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*Merry Christmas and
Best Wishes for 2011!*



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Christmas is upon us and we wish all our readers the very best for this festive season, and for the year to come, which brings with it many challenges: one of the most enjoyable and rewarding among them being **Liège-Brescia-Liège 2011** on July 15-24! If you haven't already entered, please do so as soon as you can: it'll be cheaper for you and it helps us to plan the event to suit you as perfectly as possible...

We had a great turnout at the Rally Christmas Lunch at The Plough in Marsh Gibbon back in November – our thanks to all who came. Those who thought it was a bit early for a Christmas lunch, will have realised a few days later that it had been cunningly timed to allow you the opportunity to give your LBL rally cars a last outing of the season before the snows descended. You see, we really do think of everything, so come and join our next rally, to enjoy organisation in a class of its own!

It was particularly good to see several eligible cars in the car park, including Alastair Caldwell's 1959 BMW 700 that won the Spirit Category on LBL 2008, the red 1959 Berkeley B95 that competed in 2008 and is now owned by Guy Lachlan, Mariel McKay's modern Fiat 500 that has now driven the LBL route three times and Bill Toyer's ultra-rare 1958 Berkeley Foursome (Bill competed in 2008 in his Berkeley SE328, very similar to Pat Moss's 1958 car). John Blanckley, who has entered his Jowett Jupiter for 2011, was there, as were Daren Jeff who drove a Berkeley SE492 in 2008 and our faithful LBL mechanic Roy Gillard. Many fine steak and kidney pies were consumed (as well as a good selection from the rest of the menu): a great way to spend a winter afternoon.

We are delighted to have commitments now from both Spa and Liège local authorities to support **Liège-Brescia-Liège 2011**. The original 1958 rally that we



From left, Alastair Caldwell, Roy Gillard, Bill Toyer, Daren Jeff, Steve McGovern, John Blanckley and Guy Lachlan. The ladies sensibly stayed inside!

commemorate held its formal start in the city of Liège, the cars then driving in convoy to the town of Spa for the timed start that evening; the timed finish of the rally was also at Spa and the cars were then displayed in Liège, so both have strong historic links with the rally. We have had the co-operation of the Spa Tourist Office every year, where Jean-Luc kindly opens up early so he can stamp Route Cards for competitors and the local authority permits us to park in front of the Parc des Sept Heures where the 1959 start was held. This is confirmed again for 2011.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our rally ambassador in Liège, 1958 LBL competitor Remo di Cocco, we now have a written agreement from the Secretary for Youth and Sports of the Ville de Liège, to provide support for the rally start on July 15. This will enable us to have a much more impressive start than we have in the past: we'll keep the precise details secret for now!

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The latest rally entry received is one we can't wait to see, because it's a microcar that the organising team have never seen in the flesh – and there aren't too many you can say that about! Marcel Spoelstra in Amsterdam, Netherlands, is the proud owner of a 1968 Suzuki Fronte, a rather ironically-named little car as its 475cc two-stroke triple engine is actually in the back... We'll bring you a photo of Marcel's Suzuki in the next newsletter – it's tastefully upgraded with period SS (Suzuki Sport) detailing, like the car promoted when new by Stirling Moss. It's quite a lively little car for its time; in standard spec it would top 72mph. We look forward to seeing Marcel and Jan with the Suzuki in Liège in July!



NAVIGATORS NEEDED!!

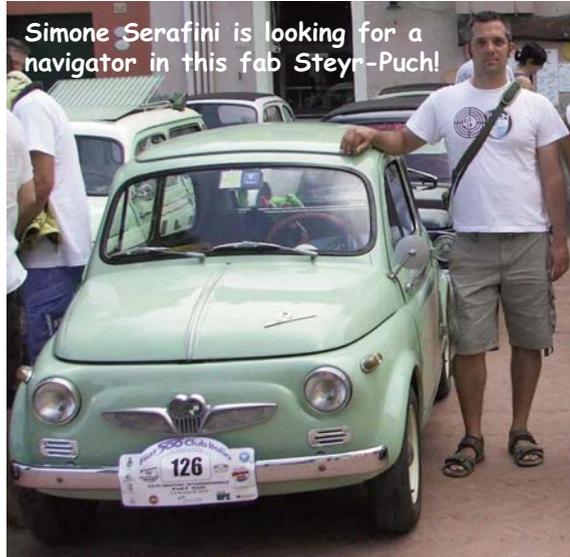
There seems to be a real shortage of navigators at the moment, with quite a few would-be LBL competitors telling us they are searching and cannot find anyone – so if you fancy taking part in the event without any of the stresses and costs of buying or preparing a car of your own to do the rally, please get in touch either with us at the rally office or direct with the drivers below:

Simone Serafini (Italy), 1959 Steyr Puch, email etruscus@interfree.it
Simone is a microcar fan with excellent English and a great website, <http://miamacchinina.blogspot.com>

Thomas Groot (Norway), 1954 Morris Minor, email tagroot@hotmail.com
Thomas (who has perfect English) competed in 2010 with his beautifully-restored Minor but was unable to finish due to a valve burning out: the car has a fully rebuilt engine and a few tweaks for 2011, but Thomas's navigator is unable to rejoin due to work commitments: who will step into the breach?

John Lockyer (UK), 1959 Sunbeam Rapier, email LOCKYERJ@bridgwater.ac.uk
John has competed in many rallies, mostly navigating, but this time is in the driving seat and is looking for someone to sit alongside him on LBL.

All the above are young, enthusiastic would-be competitors who will be great company and can be relied upon to bring a well-proven car and to throw themselves into the rally with great spirit and a determination to have a good time: join them!



Simone Serafini is looking for a navigator in this fab Steyr-Puch!

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To encourage more entries for LBL 2011, we are starting the New Year with a new promotion through all relevant owners' clubs, offering not just £100 discount to entrants quoting their Club membership number, but also £100 to the Club where that entrant saw our Promotion published.

So, if you want to get £100 reduction on your entry fee, the answer is clear: get your Club to publish our promotional panel (seen left, and also available in vertical format and/or black and white) and then when you submit your entry, we will send a cheque for £100 to your Club. And if a Club team wins, there's another £200 up for grabs!

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LBL-ELIGIBLE TRABANT P601 COMBI FOR SALE:

'Pepsi', Kevin and Loree's trusty Trabi that ran so well round the Pyrenees and Spain, is for sale! The finest Trabi Combi in the UK, 1977 model with the much prettier curvy bumpers, fully rebuilt in Poland a few years ago, just mechanically sorted by Roy Gillard, £2500ono. Located nr Bicester (M40 junction 9). To view, contact the rally office.



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