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Liège-Brescia-Liège, July 2011:

The perfect blend of touring and competition

FOUR fabulous new hotels lined up: time to get those entries in!



THIS RALLY HAS NOT BEEN CANCELLED – AND WILL NOT BE!! We are sad to hear that the new owners of the Liège-Rome-Liège name have cancelled their planned rally yet again this year: these are tough times. Their event was not in competition with ours, being an intensive, expensive and complex stage rally on closed road sections, but its cancellation has already caused confusion, as we have received emails offering regret that we had cancelled! Let's make this absolutely clear: we already have enough entries for a viable rally and we are really looking forward to running it for you. The hotels are booked and we are ready to roll. It would be great to have a few more entries, but we have adjusted our projected numbers down and are not too far off filling some of the smaller hotels we have chosen to make this a friendlier event: if you're thinking of entering, please don't delay too long...

The innovative new clubs promotion announced in the last newsletter is gathering pace, with commitments from many clubs to promote the rally, ranging from the biggest one-make car club of all, the MG Owners Club, and other large clubs like the Triumph Sports Six Club, to many smaller ones from Suzuki Cappuccino (SCORE) to the Midget & Sprite Club. But we'd be the first to admit that the distractions of spending Christmas and New Year in beautiful northern Argentina have made progress with announcing the promotion slow: if your club hasn't run it yet, please let us know and help us to convince the club of the

Ours may be the cheapest competitive historic rallies on the market, but we don't cut corners where it counts. Our new hotel at Brescia is a real Italian palace: the Villa Fenaroli Palace Hotel looks forward to welcoming Liège-Brescia-Liège 2011: don't miss out!

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undoubted benefits of getting £100 for every entry resulting from their promotion of the event, plus the possibility of £200 bonus if a team of their Club members wins the Team Prize... And don't forget that, as a Club member, you get £100 off your entry fee too - so this really is to everyone's benefit.

We would not dream of resting on our laurels, despite many plaudits for our rallies to date, so as well as working hard on promotion, we have been looking for every little detail that we can tweak to increase your enjoyment of the event. This has meant saying goodbye to a few of the

excellent hotels we have used in the past, because we have found equally good (or even better) hotels located just that bit more conveniently, to give you more relaxation time with no less rallying!

Latest to join the ranks is what promises to be a real jewel in the crown of the event: the **Villa Fenaroli Palace** at Brescia. We would unhesitatingly give the UNA Hotel, our Brescia partner for the last three years, the highest recommendation on all counts, but its location amidst the eternal Metro construction site of northern Brescia, on the opposite side of the city from our morning start at the Mille Miglia Museum, led us to the Villa Fenaroli.

Home first to the Avogrado family, then later the Fenaroli family, construction of the palace began in 1622, the facade coming in the Palladian age under master builder Giovanni Battista Marchetti, his son continuing the great work to create the splendid Villa we see today. Neoclassical statues complete the aura of Romanticism that surrounds this remarkable hotel.

Another of our outstanding hotels is the Novotel Karlsruhe City, but its location in the heart of this fine city makes it a challenge to find by car. We're not going to take all the challenges out of the rally, so we will still go there at the end of the first day: we reckon that with the street map supplied and the clear directions, it's really not that hard to find - just keep a cool head, navigators!

But finding the hotel when we return from the south is really even beyond our powers of explanation to simplify, so instead we will go to a smaller hotel in a small town, with the benefit of small town



Join us for a drink at this splendid bar in July...

Achat Hotel, Bretten



Bretten Marktplatz

hospitality - a civic reception is under negotiation - and much easier navigation. It comes at the end of a day packed with great visits (two superb car museums and two stunning castles) as well as wonderful roads, so better to have as much time as possible to enjoy those and less worry about finding the hotel at the end of the day. Into the breach has stepped the very enthusiastic **Achat Comfort Hotel** in Bretten, a charming traditional German town just east of Karlsruhe and ideally located both for the drive from the south and the kart circuit test in the morning.

Another hotel to come under scrutiny has been the excellent Four Points Sheraton in Bolzano: super hotel, again, and ideal for the big numbers we had in 2008, but its location in downtown Bolzano which has one of the most ill-conceived traffic systems in the world could well be avoided now that our numbers are smaller. The result is that this year we will stay in the delightful four star Hotel Marlena, with stunning views across the valley to Merano. Swimming pool, sauna, tennis and more beckon, provided you get over the Gavia and Stelvio swiftly enough! This hotel falls at the end of one of the shorter days of the rally, so a great chance to pamper yourselves a little...



Hotel Marlena, near Merano, offers a truly luxurious stay...



Next day we head back over the Dolomites to Germany, taking in the most beautiful pass of all before dropping down towards Munich. In 2008 we returned to central Munich to pay a second visit to the BMW Museum, but last year we took the opportunity to stop a little south of Munich and head west to find new roads, museums and castles to entertain you. This plan went well and the Vier Jahreszeiten hotel at Starnberg proved itself to be of the highest quality. However, its town centre location with difficult access was not ideal so we have sought out an alternative four-star hotel a little further south and right where we wanted to be, on the banks of the magnificent Starnberger See, one of Germany's larger lakes. The Marina Hotel at Bernried is, as the name implies, right beside the lake, offering peace and tranquility and a charming rural German welcome, including a zimmer player just for us at dinner!

