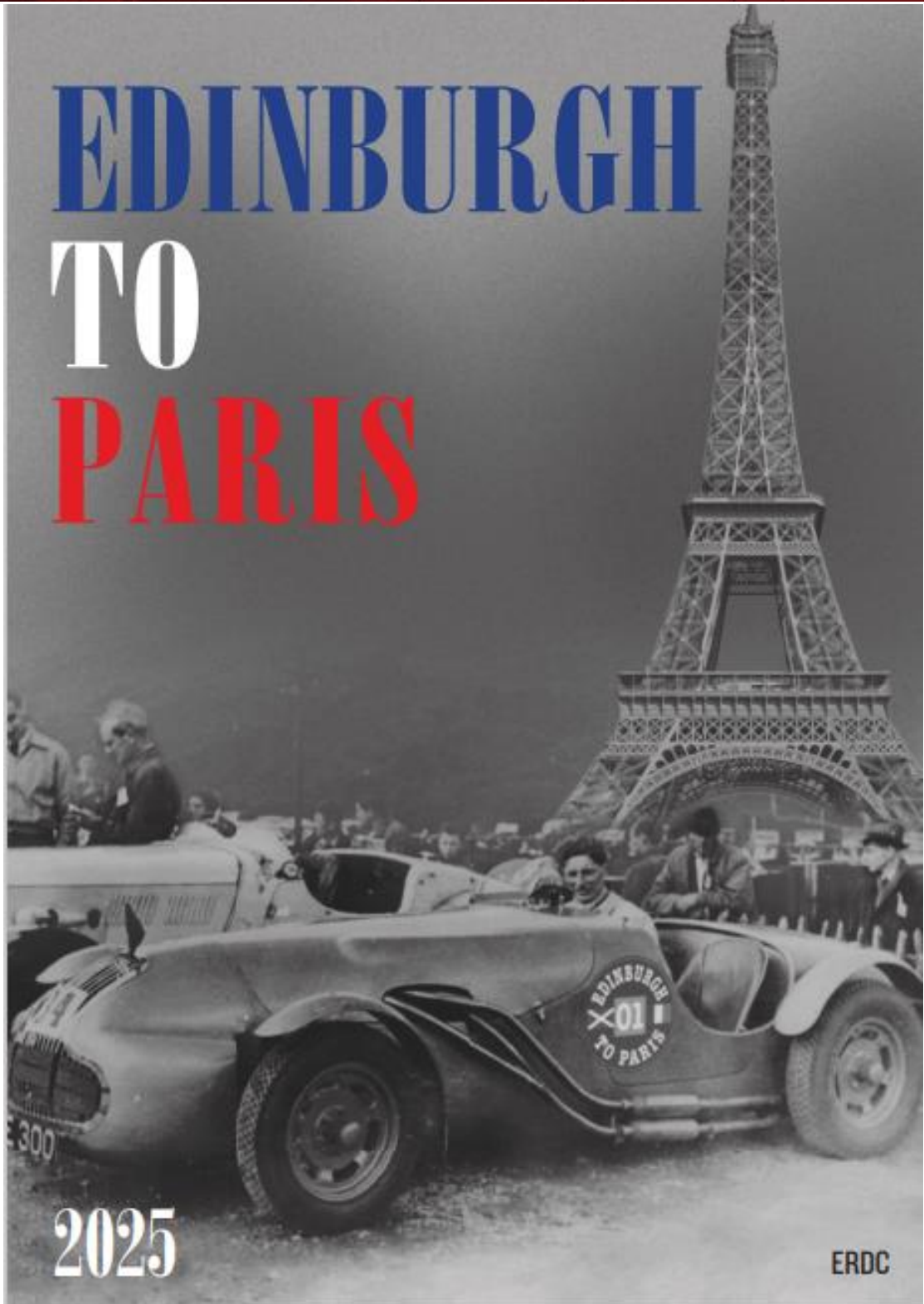


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WELCOME

It has been a hectic two months. We have had a number of visitors to stay, including the family who were here to help us celebrate our Golden Wedding. All of the guests have now gone back home and we are able to get on with the things like the Newsletter. We had a gathering of friends and family at our home and this was one of the photographs taken on the day. We also had a family lunch at a well-known local restaurant for close family including our children, sisters, brothers, their wives/partners and June's remaining cousin. It seemed to spread through the whole month of July. In this month's Newsletter are the usual features plus a poster from the archive. I hadn't realised just how many posters I had created over the years. The one included in this Newsletter is the one from the 90th anniversary of the John O' Groats Monte Carlo Rally Start.





