finished and in the paint shop. It will be launched in Dundee on Saturday 14 December. There is limited space available at the launch venue, but if you are interested in a ticket, please get in touch.

Launch of ADO coupé



You are invited to the launch of the ADO coupé on Saturday 14 December 2019 at 7pm. The event is being hosted by the Ecosse Rallye Drivers Club and will take place at Dock Street Studios, 9/10 Dock Street, Dundee DD2 4BT.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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FINAL RALLY SCHOOL BLYTHSWOOD SQUARE HOTEL GLASGOW

6 DECEMBER 2019



The last of the very successful rally schools will be held at the Blythswood Square Hotel, Glasgow at 6pm in the upstairs salon.

The first rally school (car and crew preparation) was run by Jim Wilson and Craig McGibbon and I would like to thank them on behalf of those who attended for their very thorough and useful input.

The second rally school (maps and route preparation) was led by Oliver Tomlins, Jim Watson and John Roberts. This was also very well received particularly by the newcomers to the Rallye. I would like to thank them also for their valuable input.

Oliver and John will be at the final rally school and will cover the same ground for those who couldn't make the second rally school. Experienced Monte crews will also be on hand to answer any questions.

MONTE HERITAGE RUNS 2020

Entries are coming in quickly for the Monte Heritage Runs 2020. To date more than half of the places have already been filled so if you wish to enter, you should get your form in asap. More information on the www.monte.scot website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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- 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.
- 28 March 2020** Post Monte Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Blythswood Square Hotel, Glasgow.



Struthers and Shannon setting out on the 2019 Col de Ruisg.

Douglas Anderson