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Good News at last for **Micro Marathon** competitors! Having revealed to you all last month the problems we'd been having, we're absolutely delighted that SNCF and RailEurope have at least partially relented, and not only will they take most of the four-wheeled microcars eligible for Micro Marathon, but there is also a worthwhile discount of 20% on the Motorail service from Calais to Toulouse and back: that's a saving of £176 on the return fare. But BE QUICK! We're told there are only around 10 places left...

To take advantage of this great deal, you need to phone 0844 848 4080 (Monday to Saturday, 09.00-17.00), and we're told Anthony is the man to speak to. You must quote 'Micro Marathon' to secure the discount. The journeys you require are Outbound September 4 (normal price £370, discounted £296) and Inbound September 12 (normal £510, discounted £408). Though phoning is best, it is also possible to email, via frenchmotorail@raileurope.co.uk. At present only 2CV, Fiat 500, Messerschmitt TG500 and Trabant P601 cars are approved to travel: if you wish to take a different micro on the train, contact us first.

Whatever car you have, let us know when you've booked, so we can provide you with a copy of SNCF's email confirming your car is acceptable on the train. RailEurope wish to point out that they will not accept responsibility or liability for any cars which

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LBL 2008: The euphoria of arriving in the Piazza Loggia at Brescia, scene of the only stop on the 1958 LBL...



This is the stunning Morgan F2 of Hedwig Rodyns, which will be joining us from Belgium on Micro Marathon...

are refused boarding on the train, even if they are vehicles which have been accepted by SNCF and are carrying the acceptance letter. That said, when we travelled, we found the loading crew much more accommodating than Head Office staff, and a friend who has just travelled to Nice on the motorail in a Jaguar E-type (a vehicle which, incidentally, is NOT on the SNCF approved list, nor is the Jaguar XK 120 he travelled with), reported that he had no problems at all and was allowed to drive his car onto the train himself.

UK participants will of course have to book a Channel crossing as well: for this we recommend SeaFrance, which gives you 10% off its online rates when you book via the link on our website (go to the Links page, look for Ferries) or phone 0871 423 7119 quoting CRPLTD. You will need to prove 'membership' when you travel, so email us for a 'membership card'. And, just to clarify, the full benefit of both RailEurope and

SeaFrance discounts goes directly to you, ClassicRallyPress Ltd gets no rake-off or backhander whatsoever...

For those who decide to drive or trailer your micro to Toulouse, we have booked a hotel for the Friday night and arranged parking for tow vehicles for the week. The charge for this, including Bed and Breakfast for two, is just €80: an absolute bargain, we reckon. Please let us know as soon as possible if you wish to take advantage of this; no need to pay now, we are happy to collect payment on arrival in Toulouse (but don't pay the hotel yourselves, we've already paid them!).

As mentioned last month, the AA route from Calais to Toulouse (www.theaa.com) is 964km (c600 miles) and the AA suggests it should take 8hr 46min – Roy, our trusty mechanic from LBL who will be shepherding us all around the Pyrenees too, reckons it's at least 14 hours not counting stops if you're towing, so allow plenty of time. He's come up with an interesting alternative, which is to take the ferry overnight Thursday night from Portsmouth to Caen with Brittany Ferries, giving you a more relaxed drive on Friday than Calais-Toulouse.

Any of you with co-drivers flying out to join us at Toulouse will be pleased to note that several budget airlines fly to Toulouse from the UK: we are setting off for the recce tomorrow with Easyjet from Bristol (where parking is SO much cheaper than most airports) but you can also fly Easyjet from London Gatwick, Flybe from Birmingham or Bmibaby.com from Manchester.

