



# Liège-Brescia-Liège Diamond Jubilee July 11-22, 2018



**Authentic: up to 500cc pre-'59**

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\* \* **Liège here we come!** \* \*

\* \* **Final instructions** \* \*

# RAC

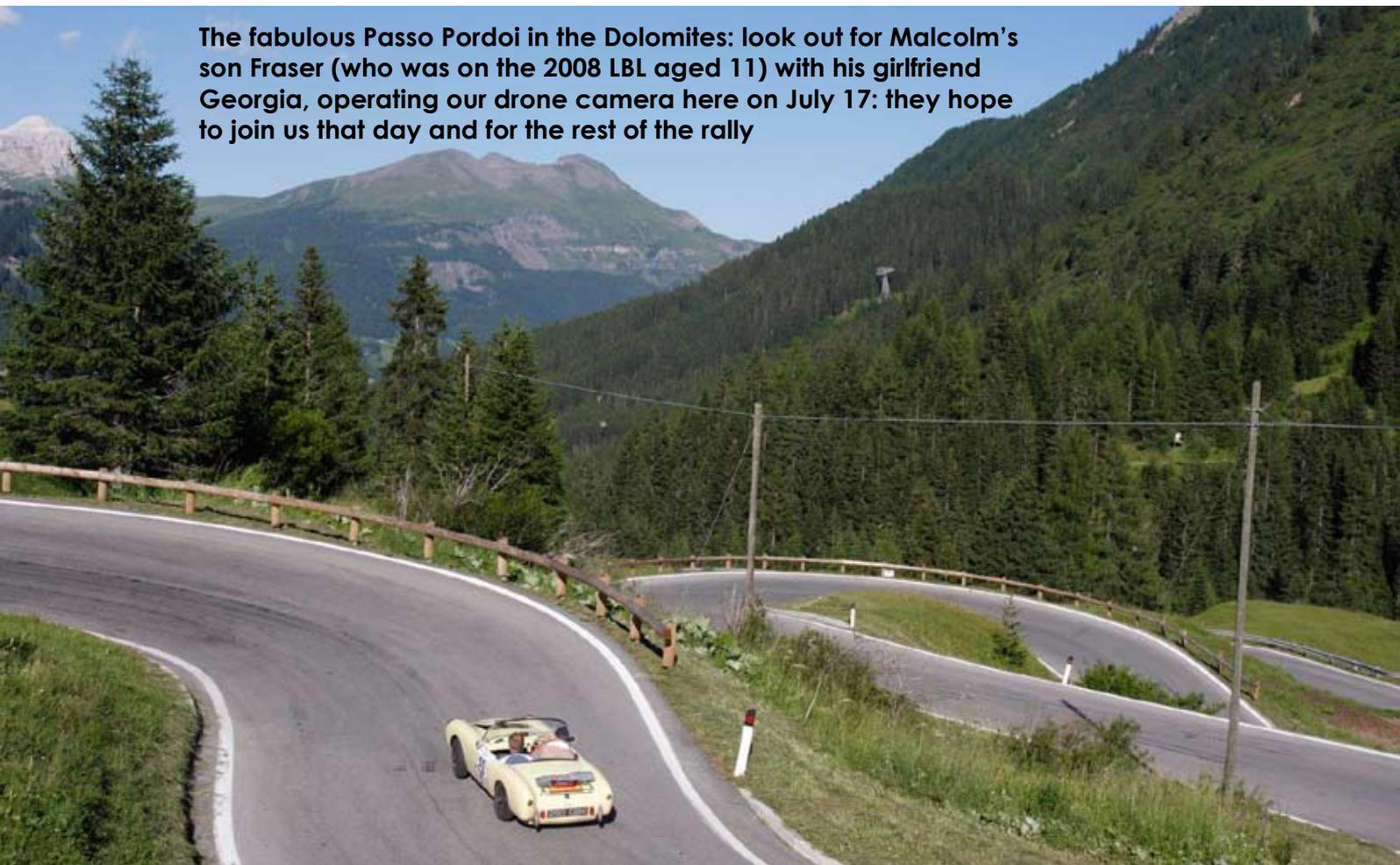


Thanks to everyone for updating us with your registration number where needed, and other details. We are looking forward to meeting all of you, many for the first time and renewing old friendships with others, in Liège in a few days. Here at Rally HQ we're absolutely flat out as everything comes together: four huge boxes of trophies arrived yesterday and are on the dining room table for checking (after which they will be re-boxed to have a chance of fitting in our car!), the rally plates, door stickers and banner arrived this morning and Helena is sticking the numbers on for each of you, your Route Instructions folders are coming together and we're still checking and double-checking the route and visits to get the Instructions as accurate as possible...

We're immensely grateful to the RAC for making very special arrangements to help some of our US entrants, who found that it was no longer possible to get European Recovery Cover for a car not registered in Europe. We're also very grateful to Michelin for providing the Belgian maps we needed, and to Freytag & Berndt in Austria for getting us all the rest of the maps at a very special rate.

