

# JOHN O GROATS

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RALLYE AUTOMOBILE  
MONTE CARLO



For all those who are intending to enter the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique or Classique, here is an update.

We are forging ahead with the detailed preparation for the John O’Groats Start and the UK section of the Rallye, including working with the local car clubs who will be staffing the Passage Controls for us. I can promise that each of the controls will be very special. Here at Rallye Headquarters (our dining room) I have been busy tweaking the route through the UK with the invaluable assistance of Oliver Tomlins who is a Master of the Maps. Included in this update are some tips on preparation of the car. It’s not too early to start to ensure your car is reliable for the winter drive to the sunny shores of the Mediterranean.

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The 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique marks a major milestone in the history of the event. More than a Regularity Rallye, this new edition introduces significant changes while preserving the authentic, popular spirit that has defined the competition. Revised dates, wider vehicle eligibility and closed road stages

UK Start 29 January 2026 from John O'Groats.

Eligible vehicles: Vehicles that participated in the Monte Carlo Rallye from its inception until January 1986 are eligible.

New Features: The Regularity Stages will take place on closed roads, with two distinct average speed categories.

CE- approved helmet mandatory on closed roads.

Classification by average speed according to the chosen category.

The Gala Evening will be included in the entry.

Entry fee €6800

Publication of the pre-regulations and opening of entries  
Wednesday 3 September 2025.

The route will be published in the coming weeks.



# 100 RALLYE AUTOMOBILE MONTE CARLO

To mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first John O'Groats Start, there will be a Touristique edition. The Monte 100 Classique. It is non-competitive and follows in the tradition of the Montes of years gone by, where the goal was to reach Monte Carlo in time for the party at the ACM Club. The route will be run on traditional Monte Carlo Rallye roads. The previous editions of the Classique have been very well received and enjoyed by the participants. The cost of the event will be under £1000 per person. Full details of what is included will be in the Regulations. The Regulations and Entry Form will be available at the beginning of September. If you have always wanted to do the Monte at your pace, this is your opportunity.



# GUIDE TO BASIC PREPARATION

Most competitors will tell you that 'in order to get a result, you first have to Finish.' Reliability is then your first priority. Preventing problems must be at the top of the list prior to any event.

Basically there are three areas that should be given careful consideration.

1. **The electrical system.** The wiring in your car should be in excellent condition and all connections checked and secured. The charging system, starter motor, battery and all electrical equipment must be in first class order. Consider an upgrade where this is allowed e.g. by fitting an alternator.
2. **The fuel system.** The fuel lines must be free flowing. Renew if possible. This should not be an expensive exercise. Check connections. Make sure the tank is rust free and the fuel pump is in excellent order. If you need to replace any of these, get the best available. When filling the tank use the highest octane available and when in France fill up at Supermarkets rather than small village pumps where the fuel may have been lying around for some time. There should be no petrol smells.
3. **The cooling system.** Check for leaks and the condition of all rubber tubing. Consider using an aluminium radiator with maximum cores if allowed and use an electrical fan in place of the standard item.

In relation to all these systems, it goes without saying, fit new if in doubt. If all these systems are working efficiently your reliability will be much improved. Remember, get the basics right and you will have a much better chance to make the Finish.

More suggestions for car preparation in the next issue.