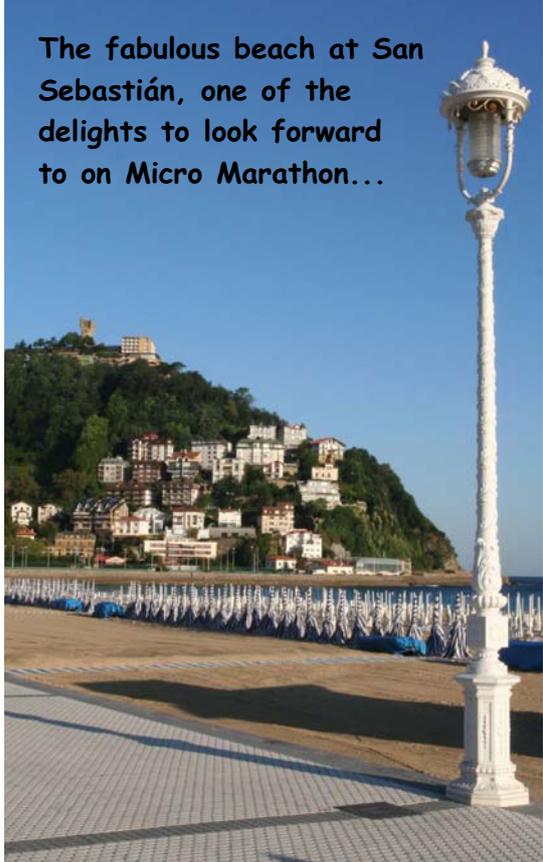
Talking of the recce, we're very grateful to Fiat France and their Toulouse agent, Groupe Automobile de Boussac (www.fiat-toulouse.com) who have kindly agreed to provide us with a new 500 for the recce, to save the time and cost of driving ours down to Toulouse; look forward to a different 500 appearing in the Route Notes photos for Micro Marathon!

Other fab news on Micro Marathon is that we now have confirmation from the quite spectacular Motorland Aragon that we will be able to run tests on the amazing, brand new kart tracks they have built as one of the first stages of a huge motorsport city, whose ambitious plans are on a scale never seen before. The main technology park building has been styled by Sir Norman Foster.

It's not long since the last newsletter but we're delighted to report that **Micro Marathon** is now into double figures, with the following teams lined up:

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| John Ducker/Theo Clift (GB) | 1959 Heinkel Cabin Cruiser, 198cc |
| Mick Bell/Sara Bell (GB) | 1960 BMW Isetta 300, 298cc |
| Phil Tetley/Martin Archer (GB) | 1960 Berkeley T60, 328cc |
| Vic Sayer/TBA (GB) | 1967 Subaru 360, 356cc |
| Jane Puttock/James Ewing (GB) | 1967 Subaru 360, 356cc |
| Mark Smith/Jane Southgate (GB) | 1960 Messerschmitt Tiger, 500cc |
| Dan O'Brien/Bernie O'Connor (USA) | Fiat 500 Giardiniera, 499cc |
| Loree Kalliainen/Kevin Clemens (USA) | 1977 Trabant P601 Combi, 598cc |
| Hedwig Rodyns/Nicole Rodyns-Vervloet (B) | 1936 Morgan F2 3-wheeler, 933cc |
| Mike Norton/Ben Norton (GB) | Car TBA |

There's still room for more, but don't leave it too long to tell us if you're coming because we have to fix our reservations at the hotels very soon, and we don't want you to miss out. The entry fee for Micro Marathon is now **£2600 (EUR 2995)**, which is still terrific value for money for an all-new event that offers so much.



The fabulous beach at San Sebastián, one of the delights to look forward to on Micro Marathon...

