



Liège-Brescia-Liège July 11-21, 2019

TR2-TR8, Specials & Stag

Newsletter: August 2018

* * **Just under a year to go!** * *

* * **Entry List shaping up well!** * *

There has been a terrific response to our announcement that the 2019 Liège-Brescia-Liège Rally would be for Triumph TRs, and we're very grateful to all who responded, especially those of you who have already entered. And to those that haven't yet entered, we're very conscious that you've been waiting for some news from us, so apologies for the long silence! We've been very busy preparing a rally all around Greece for Jaguar XKs and E-types next spring (which we may well adapt for TRs in the future, as it promises to be a brilliant event!) and of course, running this year's Diamond Jubilee Liège-Brescia-Liège for microcars, the same cars for which this brilliant event was originally conceived, which was a huge success!

We're delighted with the range of cars already entered for 2019, including several ex-works rally cars and others with period rallying history. We have representatives of TR3, TR3A, TR4, TR4A, TR5, TR6 and even TRS - no TR7s or 8s yet, but we do have a Triumph V8: Claudio Bruni is bringing his Stag all the way from

Participants said of our Pyrenees event:

It couldn't have been better, brilliantly organised... The hotels were splendid...

Organisation was immaculate and the choice of routes was inspired...

As a rally first-timer, I'm not sure it could be beaten...

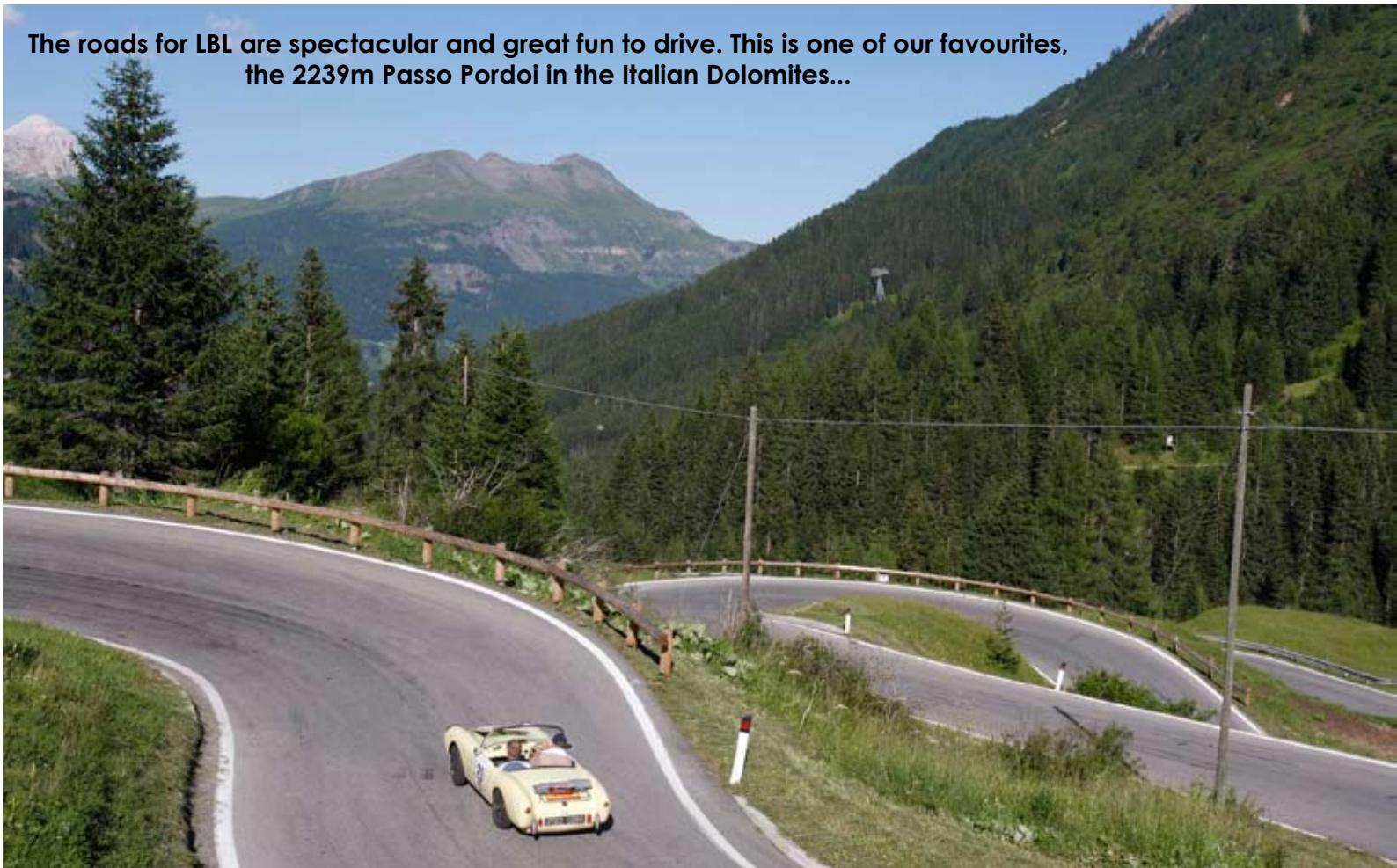
A fantastic event, we thoroughly enjoyed it...

