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Prešeren Square In Ljubljana opened exclusively for us!

Here at the Rally Office we are in the final throes of preparations for **Liège-Brescia-Liège 2012** in a few days' time. Excitement is at its peak! No less than 24 magnificent trophies have arrived, including the fabulous 'Oscars' for Best Driver and Best Navigator. Rally packs are being collated as I write, numbers attached to door stickers and rally plates: it's a hive of activity, led by Mariel and Carina. And we've had some great news that will enhance the experience for all this



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Ljubljana's Prešeren Square full of microcars in 2008: it will be Jaguars in 2012!

Piazza Loggia, Brescia, in 2008: here too
Jaguars will take centre stage in 2012

year's competitors.

First, we have at last secured the official permission to bring our cars into Ljubljana's Prešeren Square: the main square in the most historic part of this beautiful city. The finish control on Sunday will be in the square and it should be a highly enjoyable occasion. As far as we are aware, this is only the second time the City Council has agreed to let cars back into the Square since making it a pedestrian precinct around 10 years ago. The first time was for LBL 2008, the 50th anniversary of the first LBL. Other rallies have not been admitted, but the history of our event which had a time control in Ljubljana (between 20:10 and

21:10 on Friday, July 18, 1958) seems to have tipped the balance. Thanks to Janez Uratnik, FIVA Representative for Slovenia, for his great help in securing the permission for us.

With this and our gathering in the Piazza Loggia, ancestral home of the Mille Miglia and also the only stopping point on the original **Liège-Brescia-Liège**, we have two very special evenings in prospect. However, both city authorities have, quite understandably, stressed that it is very important we don't drip oil on their hallowed stonework! It is VITAL, therefore, that you bring a tarpaulin or other heavy plastic sheet that can be unfolded and placed under the car (if it's windy it helps if it's big enough that you can drive onto it) to catch any drips. This should also be used in hotel garages if your car is prone to a little incontinence!

That brings us on to an important note: though not widely publicised, we have arranged covered parking for all the cars in every hotel where it is possible - you do not have to pay for the underground hotel garaging provided at Liège, Karlsruhe, Misurina, Ljubljana, Merano or Bretten. Do make sure that you get your ticket validated at hotel reception before exiting (where required). Our hotels at Nova Levante, Brescia and Bernried do not have underground parking.

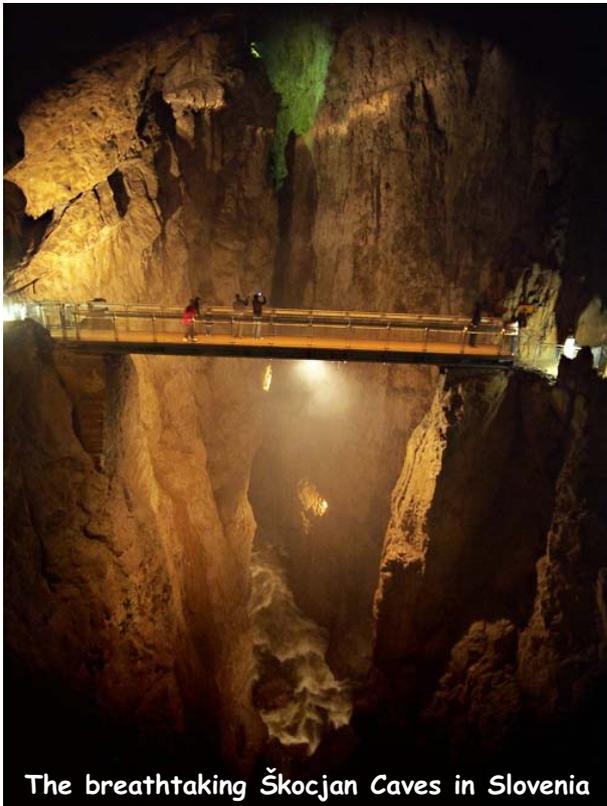
Another rally policy that needs explaining is our drinks policy at dinners. All dinners are provided and, where possible, we have asked hotels to provide jugs of water on the tables. We do not provide alcoholic drinks, partly because it might be considered unethical for a car event organiser to ply competitors with alcohol, but mainly because everyone has their own drinks preferences and it makes much more sense for you to buy your own drinks to enjoy before, during and after dinner (and we can recommend the beers, as well as the wine lists, at all our hotels!). Most importantly, though, don't forget to pay, either at the point of ordering or when you check out of the hotel in the morning.

And that brings us on neatly to another great piece of news: we're delighted to announce that DK Engineering (perhaps best-known for its high standard of work and sales on all Ferraris, but actually a Jaguar XK and E-type specialist since before the first Ferrari crossed its doors), has kindly agreed to sponsor Champagne for us all at the Prizegiving Dinner in Liège on July 22. A resounding "Cheers!" to David Cottingham and all his team! David tells us that he would dearly have loved to join us on the rally but is tied up with other events such as Silverstone Classic. He wishes all competitors (especially the many who are his customers!) a very enjoyable and successful rally.

TEAM ENTRIES! We mentioned earlier the trophies: well, that includes two magnificent sets of trophies for the Best Ecurie Team and Best Marque Team. So, please, get together on Thursday afternoon and make up teams to have a go at winning these fine awards. Entry only costs €25 per car for each team entry you put in, and it is always much more fun to be in a team on a rally. It adds to the camaraderie and the challenge, it's fun to compare how your team is doing against the others and, even if

Passo di Gavia during the recce in June: the
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The breathtaking Škocjan Caves in Slovenia

you have problems with your car, or you have a disaster on the navigation or special tests, you can still take home a trophy if your team members do well!