THINKING BACK

Making the body for the ADO has been a major undertaking and YouTube has been invaluable. If you need to learn something new, you can be assured there will be a video on YouTube and it's free. There are always very helpful hints and tips which saved time and effort especially when doing something for the first time. Along with Youtube, specific tools have also been of great value. My glue gun was indispensable for doing detailed work on the ADO body, for example making the bucket moulds for the lights. It took me several attempts to get it right but the good thing about the glue gun is that it is easy to unpick the job and re-do it. It is one of the cheapest tools in the workshop, but one of the most useful. Highly recommended.

LETTER FROM AMERICA

Postscript James Pohl

On the 1300-mile journey back to Barnsley, I reflect on the last week of driving, the last few months of preparation, and 5400 miles of forward motion.

It is not my role, to be the Champion. It is not me, to succeed alone.

I stand on the shoulders of mechanics and farmers, cooks and competitors, officials and fans.

And very kind strangers.

I revel in attention from fans who stay to cheer on the very last car.

I am but a shadow of those who went before me. They provided light for me to follow.

I hold the torch for those who supported me. Proud to glow in warm red light of the Lanterne Rouge.

STAR Dec 2022: 1955 Monte Carlo Rally. “ In 1955 there were at least 19 Sunbeams competing (possibly 26!), there were at least eight starters from Glasgow, six starters from Munich (including the Works Team), three starters from Oslo and one starter from Athens.”

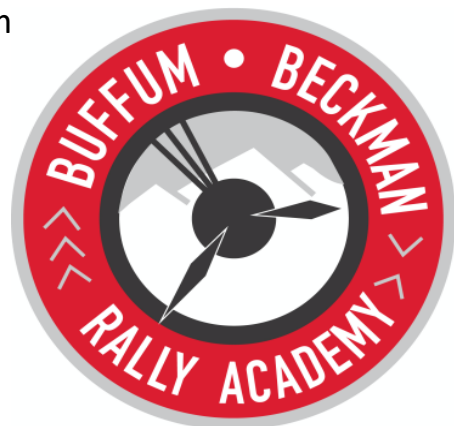
<https://sunbeamtotalpineregister.co.uk/new-photographs-of-the-1955-monte-carlo-rally/>

Everyone who has done the RMCH before told me “you will be back next year”—I told them ‘no, it is one and done.’ They were right. Join me next year!

There is a lot I did not include about this adventure. Feel free to contact me. Jim Pohl JRPohl@me.com +1 415-412-0531

Postscript

The coaching that we received from John Buffum and Ralph Beckman made all the difference in our Monte Experience. I created this Rally Academy logo and patch because we learned so much from them.





Learning from John and Ralph has been an incredible experience. They coached us for countless hours over several months to help us prepare for the Monte. John talked to us every few days and helped us learn how to plan and execute the event. He has been kind and gave invaluable advising to Joyce on how to succeed as navigator on an intense rally. Joyce was happy to have the opportunity to sit beside him at the Gala.

During the Monte, John was recognized at many stops, and people sought his autograph and posed for pictures with him. One gentleman in Valence approached John with magazine stories and pictures of John driving in a rally - this gentleman now owns one of John's rally cars. He asked John to autograph the pictures.

Joyce asked Ralph Beckman about his prior Monte experience. In addition to his 2nd and 3rd place overall finishes, which I mentioned earlier, four other attempts were thwarted by a blown engine (2000), starter jam while leading on final day (2001), snow storm that blocked the route (2003), and electrical failure (2019). We have come to realize that the Monte is a gruelling race and can take out the best of them! In addition, Ralph shared this exciting movie of his 1967 Plymouth Barracuda in "1968 Shell 4000 Rally, Is This The Road To Halifax?" It's a thrill to listen to Ralph navigate and watch his large American muscle car tackle 4000 miles of harsh Canadian terrain (the video starts with bucking broncos in Calgary, so don't immediately assume that I attached the wrong movie): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-uqhn8awm0&t=19s&pp=2AETkAIB>

I asked John Buffum about his experience in Monte, and he provided the following response:

"My first encounter with the Monte Carlo Rallye was in 1969. I was a young lieutenant in the Army and had done a few small rallies in the USA before I got stationed in Germany. I put an entry in for the 1969 Monte and they accepted it! I started as car 85 and finished 12th overall. A huge accomplishment for a novice driver!

After I got done competitive stage rallying in the 1980's, I did some regularity rallies in Europe with one of my old UK co-drivers, Neil Wilson. He had a nice little Porsche 356. We switched seats from previous rallies - he drove and I navigated. They were map rallies, which I love.