The hotels and catering were really of an excellent order...

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The roads for LBL are spectacular and great fun to drive. This is one of our favourites, the 2239m Passo Pordoi in the Italian Dolomites...



Brazil, where it was one of very few Stags supplied new there. He's not the only one crossing the Atlantic either, as Jeff Givens is bringing his much-campaigned TR3A over from USA and hopes to bring friends too. On the potential entries list are quite a few from Europe - including Ken Richardson's Liège-Rome-Liège TR2, above - and Deb & Stu Bowen are looking into shipping options to bring their TR2 over from South Africa.

So, if you've not yet entered, why should you take the plunge?

Many reasons, really! This is a unique opportunity to rally your TR over roads for which TRs were designed, on an authentic 1958 route that was a mini-version of the legendary Liège-Rome-Liège where TRs battled with all the top sports cars of the day. Those rallies were incredibly tough, virtually non-stop and to turn one of their routes into a manageable schedule today would need three weeks - but Liège-Brescia-Liège packed the best of those routes, including passes in Yugoslavia (now Slovenia) as well as Italy and Austria, into a package that we can relive today over 10 days, with time to enjoy the sights along the way, and stay in top hotels, and even have a day off mid-event in delightful Ljubljana, the beautiful capital of Slovenia.

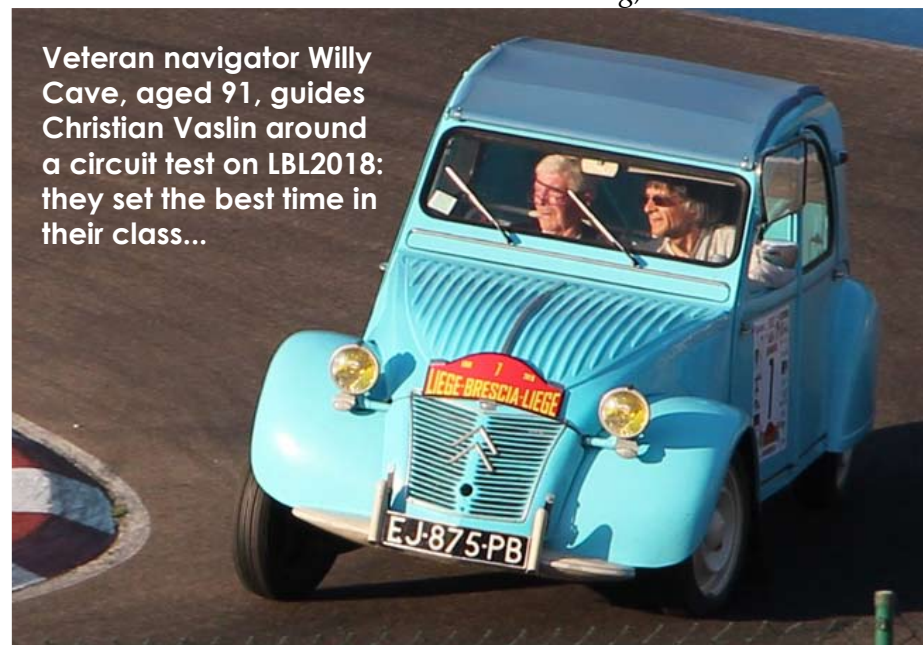
Our unique formula of touring enhanced by competitive elements, is designed to be much more rewarding than a simple tour, and can get really competitive among front-runners, without excluding anyone who's never competed before, or prefers to potter along at a more relaxed pace: all are welcome. Doyen of historic rallying and co-driver for the likes of Paddy Hopkirk back in the day, Willy Cave, loves our events and says we come closer to the spirit of those 1950s rallies than any other historic event he's done - and he should know. He competed on this year's event in a Citroen 2CV at the age of 91...

We don't like to blow our own trumpet, so here's a few of the comments received in the last few days on the 2018 Liège-Brescia-Liège Rally:

"It's fair to say that you & your team did a superb job at every level in the organising, running, and supervising of this event - very well done to all of you." *David Ronaldson, Zundapp Janus, Ireland*

"Many thanks for the perfekt Rallye!" *Theres Tomek, Steyr-Puch 650TR, Austria*

"Richard and I wanted to thank you, and the other support members, for a great event. It certainly will stay with us for the rest of our lives." *Bill Cowing, Autobianchi Bianchina, England*



Veteran navigator Willy Cave, aged 91, guides Christian Vaslin around a circuit test on LBL2018: they set the best time in their class...



