

# Classic

UPDATES & MONTE NEWS



# WELCOME

The inaugural Glasgow to Edinburgh Classic Car Run was very well received with its innovative multi-start points. It made the whole event very sociable. There was a good range of cars – indeed there were no two cars alike – from pre-war to moderns. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event, catching up with old friends and new. Thanks to the organising team – Craig and June for putting on a quality event.

The last event of the season is the Côte de Tay which is in its third year. This will be a free event because of the sponsorship by Anderson & Clark Publishing. The icing on the top will be a guided tour of the car collection of the owner of Crieff Hydro where the Tour will start and finish. From all accounts it is well worth seeing.

In this issue there is an update on the ADO project which has reached a crucial stage in bringing the car to production. There is an ERDC report by Ken Brown on the Glasgow to Edinburgh Classic Car Run and an article, also from Ken, on his proposed road trip to Monte Carlo, and of course, the latest news on the plans for the 2023 UK Start of the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique.

Finally, there is a postscript on the Lotus Farina project.

Remember to get your entry in for the Côte de Tay before you tuck up your classic for the winter.

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# *farina*

## *Postscript*

In September's instalment of the Lotus Farina project, I left you with a question. 'Could this car be built with what is available today?'

The answer is **Yes**.

- **Engine.** We are spoiled for choice in the engine department. There are a number of twin-cam aluminium engines available at reasonable cost. The 'K' series engine; Ford engines; and lots of engines from Japanese built cars. All of them could produce 120 bhp+ out of the box or with very little modification.
- **Gearbox.** Ford /Mazda five speed gearbox conversions are available from a number of companies for most of these twin-cam engines.
- **Suspension.** Front. There is a twin wishbone set up for the MG/Midget/A40/35 from Jonathan Heaps at Napton.
- **Suspension.** Rear. Spyder Cars can provide the rear section and suspension for a Lotus Elan with more modern components.
- **Cosmetics.** 'Wobbly – Web' aluminium wheels are still available from Crossthwaite and Gardiner. Red leather rimmed steering wheels are sold by Jacob Engineering. Newton Commercial can trim the interior in the style of the Mini Cooper.

**Who will be the first to make one?**





There have been so many interruptions to the ADO project that I thought I would never finish it. Covid, lockdown, temperatures too low for fibreglass work, the list of obstacles went on and on. But thankfully this week I reached a crucial turning point. I have now started to remove the new production moulds from the buck. And they are looking good.

The photograph below shows the 4 moulds for the bonnet. I have also collected all the mechanical bits for the car including James Barrett's Micra engine and gearbox conversion. The fuel injection has been sorted out along with the appropriate ECU. The next step is to get everything down to Jason Elliot's



restoration workshop to assemble the first car. By next year it should be taxed and on the road. I will keep you updated with the progress.

# 25<sup>e</sup>

# RALLYE MONTE-CARLO HISTORIQUE



24 JANVIER  
1<sup>ER</sup> FÉVRIER **2023**

25<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la première édition du Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique en 1998 | Victoire du n°46 sur Alfa Romeo GT 1300 de 1971

# Monte News



As in previous years we intend to organise a number of Heritage Runs as they have proved very popular in the past. We have already had a number of classic car owners and enthusiasts enquiring about the Heritage Runs.

There will be one starting from Glasgow heading to the UK Start of the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique. Alistair Reid who has been our chief marshal over the past few years has offered to help with this Start.

There will also be a Heritage Run starting at the Olde Bell Inn, Barnby Moor for all those south of the border who have indicated an interest. Richard Ward has offered to co-ordinate this run from Barnby Moor to the UK Start.

Finally, there will be a Heritage Run from the Start of the Rallye to the channel port. Although there are three separate events, it will be possible to Start in Glasgow and complete all three Heritage Runs.

Details have still to be finalised, but we wanted to give you plenty of notice so that you can prepare your classic and find a co-driver!

## KEN'S ROAD TRIP TO MONTE CARLO

Ken Brown

As most of you will now know the Rallye Monte Carlo in 2023 is holding only the full blown Historique. Those looking forward to the Classique will be disappointed that it is not being held. However, there is an alternative.

