

## MONTE NEWS FLASH

April 2019

### END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS

The Post Monte Dinner and Presentation of Awards, held in the Blythswood Square Hotel, on Saturday 23 March was a great evening. The Monte Carlo Room was a fitting place to hold our annual celebration and the food was excellent. There was a real buzz about the place, with competitors and organisers sharing experiences and tales – some of them very tall tales indeed!

Jonathan Lord started off the proceedings welcoming everyone to what had been the Royal Scottish Automobile Club and his workplace for many years. It was very interesting to hear what it was like in the heyday of the Monte Carlo Rally when the staff often had to stay overnight to be ready for the Rally Start, which was sometimes in the middle of the night.

Douglas Anderson spoke about how successful the 2019 Rallye had been and thanked all the Monte Start Committee and volunteers from motorsport clubs throughout Scotland who made it all possible. He hinted at something special for next year, 2020, which will be the tenth anniversary of the return of the Monte to Scotland.



Willie Bennie and Geoff Marr from Stirling and District Classic Car club received The Stirling Prize, a framed poster, as a thank you for the support which the club continues to give the Heritage Runs by hosting the finish of the Stirling Run.



Roger and William Twelvetrees were awarded Gold Medals and the Hon Victor Bruce Cup as the oldest car in the Rallye Monte Carlo Classique to complete the Concentration Run, visiting all the controls

and then following a 'Monte-style' route on to Monaco in their 1933 Riley 9 Monaco.

Karsten Brown accepted the Thistle Cup, on behalf of himself and Ranald White, as the highest placed oldest car starting the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique from Scotland. They also received the Ecosse Trophy



which is awarded annually to the highest placed Scottish Starter. Not only were they the highest placed Scottish Starter, they were the highest placed UK crew from any of the Start Towns. Many congratulations on a fantastic result in their 1964 Rover 2000.



Others receiving awards were as follows

**Rallye Monte Carlo Classique**

**Silver Medals**

Jim Wilson and Ian Dixon  
Richard Schneider and Noel Schneider  
Chrisso Rheault  
Hugh Miller and Joss Martin

**Gold Medals**

Owen Ferry and Craig McGibbon  
Adrian Twelvetrees and William Twelvetrees  
Adam Gompertz and Henry Barwell  
John Lomas and Martin Greaves

**Hon Victor Bruce Cup**

Adrian Twelvetrees and William Twelvetrees

**Rallye Monte Carlo Historique**

**Alba Award**

John Lomas and the Blue Diamond Team

**Saltire Cup**

Chris Mockridge and John Varney

**Thistle Cup**

Ranald White and Karsten Brown

**Ecosse Trophy**

Ranald White and Karsten Brown

## Monte 2020

It is never too early to start your preparations for the 2020 Monte and if you don't have a suitable car, there are lots of possibilities out there. For the Historique your car needs to be comfortable, reliable and safe. We all have our favourite classics but to be sure of an entry, you should select a more unusual car – ACM say that there are too many Porsches, Alpines, GTi's etc. Of course if you choose Glasgow as your Start Town, you have an excellent chance of your entry being accepted once the entries open in the summer.

Last month's Monte News Flash featured a very nice SAAB 96 for sale. The owner has been in touch to tell me that it is still for sale and he has reduced the asking price to £6,500. If you are interested here are the contact details.



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