Among them was the 1995 and 1996 "Monte Challenge" (and maybe '97 and '98 I forget) - which was the UK version of what is now the Monte Carlo Historique (at that time there was no French version). They used more map following - they did not allow pre-event practice and thus the event was not anything like it is now, precision wise. We were actually 2nd on two occasions.

In 1998 the French Monte Historique started. In 2000, I did it with Monte Karlan from Norway in his 1966 VW 411; the results show that we won it. I also did the event with Ralph Beckman in a Tuthill Porsche 911 and in Ralph's 1967 Plymouth Barracuda. We were 2nd on both occasions.

Then to 'celebrate' my 50th anniversary from my first Monte, Ralph and I did the Monte in 2019, again in a Tuthill Porsche 911. It was total snow that year; the event had to shortcut the route to avoid closed roads (it was a Sunday and the plough truck drivers would not work!). I put us into a snowbank mid-event; then the car wouldn't restart or run, due to carburation issues. So we decided that it was better to stop before we ended out in the countryside stuck for hours with a car that wouldn't go.

When Jim Blakemore bought my old Championship winning TR8 a couple of years ago, I thought that he would really enjoy the Monte....he agreed and the rest is history. - *John Buffum*.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We would like to thank Jim Pohl for sharing the narrative of his first Rallye Monte Carlo Historique in 2024. He certainly overcame many obstacles to get to the end but when we spoke to him in parc ferme in Monaco both he and his wife were beaming and ecstatic about making it to the Finish, despite being the Lanterne Rouge (last car).

Jim has recently competed in the Mille Miglia and we may be able to include the story of his experience of this famous rally in a future Newsletter.

ECOSSE RALLYE DRIVERS CLUB



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1 September 2024

Club Static Display

Craufurdland Castle – Lombard Rallye
Festival

14 September 2024

Rabbie's Run

January 2025

Arrochar Alps

Touring Event with optional Driving Tests

February 2025

Edinburgh to Paris

Club trip to Retro Mobile

March 2025

Two day Touring Event tba

Craufurdland Castle – Lombard Rallye Festival

Club Static Display

1 September 2024

Dear Friends and Members,

Lombard Rally brings a Historic Rally Car Festival to Scotland for the first time in 2024, on August 31st and September 1st, bringing 50 to 60 historic rally cars to be demonstrated on a specially constructed period style rally stage set in the grounds of Craufurdland Castle, near Kilmarnock. Giving an opportunity to see the cars in action, listen to interviews with hero rally drivers from the past and to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the first rally tackled by Scotland's own Jimmy McRae.

I'm delighted to advise the club has chosen to take a stand at the event on Sunday 1st September and I invite entries to be submitted using the form attached for a reduced rate of £6 for club members. Payment should be made directly to organisers as noted on the entry form and completed forms returned to myself to allow the club to co-ordinate allocation of suitable space with the organisers on the display area.

Cars that would like to, can also arrive on Saturday, either before 2.00pm or after 6.00pm - there will be no extra charge for this. If arriving on Sunday, simply as early as possible, absolutely by 9.00am. There will be a small opportunity to leave at lunchtime on Sunday, but the organisers would prefer after 5.00pm when the rally event is winding down. In emergency, it would be possible to slip out with rally cars going to the start of their demonstration run if co-ordinated with the marshals.

Kind regards

Alan Brisbane

(Secretary ERDC)



**Craufurdland Castle – Lombard Rallye Festival
Club Static Display
1 SEPTEMBER 2024**



ENTRY FORM



Lombard Rally Festival Craufurdland Castle will have a classic and sports cars display area opposite the Castle which offers the chance for suitable cars to be displayed, with entry for the car and two occupants.

You will have to be on site and parked before 9.00am so that the Rally Car event can run.

Once on site, you will not be able to drive your car out again until the conclusion of the event, except in an emergency.

Children must be closely supervised at all times on site.

Further details on the event can be found at link –

[Lombard Rally Festival Craufurdland Castle 2024 – Lombardrallybath.co.uk](http://Lombardrallybath.co.uk)

Driver		Passenger	
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
Postcode		Postcode	
Telephone		Telephone	
Mobile		Mobile	
E-mail		E-mail	
Vehicle details			
Make/model		Year	Reg No

Completed Entry Forms should be emailed to Alan Brisbane alan.brisbane1@hotmail.com to allow the clubs co-ordination with the event organiser.