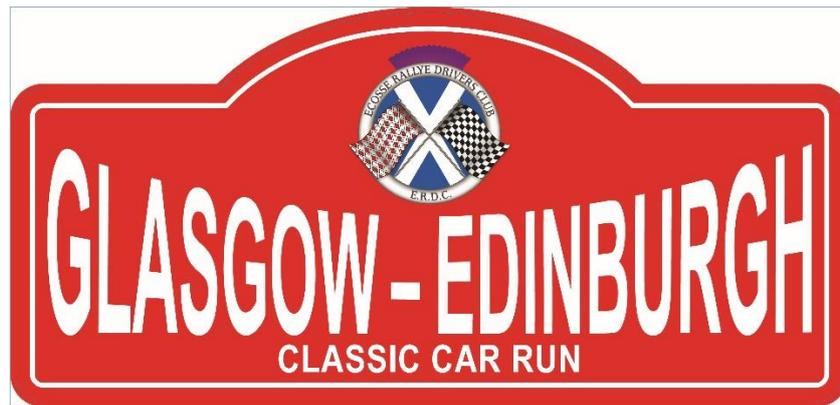
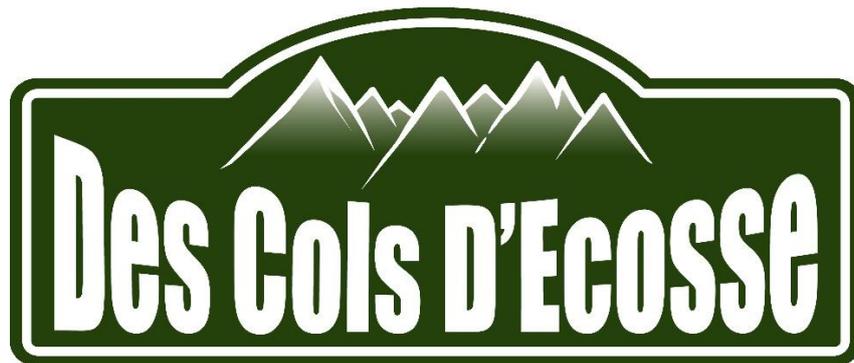


Go back in time to 2019 when I took my MG Midget for the first time and completed the Heritage Run from Glasgow to Carlisle as car Zero. First over the ramp. Then we continued following the rallye route visiting Banbury, Calais, Reims, Valence and finally Monte Carlo, making sure we avoided those taking part in the Rallye. It was brilliant. Have a look on [You tube](#) "MG Midget Monte Carlo Heritage Rally 2019."

So far there are 3 cars who are going to repeat this. An MG Midget, a Spitfire and an MGF and all you need to ensure is you have insurance and breakdown cover for Europe. The plan will be for a group of friends travelling together from Glasgow to Monte Carlo, staying in comfortable hotels and enjoying the road trip. I would like to visit the old racetrack west Reims en route. Crews from all parts of the UK would be welcome. I've formatted a base line of days and location. If you are interested in finding out more, get in touch. Email: [ken.brown@balfourbeatty.com](mailto:ken.brown@balfourbeatty.com) or call 07900 405 411.

**NB The Run from Glasgow to Dover would run under a Motorsport UK Permit obtained by ERDC. Once the cars leave Dover, they would be a group of friends travelling together and no longer part of an ERDC or Automobile Club de Monaco Rallye.**

ERDC EVENTS 2022



# Glasgow to Edinburgh Classic Car Run

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September

An interesting selection of cars of various ages turned up bright and early on the west of Glasgow and after a very clear briefing - its not a race, the roads are narrow, cyclists and pedestrian will be on these roads as well - we headed off to Stirling, but over the hills with some great views. 46 miles later at Dobbies, Stirling we met up with a few others for refreshments and headed off on section 2 over to Perth, the roads taking us through the heart of Scotland. The last section 3 down to Edinburgh was very different, steep and twisting. At one point I knew we were heading south as the sun was on my right but had no idea where we were! One little



rough bit of road with potholes came as surprise, but glad to say we did not lose the exhaust! It was a talking point when we met up in Edinburgh. The views as we came round towards Kinross were beautiful, and as the roof on the MG Midget was down all day it was great motoring. That was until 5 miles from the house, then it rained.

All in all, a great day. 220 miles, 150 miles on B roads, using the Tulip road books that were spot on. We averaged 32 mpg in the MG Midget but did need a little after sun on my face.

Many thanks Craig.





The third Côte de Tay will take you along the banks of the beautiful Loch Tay. Starting and finishing at the magnificent Crieff Hydro, this half day classic car tour will be a most enjoyable experience. It will be made all the more special as it will finish around 4pm with a tour of the hotel owner's car collection. I have heard that it is well worth seeing. Signing on will be from 12 noon and lunch will be available in one of the hotel's restaurants before the first car leaves at 1pm. There is no charge for this event as it is being sponsored by Anderson & Clark Publishing.

Regulations and Entry Form are now on the ERDC tab of the [www.monte.scot](http://www.monte.scot) website or from the secretary of the event [june.a.anderson@outlook.com](mailto:june.a.anderson@outlook.com)

Looking forward to seeing you all.