Returning to Ljubljana for a moment, a couple of you have asked if the test and museum visit on the Monday morning could be made optional, enabling you to have more time to explore the city. Apologies: our enthusiasm to give you as much as we possibly can for your money sometimes gets the better of us, and it's true we did originally advertise it as a completely 'free' day! We have agreed to a compromise: as the special test at Blagomix contributes to the overall results, if you want to win you'll have to do it, but for this one test we will not apply the penalty for driving solo, so you can leave your partner in the city to start sightseeing/shopping or enjoy a lie-in. You will of course have to operate your own stopwatch on the test: use sticky fixers or something similar to tack it to the dashboard...

With the previous night's checkpoint in Prešeren Square as well as the rest of the day, you will still have plenty of free time to organise your visit to the delightful city of Ljubljana as you please, such as taking a walking tour, a boat trip and maybe visiting a gallery or two (not to mention shopping). If you fancy a quick walk around the city and then getting out to some amazing scenery, just one hour away by the motorway (make sure you've bought a motorway tax 'vignette' at a petrol station) is the exceptional cave complex of Škocjan, a World Heritage site that is among the most important and

impressive caves in the world. Just one of the many attractions of Slovenia...

A minor detail, perhaps, but applicable to all travelling through France en route to the rally is that it is now a legal requirement for all drivers in France to carry a self-test Breathalyser kit. It is planned that inexpensive kits will be on sale at Channel crossings; some can already be purchased online. From November, a fine for not carrying one will be enforced.

Another useful tip for the rally itself, is to carry plenty of cash. Not because you will inevitably be stopped by the very keen speed cops entering Austria (we trust you won't be speeding - but do watch out for the sometimes difficult-to-spot speed limit changes where what appears to be a clear main road actually technically passes through a town or village and the speed limit drops accordingly). No, the cash is for petrol stations in Italy, where the attendants take long siestas in the afternoon and leave the pumps on automatic. The credit card payment machines look much the same as anywhere else in Europe, but they're not: they only accept Italian-issued credit cards. Fortunately they also accept cash payment, so try to have a good idea of how many litres you will need and a ready supply of €50, €20 and €10 notes to enable you to fill up successfully.

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Kilométrage et Temps					
PREMIERE ETAPE « LIEGE-BRESCIA »					
LIEGE (départ officiel)				Jeudi 17 juillet	
SPA (départ officiel)				17 h. 30'	
TREVES	131	131	2 h. 21'	21 h. 00'	23 h. 51'
				Vendredi 18 juillet	
IDAR-OBBERSTEIN (C. S.)	75	206			2 h. 26'
KAISERSLAUTERN	65	271	2 h. 20'	1 h. 41'	2 h. 26'
MUNICH-OBBERMENZING	408	679	6 h. 48'	8 h. 29'	9 h. 14'
MITTENWALD	112,5	791,5	2 h. 15'	10 h. 44'	11 h. 29'
VIPITENO neutral.	89,5	881	2 h. 00'	12 h. 44'	13 h. 29'
PELOS	132,5	1.013,5	2 h. 39'	15 h. 23'	16 h. 08'
PREDIL	120	1.133,5	2 h. 24'	17 h. 47'	18 h. 32'
KRANSJKA GORA	55	1.188,5	1 h. 00'	18 h. 47'	19 h. 47'
LJUBLJANA	83	1.271,5	1 h. 23'	20 h. 10'	21 h. 10'
GORIZIA	88	1.359,5	1 h. 28'	21 h. 38'	22 h. 38'
				Samedi 19 juillet	
VITTORIO VENETO	122,5	1.482	2 h. 27'	0 h. 05'	1 h. 05'
CORTINA D'AMPEZZO	95	1.577	1 h. 54'	1 h. 59'	2 h. 59'
BOLZANO	107,5	1.684,5	2 h. 09'	4 h. 08'	5 h. 23'
GOMAGOI	85	1.769,5	1 h. 42'	5 h. 50'	7 h. 20'
PONTE DI LEGNO	82,5	1.852	1 h. 39'	7 h. 29'	9 h. 29'
BRESCIA	117,5	1.969,5	2 h. 21'	9 h. 50'	11 h. 50'

The staggering schedule that microcars, with engines of 250-500cc, followed in 1958. We take 10 days to cover the same ground...

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DEUXIEME ETAPE « BRESCIA-LIEGE »					
BRESCIA - Nouveau départ				18 h. 00'	20 h. 30'
PONTE DI LEGNO	117,5	2.087	2 h. 21'	20 h. 21'	22 h. 51'
				Dimanche 20 juillet	
GOMAGOI	82,5	2.169,5	1 h. 39'	22 h. 00'	1 h. 00'
BOLZANO	85	2.254,5	1 h. 42'	23 h. 42'	2 h. 42'
SARENTINO (C. S.)	20	2.274,5			4 h. 33'
				Dimanche 20 juillet	
VIPITENO neutral.	47,5	2.322	1 h. 21'	1 h. 03'	4 h. 33'
MITTENWALD	89,5	2.411,5	2 h. 00'	3 h. 03'	6 h. 33'
MUNICH-OBBERMENZING	112,5	2.524	2 h. 15'	5 h. 18'	8 h. 48'
KAISERSLAUTERN	408	2.932	6 h. 48'	12 h. 06'	15 h. 36'
IDAR-OBBERSTEIN (C. S.)	65	2.997			18 h. 11'
TREVES	75	3.072	2 h. 20'	14 h. 26'	18 h. 11'
MALMEDY	111	3.183	1 h. 57'	16 h. 23'	20 h. 23'
SPA	20	3.203	0 h. 24'	16 h. 47'	20 h. 47'