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UPDATES & MONTE NEWS



WELCOME

It's getting very busy here at Rallye Headquarters (our dining room!) June, who does the bulk of the admin work for the Monte, is particularly busy with all the entries and numerous queries. I have been fully occupied travelling the length and breadth of the country, from John O'Groats to York via Inverness and Stirling for meetings, meetings and more meetings. Not to mention lots of phone calls and emails. But it is all coming together and we now have a full entry for the Anniversary Monte 100 Classique and a reserve list. We are looking forward to hearing about the entries for the Historique in November when ACM announce them. From the enquiries I have had so far, it looks like there will be a good entry of Historiques with some very interesting cars.

The photograph on the front of this month's newsletter is of the Ford Cortina GT crewed by Murray/Farquhar which took part in one of the first Classiques. Would you believe that they put the car away after the event and just brought it out for the photoshoot with the dust of Monte Carlo still covering the car!

This edition of the Newsletter is all about the Monte.



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JOHN O GROATS PRESS LAUNCH



Photograph courtesy of Colin Campbell Photography



The first press launch for the 2026 Monte was on Saturday 20 September at a windswept John O'Groats. Some of the members of the Caithness and Sutherland Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club brought out their cars bright and early with a good show of representatives of the press in attendance. CSVCV will be running the Start with the Monte Start Committee Scotland on 29 January 2026. They are taking care of the Start venue

preparations including a spectacular floodlit Start gantry. We are very grateful for all the enthusiastic support from this very vibrant classic car club.

Present were the following cars with their proud owners: Lotus Cortina; Mk1 Cortina GT; 1972 Mini; Chevrolet Firenza which was an import from South Africa; Hillman Avenger; MGB GT; Triumph 1300; Dolomite; Triumph Stag; Triumph 2000; Land Rover Discovery Camel Trophy Tribute and an MG TD.

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“I wish this was my car!”



I first saw a Lotus Cortina in 1963 in my home town of Dundee and I thought it was something from another world. It looked fantastic compared to the very ordinary cars on the streets in early 1960s. Ever since then I have longed for a Lotus Cortina but unfortunately it is not to be. My wife says we would have to sell the house to get one these days.



This particular car is owned by James Mackay and is his pride and joy. It competed in the 1965 Monte Carlo Rallye fresh out of the showroom. Sadly it didn't make it to the finish. James has since rebuilt it into an immaculate race car.



The 1965 Monte was one of the toughest in the history of the Rallye with most of the entry decimated by blizzard conditions and deep snow. It is not surprising then that car no 142 of Arnold J Burton and George Humble in their Lotus Cortina did not make it to the finish. Indeed only 35 cars completed the course from 237 on the Start list. The highlight of the event was the achievement of the Mini Cooper 'S' driven by Timo Mäkinen whose performance was nothing short of sensational. On the Chambéry to Monaco section his time was 41min 8 secs. Comparing it with Böhringer, who was second overall in a Porsche 904, whose time was 52min 55 secs, Timo's time was phenomenal. In total, after 11 special stages, Mäkinen was ahead of Böhringer by 20 minutes overall. Mäkinen's performance was described as "The drive of the century".

Timo Mäkinen and Paul Easter

Winners of the 1965 Monte Carlo Rallye



Timo Mäkinen and co-driver Paul Easter at speed on one of the special stages on the 1965 Monte. His car control, in these conditions, was outstanding. No-one could touch him.

DRIVING TO MONTE CARLO IN STYLE



Entered in the Anniversary Monte 100 Classique is this immaculate 1958 Jaguar Mk1 3.4. Driver Guy Loveridge will be taking this historically significant car to Monte Carlo. He took part in the 2024 Classique event in his Mercedes because his first choice Classic let him down at the last minute.

Guy tells me *"This year it's a 1958 Jaguar 3.4 SE saloon. Formerly owned by Lotus and Ferrari works driver Cliff Allison, this has been owned by my Dad, Jim Loveridge, for over a decade, in which time it has done many events, including rallies to France and Ireland and also won Best Jaguar at the Blenheim Palace Concours. It spends 3 days a year as the personal transport of the Chief Superintendent of the Goodwood Revival Runners period police force."*

Guy's co-driver is Spitfire pilot Dan Salter in his first Monte.

ANNIVERSARY MONTE 100 CLASSIQUE

CURRENT ENTRY LIST FULL



date	Driver	Co-driver	Car
	Douglas Anderson	June Anderson	
1934	James Mann	Richard Watton	Lagonda
1934	Peter Baker	Clive Berry	Sunbeam 25
1940	Sandy McEwan	Alan Stark	Ford Fordor deluxe
1956	Guy Markham	tbc	Studebaker Golden Hawk
1958	Guy Loveridge	Dan Salter	Jaguar Mk1 3.4
1959	Michael Helm	Andrew Flexney	Triumph TR3
1960	Peter Barker	Crista Percival	Triumph Herald Coupe
1964	Ranald White	Marjorie White	Rover P6
1964	Mark Hartland	Tracey Miklaucich	Sunbeam Alpine
1964	Patrick McGrorty	Jim McGurk	Imp Mk1
1965	John Ross	Paul Conroy	Chamois Mk1
1967	Mike Authers	Max Authers	MG Midget
1968	Owen Ferry	Craig McGibbon	Volvo 142S
1969	Stuart Sargeant	Sian Slater	MG B
1969	James Simpson	Henrietta Simpson	Mini Cooper S
1969	Sandy Dennison	Marion Dennison	Riley 1300 Mk 11
1972	John Beattie	John Baird	Ford Escort MK1
1972	Bill Jiggins	Stephanie Jiggins	MGB Roadster
1973	Mike Kent	Shelagh Kent	MGB GT
1975	Tim Green	Melanie Green	Lancia Fulvia
1976	John Clayton	Jackie Clayton	Ford Escort RS2000
1976	Karsten Brown	Carol Brown	Triumph Dolomite Sprint
1977	Keith Mainland	Angelica Fuentes	Triumph Dolomite 1850
1977	Gordon Horn	tbc	Porsche 911
1980	Nigel Sayles	R Butler	Ferrari 308
1980	Duncan Massie	Ron Adam	MGB GT
1983	David Almond	Helen Almond	Austin Mini
	Tony Smith	Richard Jenner	MGB Roadster
	Tim Fenna	Sally Fenna	MGB
	Gordon Tulley	Ko Kaming	tbc
	Rudy Micallef	Susan Hayes	tbc
	Nigel Griffiths	Elannah Griffiths	tbc

STUART TURNER 1932 - 2025



We were sad to hear of the passing, on 5 September 2025, of Stuart Turner at the grand old age of 92. Stuart was a good friend of the Monte Start Committee and generously offered us a lot of support in the early days of the return of the Monte to Scotland. He was a guest speaker at the first pre-rallye dinner in 2011 and gave a talk at one of our club Monte events. Eric Carlsson had hoped to attend the event with him but his health did not permit the journey to Scotland, so Jim Paterson and I visited Eric in his home where I interviewed him and Stuart, about Eric's career as a rally driver. Stuart successfully partnered Eric as co-driver in the 1960 RAC Rally which they won. Jim videoed the interview for RADS and published it on YouTube where it is still available to view. [Erik Carlsson Interview - 1 September 2011](#)

We would like to offer our condolences to Stuart's family and his many friends in the motoring world. He will be sadly missed but has left a great legacy to the world of rallying. He was one of the greats of the golden age of rallying.

POSTER FROM THE PAST