Marina Hotel, Bernried



NAVIGATORS & DRIVERS NEEDED!

At the moment we have quite a few would-be LBL competitors telling us they are searching and cannot find anyone to join them on the rally - both navigators looking for drivers and drivers looking for navigators. We are doing our best to match these up, but if you are still looking for someone, please get in touch with us at the rally office and we will pull out all the stops to find you a perfect match to guarantee you a great rally.

Navigators known to be still looking for drivers include:

Chris Berens – Chris took part in LBL 2008 (see pic right, coming off the Rhine ferry before Karlsruhe), navigating a Fiat 500 to seventh overall and second in class – now he's back for more! With that proven track record and enthusiasm for the event, he would be a great asset on the rally. Chris is in Australia until early March but says you can still contact him on Berens@waitrose.com.

Malcolm Curnow (curnow@easynet.co.uk), is a Police Driving Instructor in Devon and was planning to enter in his own Liege or his son's MG Midget, but changes of plan mean he's now looking to navigate: his track record includes navigating a self-built kit car on the 2004 Atlas-Sahara Rally as well as events closer to home, so you can be confident he won't get you lost!



ENTRIES COMING IN: STILL ROOM FOR MORE!

Recent enquiries for entry forms have come from owners of an encouragingly wide range of vehicles: Lancia Beta 1300, MG Midget, Triumph Spitfire, MG TF 1500, Fiat 500, Sunbeam Rapier, Ford Anglia, Mini-Cooper S and more. Most unusual of all, though, is the recent entry of Chris Evans from London, a Moretti 850 Sportiva S2. Built in 1967, this mini-Dino 246 was the product of a long-lived but little-known Italian coachbuilder that for decades specialised in rebodying Fiats – in this case, the compact 843cc rear-engined 850. Amazingly, in a short space of time in the 1960s Moretti built lusso & berlina (saloons), berlinetta (fastback 4dr coupé), spider, targa and several versions of two-seat sports coupé on the 850 base. All were attractive cars, but this is probably the prettiest of all – and one of the rarest, as most of the Sports coupés had a Fiat Dino Spider-style cut-off flat front. Chris's car, which amazingly is right-hand drive (which must surely make it unique), has been modified with Abarth 1000 power. Weighing just 680kg, it should be a little flyer – we can't wait to see it in action.



Berlina



Spider



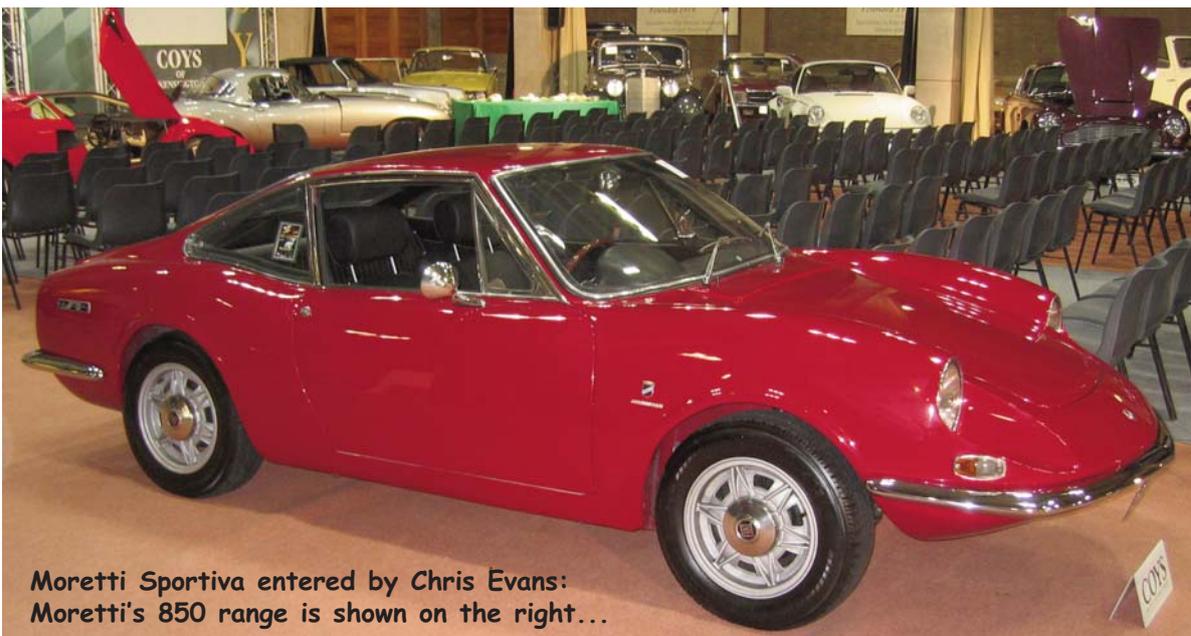
Sportiva S1



Sportiva Targa



Berlinetta



Moretti Sportiva entered by Chris Evans:
Moretti's 850 range is shown on the right...

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FORD ANGLIA 105E FOR RENT or SALE:** Completed LBL 2010 in third place overall, fully rebuilt engine, perfect condition: contact the Rally Office for more details.

FOR SALE SIMCA 1000 IDEAL FOR LBL !

Prevented from taking part by ill health, well-known rallyist Bryan Halladay now has a very nice Simca 1000 to sell, with barely 20,000 miles from new: call him on 01926 499629.

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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