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**Liège-Brescia-Liège, July 2011: Last Chance for Small Cars...**



**T**his is your last chance to enter **Liège-Brescia-Liège** in a small car, at least for the next two years! We have been persuaded to run the event in 2012 as an exclusive rally for the Jaguar XK and E-type Clubs, and are very excited at the prospect of introducing a completely new group of cars to the event. It won't be a completely new group of people, however, as we know we had at least three members of those clubs on the 2008 event – but if you have been thinking of entering the rally in a small car, please grab this last opportunity and join us this year. What of 2013, I hear you ask? It will be the 55th anniversary of the original LBL rally, so is it time to bring back the microcars, with a 150cc to 800cc or 1000cc range? You tell us, please, what

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Competitors gather at a route check photo point in southern Germany: next stop, the Dolomites!



you would like to see and we will do our best to oblige.

Shortly after our last newsletter came out, we were surprised and delighted to hear that Liège-Rome-Liège will run after all this year, the RAC of Belgium having made a last-minute deal with Dutch rally organisers Classic Events, run by Bart Rietbergen. We have known and worked with Bart over many years so are very happy to see the event is in such good hands and keeping the name of this great rally alive.

It's great to have a number of new entrants to announce this month, welcome to you all and we look forward to meeting you in Liège in three months' time!

Geert Verdonckt and Christa Devriendt from Damme in Belgium are bringing their 1983 Mini 1000, which they have tastefully restored to a very attractive sporting look; mechanically it is standard except for the addition of front disc brakes and it should be a fun and effective machine for the rally.

We last saw Roberto and Rita Chiodi in a Lancia Flavia on the Inca Trail in South America in 2001, so it will be great to meet up again after 10 years: addicted rallyists who have competed on several of the most arduous events in the world, they are



Roberto and Rita Chiodi will bring their Lancia Fulvia 1.2 Coupé from Rome



From top: Geert Verdonckt's Mini 1000 under restoration, restored and snowbound!

bringing their 1966 Lancia Fulvia 1.2 Coupé up from Rome to participate in LBL.

Marcel Spoelstra has sent through some more photos of his superbly restored Suzuki Fronte, and you can see below just how hard he has worked to emulate the car that Stirling Moss



Marcel Spoelstra's Suzuki is a perfect replica of...



...the one Stirling Moss drove



and Mitsuo Itoh drove from Milan to Rome to Naples back in 1968, while brilliantly updating the logos to reflect that this car is a 500 whereas Stirling's was a 360...

1951 Dellow 1172 of Andrew Isherwood should be great fun in the mountains....



Another unusual marque to join us for the first time in 2011 is Dellow, this fine polished aluminium Mark 1 from 1951 being entered by Andrew Isherwood and Hilary Farbowski from Cheltenham, England. The Dellow was designed to double as an everyday sports car that could go out at weekends and win trials, the most popular form of motorsport immediately after the Second World War. It sports a tuned version of the 1172cc sidevalve engine from a Ford Prefect saloon and was famously built using two WW2 rocket tubes as the main chassis members: it is apparently very unusual for them to rot out!

Julian Labouchardiere and Graham Spall from Fareham, England, have entered a 1972 Triumph Spitfire MkIV, which should be a very comfortable and fun car to enjoy the rally in. Extra reassurance will come from the fact that they have fitted a larger radiator...

We're delighted to welcome to the event two new rally mechanics: Simon Courtney and his boss Mick have some 50 years' experience between them with RAC Rescue. We couldn't have hoped for better replacements for rally mechanic Roy Gillard, who has retired from the events after three years providing superb rally back-up. Thanks, Roy - and Welcome, Simon and Mick!

Now, **Liège-Brescia-Liège 2011** is fast approaching so please get your entries in as soon as possible. Our hotels are pressing for numbers to be confirmed and if you leave it too late, it may be difficult to get extra rooms - and we wouldn't want anyone to miss out on the best historic rally of the year!

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