Entry Fee

The entry fee for the event is £6 for invited clubs and you should pay the event organiser directly from web link below –

[Buy tickets – Lombard Rally Festival Craufurdland Castle 2024 - Static Display entry for Invited Clubs for a minimum of twenty cars. – Craufurdland Castle \(tickettailor.com\)](#)

LOCATION

Craufurdland Castle, Kilmarnock, KA3 6BS



Data Protection Act: Prospective entrants and competitors are advised that information supplied on the entry form will be held on a computer and used for the administration of the event but will not be passed on to a third party.





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Rabbies Run



14 September 2024

FOREWORD

This event is open to all motorsport and car enthusiasts. The event is designed to allow crews to practice navigational skills and to provide an opportunity for the driver and navigator to work together as a team. The event will take the form of a one day tour in Burns country. The team look forward to meeting old friends and newcomers alike.

The Organising Team

REGULATIONS

- 1 Ecosse Rallye Drivers Club will promote a touring assembly on Saturday 14 September 2024 under a Certificate of Exemption issued by Motorsport UK. Certificate of Exemption number to be confirmed.
- 2 The event is open to all motoring enthusiasts.
- 3 The event will start on the outskirts of Ayr with the first car leaving at 10:45 on Saturday 14 September 2024. The exact location of the Start venue will be in the final instructions.
- 4 Signing On will take place from 10:00. Individual start times will be issued with the Final Instructions. Cars will start at one minute intervals.

Entrants will be required to have the following where required by law.

A valid MOT Certificate

Vehicle Excise Duty paid

A minimum of Third Party Insurance for all persons who will drive the participating vehicles must be applicable for the duration of the event.

- 5 The route will be in 2 stages and consist of around 125 miles in total on public A and B Class and unclassified roads which will all be on sealed surfaces. Details of the route will be sent out by email in the form of a Tulip Roadbook prior to the event.
- 6 The entry list opens on publication of these regulations and entry closing date is Sunday 8 September 2024. Refunds for withdrawn entries will be at the discretion of the organisers.
- 7 The entry fee for the event is £20 for club members or £25 for non-members, which will include a rally plate, numbers, and any other necessary documents. All entries must be made on the entry form which should be emailed to the Secretary of the Event, Alan Brisbane

Submit Entries to:

Alan Brisbane
Alan.brisbane1@hotmail.com

- 8 Entry fees should be transferred to the ERDC bank account details of which are on the Entry form.
- 9 Officials of the Event

Secretary of the Meeting

Alan Brisbane
Mobile no: 07811 373635
e-mail: alan.brisbane1@hotmail.com

- 10 The Organisers will not be responsible for damage to, or loss of, any car, its parts or accessories, or for any damage caused by any entrant or car, and any entrant by entering and driving, and a passenger by taking part, shall thereby waive any right of action at law against the organisers for any damage sustained by him (her or them) in consequence of any act or omission on any part of the organisers, or of the officials, representatives or agents with respect to these regulations or to the run or to any matter arising therefrom.



RABBIE'S RUN 14 SEPTEMBER 2024



ENTRY FORM

Driver		Navigator	
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
Postcode		Postcode	
Telephone		Telephone	
Mobile		Mobile	
E-mail		E-mail	
Age if under 18		Age if under18	
Driver's next of kin		Navigator's next of kin	
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
Telephone/Mobile		Telephone/Mobile	
Vehicle details			
Make/model		Year	Reg No

Entry Fee

The entry fee for the event is £20 for club members or £25 for non-members.