Claudio Bruni's Stag in Brazil, seen here with his TR4

"Just a short note to thank you and your whole team for yet another superb event. It...contained a fair balance between competition, astounding scenery and interesting visits. I realise what an enormous amount of work it entailed. Well done." *Dennis Greenslade, Fiat 500, Cornwall*

"Thank you so much - we thoroughly enjoyed the '2018 LBL Rally' which you so painstakingly organized. How do you do it? It was a great couple of weeks, we enjoyed ourselves so much!" *Bernie O'Connor, Fiat 500, USA*

"The quality of the hotels and the rest day in Ljubljana plus the can-do attitude of all the competitors made the whole thing a fabulous experience." *Andrew Woolley,*

Messerschmitt Tiger, England

There's no doubt that for the microcars, especially those with 500cc or less, LBL was a really tough event, requiring lots of preparation, maintenance, repairs, intense concentration to avoid making costly navigational errors etc. For TRs, it's less intense – you still need a well-prepared car and you need to look after it, but you have the power to catch up if you miss a turn or take a break, so the character of the event subtly changes to more relaxed competition, with time for a beer in the evening and for a great camaraderie to build: many of our past competitors have made lifetime friendships on our events.



PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE Liège-Brescia-Liège 2018

July Route Outline

- 11 Arrival & Signing On, Liège, Belgium
Ramada Plaza Hotel
- 12 Liège to Karlsruhe, Germany
Radisson Blu Hotel
- 13 Karlsruhe to Misurina, Italy (via Austria)
Grand Hotel Misurina
- 14 Misurina to Ljubljana, Slovenia
Hotel Slon, Ljubljana
- 15 Ljubljana DAY OFF!
- 16 Ljubljana to Nova Levante, Italy
Sporthotel Alpenrose
- 17 Nova Levante to Brescia, Italy
Villa Fenaroli Palace Hotel
- 18 Brescia to Merano, Italy
Hotels Marlena & Marlingerhof
- 19 Merano to Bernreid, Germany
Marina Hotel
- 20 Bernreid to Bretten, Germany
Hotel Krone
- 21 Bretten to Liège, Belgium
Ramada Plaza Hotel
- 22 Liège, Belgium

Planned Highlights

Welcome Dinner, speech from 1958 LBL competitor, Remo di Cocco; meet your fellow participants

Formal start as 1958: Palais des Princes Evêques, then Spa, the Ardennes, Liedolsheim circuit test

Black Forest to the mountains, Austria, Brenner Pass, fabulous final climb to lakeside hotel at 1752m

Glorious Dolomites, superb passes inc Vrsic in Slovenia
reception in the Prešeren Square, heart of Ljubljana

Explore this delightful, cosmopolitan capital city

Super-smooth gravel road, amazing private museum, great passes on the 'Route des Cols', Dolomite-top hotel

The Stelvio and the Gavia, beautiful Lago Iseo, police escort to Brescia piazza, stunning historic palace hotel

Mille Miglia Museum, lap consistency at Franciacorta circuit, Gavia & Stelvio 'the back way'

Beautiful Passo Pennes, through Austria 'the old way', fun navigation test, lakeside hotel at Starnbergersee

Black Forest sweeping roads, multiple car museum visits, Schloss Lichtenstein, mediaeval Marktplatz finish

Delightful kart circuit test, Ardennes, finish at Spa circuit museum, Prizegiving Dinner with lots of trophies

Breakfast; departure



Big crowds welcomed the 2018 LBL Rally to Ljubljana

PROVISIONAL ENTRY LIST Liège-Brescia-Liège 2019

Car	Name	Country
TR2-4		
1956 rally TR3	Jeff & Lesley Roberts	GB
1957 Works TR3A	Iain Paul/James Butler	GB
1959 TR3A	Jeff & son Givens	USA
1959 TR3A	Ian Vincent/David Wilson	GB
1962 TR4	Simon & Vanessa Hendra	GB
1963 Works TR4	Neil & Sue Revington	GB
1963 TR4	Andrew Kirkham	GB
1963 TR4	Mark Ratchet/Alain Lacroix	F
1967 TR4A	John & Jane Hicks	GB
TR Specials		
1960spec TRS	Paul Gerring	GB
TR5-6		
1968 TR5	Adrian Watney	GB
1968 TR5	Mike Wing/Caroline Metcalf	GB
1972 TR6	Ian Barker/Sheila Hutton	UAE/E
1976 TR6	Martin & Dorothy Goodall	GB
TR7-8, Stag		
1974 Stag	Claudio & Monica Bruni	Brazil



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Iain Paul is bringing this superb 1957 works TR3A, which was driven by Mike Hawthorn in 1958



Jeff Roberts' TR3 did Liège-Rome-Liège in 1956 and 1957



Ian Barker & Sheila Hutton will compete in their 1972 TR6



Martin & Dorothy Goodall will bring their 1976 US-specification TR6