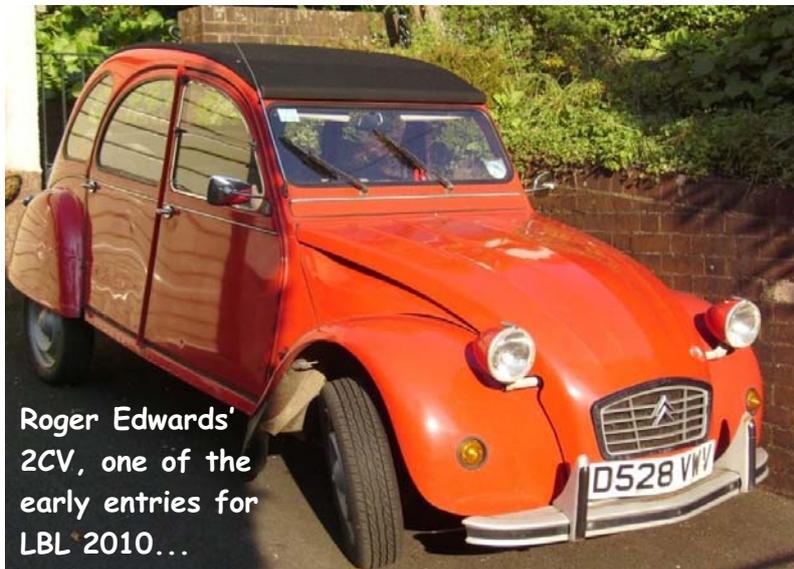
Liège-Brescia-Liège 2010: entries coming in!



There's lots of interest, and a wide range of entries coming in for **Liège-Brescia-Liège 2010**, which as you know is the turn of 600-1200cc cars, both pre- and post-war, to experience the fabulous roads, challenges, camaraderie, exhaustion and sheer fun that the micro crews enjoyed last year.

Naturally we're focussing more on Micro Marathon at the moment

because it's coming up fast, but rest assured that LBL has not been forgotten; in fact we recently received confirmation of booking from one of the most crucial hotels, high in the Dolomites, which hasn't been the easiest to secure (most hotels for LBL 2010 have been booked for six months already). And we think we've found a really fun test for that evening: paddle boats on the lake. Now that should level the playing field for the smaller-engined competitors...! On that note, Bill Toyer and Jamie Pfeifer have suggested the test below should be included on our next event...



Roger Edwards' 2CV, one of the early entries for LBL 2010...

Newly available via eBay is this stunning model of Zundapp Janus no.17 from LBL 1958: the Ernst/Kammler car that finished 11th overall. See item 220423162749 for the best price at the moment, though one outlet was selling them 10 Euros cheaper a week ago.

We really thought this must be a project of one of



our 2008 LBL Janus crews, but apparently not. We'd love to know where the makers did their research: it's a remarkably accurate model. Did they find colour photos?



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LBL MINI FOR SALE

Ideal Liège-Brescia-Liège mount: 1961 Morris Mini 998cc, currently getting full restoration but I've been tempted by a Cooper replica so the Morris could be yours for £3750.

Mike Norton, email miken@dentaladviser.demon.co.uk

NAVIGATOR OFFERED FOR MICRO MARATHON

LBL veteran (co-driver in 2CV no 31) would love to have a go at the Micro Marathon too: email Mike Norton on miken@dentaladviser.demon.co.uk

EXPERT NAVIGATOR FOR MICRO MARATHON

They don't come more experienced than Willy Cave: if you want the best, email willycave@amserve.com

IDEAL MICRO/FIAT 500 TRAILER FOR SALE ->

In very good shape, recently repainted, £300ono. Collect Scotland or Cheltenham. Chris Berens, 01285 653924



BRADFORD CLASSIC CAR SHOW NEEDS MICROS!! JULY 18-19
Microcars are invited to display in Centenary Square, Bradford for this high profile event: Contact Bob Parker, 01274 434407

NAVIGATOR SOUGHT FOR MICRO MARATHON

Navigator needed for Berkeley Foursome (rare 492cc 4-seater), must be prepared to share entry fee and costs. Bill Toyer, geedadtee@aol.com

LBL 1968 NSU 1000TTS REPLICA FOR SALE IN NORWAY

Immaculate. 100,000 kroner (c£10K). Arne, nsuclub@online.no



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