

## MONTE NEWS FLASH

October 2019

### MONTE START MAKES THE NEWS



The press announcement that George Square will be the Start venue for the 2020 Rallye Monte Carlo Historique and Classique was widely covered in the Press and Social Media. Here is what Alan Douglas, the Monte press officer wrote for the national newspapers.

*'For the third time, Glasgow will once again be the UK starting point for the historic Monte Carlo classic rally, the tenth since it returned to Scotland.*

*On the evening of January 29<sup>th</sup> next year, the competing crews will set off from the start ramp in front of Glasgow City Chambers in George Square for the epic 1300-mile drive to the south of France.*

*The city is the only British start point out of seven European cities including Athens, Milan and Barcelona. In recent years, Glasgow, Paisley and Clydebank have featured as the only UK start locations.*

*The start is being supported by Glasgow Life, the charity that delivers cultural, sporting and learning activities on behalf of Glasgow City Council.*

Cars and crews will compete in three separate categories:

*The Historique class is being run for the 23rd year and is restricted to car models which competed in the Monte Carlo Rallies between 1955 and 1980. It will run over eight days on open public roads with the cars and crews undertaking a series of fourteen demanding test stages in the mountains of southern France.*

*The Classique event is for older cars from as early as 1911 to 1965 and follows the same route to Monte Carlo but does not include any test stages, the goal simply being to finish in Monte Carlo after checking in at a series of control points on the way.*

*Once again the event also features the popular Monte Heritage Runs which will link with the full-scale events and will take in a series of short classic routes in Scotland including starts from John O' Groats and Aberdeen.*

*Before the cars set off at 7pm there will be a classic car show in George Square during the afternoon along with entertainment for spectators who'll enjoy the unique atmosphere of a Monte Start and give the competitors a rousing Scottish send-off.*

*Billy Garrett, Director of Sport and Events for Glasgow Life said: "The start of the Monte Carlo Rally will draw huge and knowledgeable crowds to George Square to see the classic cars setting off in 2020. The vehicles taking part will give spectators the chance to see some of the best known and loved cars of yesteryear in action as the crews start their historic journey to Monte Carlo."*

*Douglas Anderson, the man who brought the Monte start back to Scotland in 2011 and has organised every start since said: "'The Monte competitors will be thrilled to be leaving from Glasgow, one of Europe's great cities. The people of Glasgow are sure to make their send off from George Square an occasion never to be forgotten. The Monte belongs to Glasgow".'*

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## CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

The closing date for entries for the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique and Rallye Monte Carlo Classique is 4 November 2019.

You have less than 4 weeks to get your entry form completed and sent off to the Automobile Club de Monaco.

If you need any help with your entry give me a call or email me at

[dglanderson1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dglanderson1@yahoo.co.uk).

## MONTE CLASSIQUE RECCE



There is really no substitute for a 'recce'. You can mull over the maps for hours, read up on the area, consult youtube, but to be sure what the roads are really like, there is no better way than driving them in real time. So June and I made it part of our autumn holiday to drive the suggested route from Valence to Monaco. We took the train to Valence then hired a car – an Opel Corsa – and were on our way. The route was challenging and great fun with some magnificent views of the Alps. We arrived at the top of the Col de Turini as it was getting dark. If you have ever been there, you will recognise the hotel in the photograph, 'Hôtel des Trois Vallées'. The drive down to Sospel and on to our hotel in Menton in the dark was very exciting. We then had a week to recover before coming home in luxury on the TGV and Eurostar!

Just checking the roadbook in Valence!



## MEETING AT AUTOMOBILE CLUB DE MONACO

We had a very successful meeting with the ACM officials at the Automobile Club de Monaco. We brought them up to date with the latest news of the 2020 Start venue and the work that the team are already putting in to make the Glasgow Start the great success that it has become over the past ten years. They are very pleased with the response to the Classique and the way it has developed since it started. We are now greeted like old friends when we meet them and have developed a great working relationship with the team at ACM.



From left to right: Douglas Anderson; Christophe Allgeyer (ACM Deputy General Commissioner); June Anderson; Patricia Merlino Beasley (ACM co-ordinator of the Event); Gery Mestre (President of the Historic Cars Commission ACM).

### REMINDER

**MONTE 2020 GET TOGETHER 1 NOVEMBER 2019**

**HARRY'S BAR, GLYNHILL HOTEL, RENFREW FROM 6PM ONWARDS**



**SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2019**

Regulations and Entry Form now available at

[www.monte.scot](http://www.monte.scot)

**Only two weeks left to get your entry in**

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

Douglas Anderson