Completed and signed Entry Forms to be emailed to Alan Brisbane

alan.brisbane1@hotmail.com

The entry fee should be transferred to the ERDC bank account

Account name: Ecosse Rallye Drivers Club

Santander Bank; Sort Code 09 01 29

Account number 38813548

Declaration

I declare that: 1) I have been given the opportunity to read the General Regulations of Motorsport UK and, if any, the Supplementary Regulations for this event and agree to be bound by them. I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I acknowledge that I understand the nature and type of competition and the potential risk inherent with motor sport and agree to accept that risk. I understand that motor sport can be dangerous and accidents causing death, injury, disability and property damage can and do happen. I understand that these risks may give rise to my suffering personal injury or other loss and I acknowledge and accept these risks. 2) To the best of my belief the driver(s) possess(es) the standard of competence necessary for an event of the type to which this entry relates and that the vehicle entered is suitable and roadworthy for the event having regard to the course and the speeds which will be reached. The use of the vehicle hereby entered will be covered by insurance as required by the law which is valid for such part of this event as shall take place on roads as defined by the law. 3) I understand that should I at the time of this event be suffering from any disability whether permanent or temporary which is likely to affect prejudicially my normal control of the vehicle, I may not take part unless I have declared such disability to Motorsport UK which has, following such declaration, issued a licence which permits me to do so. I undertake that at the time of the event to which this entry relates I shall have passed or am exempt from an ASN specified medical examination within the specified period. (H10.1.6) 4) Any application form for a Licence which was signed by a person under the age of 18 years was countersigned by that person's parent/legal guardian/guarantor, whose full names and addresses have been given. 5) If I am the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor of the driver I understand that I shall have the right to be present during any procedure being carried out under the Supplementary Regulations issued for this event and the General Regulations of Motorsport UK. As the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor I confirm that I have acquainted myself and the minor with the Motorsport UK General Regulations, agree to pay any appropriate charges and fees pursuant to those Regulations (to include any appendices thereto) and hereby agree to be bound by those Regulations and submit myself without reserve to the consequences resulting from those Regulations (and any subsequent alteration thereof). Further, I agree to pay as liquidated damages any fines imposed upon me up to the maxima set out in Part 3, Appendix 1. Note: Where the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor is not present there must be a Guardian who must produce a written and signed authorisation to so act from the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor as appropriate. 6) I hereby agree to abide by the Motorsport UK Safeguarding Policy and Guidelines and the National Sporting Code of Conduct. 7) I have read and fully understood the regulations for Control of Drugs and Alcohol as contained in the Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook Regulations H39, D35.1, G15.1.4 and have also fully familiarised myself with the information on the web sites referred to (www.motorsportuk.org, www.ukad.org.uk and www.wada-ama.org) in particular the UK Anti Doping Rules which have been adopted by Motorsport UK. Further, if I am counter-signing as the parent or Guardian of a minor then in addition to the deemed consent to the testing of that minor (UK Anti-Doping Rule 5.7.2) I hereby confirm that I give such consent for the minor concerned to be so tested. 8) I understand that my personal data is being processed solely for the purposes of running this event and will be handled by the organisers in accordance with Motorsport UK data protection policy which can be found at www.motorsportuk.org/data-protection. Indemnity: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry I agree that neither any one of or any combination of Motorsport UK and its associated clubs, the organisers, the track owners or other occupiers, the promoters and their respective officers, servants, representatives and agents (the "Parties") shall have any liability for loss or damage which may be sustained or incurred by me as a result of participation in the Event including but not limited to damage to property, economic loss, consequential loss or financial loss howsoever caused. Nothing in this clause is intended to or shall be deemed to exclude or limit liability for death or personal injury. To the fullest extent permitted by law I agree to indemnify and hold harmless each of the Parties in respect of any loss or damage whatsoever and howsoever arising from my participation in this event.

I confirm that I have read and agree to the terms of the Declaration					
Signature of Driver		Age if under 18		Date	
Signature of Navigator		Age if under 18		Date	
Consent of Parent or Guardian if Driver and/or Navigator is under 18 years of age.					
Parent/Guardian of Driver			Parent/Guardian of Navigator		
Name		Name			
Address		Address			
Relationship		Relationship			
Contact No.		Contact No.			
Signature		Signature			

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MONTE JOHN O'GROATS START JANUARY 2026



In 2026 we plan to have a John O'Groats Start for the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique and Touristique to celebrate 100 years since the first John O'Groats Start in 1926. In a few weeks' time we are going up to John O'Groats to meet up with our friends who supported us in 2016 for the 90th anniversary event. They are very keen for us to come back in 2026 and are full of enthusiasm for the Monte.

On the way back, after a good night's sleep, we plan to do a recce of the route from the John O'Groats Start to the proposed overnight halt in the Stirling area. If you are considering entering the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique please make it John O'Groats 2026. It will be epic !

POSTER FROM THE PAST



REQUEST FROM BILL TOYER, CHAIRPERSON OF THE BERKELEY CLUB

I have received an email from Bill Toyer asking for help from Monte News readers in tracking down a copy of the route book for the 1958 RSAC Scottish Rally.

I have just heard that the 'Grant Hotel' Grantown On Spey has added the video of the 1958 Scottish Rally to their website!

I have quite a bit of information on this particular rally ,(from the estate of Bert & Iris Westwood). However, the RSAC 'route book' included is not for the year 1958!

Would you know, within your circles, anyone who may have a copy, or as to where one could be obtained, as it would be so good to be able to trace the original exact route. (if still in existence)

I have the original programme, this loosely gives the daily destinations, along with the 'tests', but the navigators route check card would be an advantage. Possibly a 'wanted ad in your journal?

Yours sincerely

Bill.



NOTE

The rally plate above is from 1958. Let's hope someone can help Bill to track down the exact route of the rally.