We're also hugely grateful to 1958 LBL veteran Remo di Cocco (pictured above left), and to Pierre Forlin of Liège Sport, who have worked tirelessly to secure for us, for the first time in 10 years of running these rallies, a start in front of the Palais des Princes-Evêques, where the original 1958 event gathered in front of huge crowds to commence, at 5:30pm on Thursday, July 17, a slow convoy to Spa, where the timed sections began. The City of Spa has just yesterday confirmed that we can also stop on Place Royale, where that timed start was held at 9pm: we can't park exactly where we did 10 years ago, as there is now concern that the ancient vaults below

**The fabulous Passo Pordoi in the Dolomites: look out for Malcolm's son Fraser (who was on the 2008 LBL aged 11) with his girlfriend Georgia, operating our drone camera here on July 17: they hope to join us that day and for the rest of the rally**



are getting weak, and we have to fit in around preparations for the huge Francofolies music festival the following weekend, but it's great that the City authorities respect the 60th Anniversary of this historic event and are keen to help.

And so it continues throughout the route: our good friend Janko Uratnik has worked his magic with the authorities in Ljubljana again to get us permission to park on the Prešeren Square: in 2008 ours was the first rally to be allowed onto the now-pedestrianised square, where we believe the Time Control was held at 8:10-9:10pm on Friday July 18, 1958 – yes, just 24 hours after leaving Spa. In Brescia, the authorities have worked hard to find us a good place to stop, as the Piazza Loggia which hosted the only stop on LBL 1958 is busy with a music festival all week. In 1958 the arrival control was between 9:50am and 11:50am on Saturday, with departure eight hours later, between 6pm and 8:30pm. They were not allowed to work on the cars, but they could sleep, for the first time since gathering for the start on Thursday – if they could find somewhere to sleep in the middle of the day in a busy city...

We're also promised a hearty welcome in Bretten, a lovely mediaeval town in Germany that we have added to the route since 2008 and where we are welcomed to park in the pedestrianised historic centre, surrounded by bars serving those huge German beers... And as mentioned before, Stavelot welcomes us this year for the official finish control at the magnificent Abbey, where the Spa Circuit museum is located (and which you will of course be free to visit). We have more great Museum visits lined up for you of course, including the completely revamped Automuseum Wolfegg, where new owner Nicolas Flosbach is very keen to welcome you all – and of course the unmissable Boxenstop in Tübingen: Rainer and Ute Klink's brilliant museum that is so enjoyable to see.

Right now though, your main concern is getting to Liège... For UK entrants crossing to Calais, we recommend motorway E42 via Lille, Tournai, Mons, Charleroi, Namur: satnavs often try to route you via Brussels, but the Brussels ring motorway is definitely best avoided.



**Approach to the trailer parking:  
see below**

so kindly located by Vanessa, our ever-resourceful Hotel Manager at the Ramada Plaza, the location is Chaussée de Liège n°1 in Grâce-Hollogne. Vanessa writes, "When they exit from the highway, they need to follow Bierset so they will pass 2 roundabouts. (Pic above shows the second roundabout). After +- 300 meters they will see on the right side the entrance of the parking (pic right: now they have installed a signage, NEW AUTO MARKET)." Note that the parking will be open only until 8pm: it is locked overnight with camera surveillance. The cost is expected to be 100€ from July 11 to July 23; that's based on an outfit occupying approx 20sqm, so if you have a particularly large towing vehicle or trailer it might be more, but hopefully they will be



**Patty Schwarze and Dorothy Dansberger, our first ever all-ladies crew, enjoyed a great send-off from Florida a few days ago...**

In the past we have provided detailed instructions to get you to the hotel. You can still see these in past newsletters on the website (try the June 2013 newsletter), but as you're all coming from different directions and as virtually everyone has Google Maps on their phone these days, or a satnav, we suggest you use these for the last time, before putting them away for the duration of the rally! The hotel address was in the May newsletter, but if you Google Ramada Plaza Liège it will of course take you straight there...

For those using the trailer parking that has been



happy charging a flat rate. Please note that this parking is NOT part of the rally, it has been very kindly located by Vanessa because we realised that some, but not all, entrants would be in need of it. There's no obligation to use it and we know some of you have already made other arrangements, which is absolutely fine.

Do make sure you have taken out full European Recovery cover (including for Slovenia) for those occasions when Simon and Mike in the RAC van can't get to you, or parts aren't available, or they are busy with someone else: that cover should enable your car to be recovered back home (or to the docks if shipping out of Europe) while you follow the rest of the event in a hire car, or give you a hire car to follow while your car is repaired and you pick it up later.

Please remember to have a digital camera and a stopwatch with you: the ones on virtually all mobile phones are perfectly adequate. A compass is also tremendously useful when navigating from maps.

Many of you will have driven extensively in Europe before, but it's worth brushing up on the legal requirements in the different countries, to avoid nasty surprises. As you probably know, the most recent addition has been the requirement, if you're passing through France, to carry an NF-certified disposable breathalyser in the car.

**Documents:** Driving licence; vehicle registration document; insurance certificate; passports; country sticker; European Health Insurance Card (EU residents); European Recovery insurance; Travel insurance.

**Compulsory Breakdown/Emergency Kit:** requirements vary between countries, but between all the countries we will travel through you are required to have: Warning triangle, First-aid kit, Reflective Jackets (in car, and worn by anyone who steps outside in a breakdown/emergency situation), Spare Bulb set. Headlamps must be adjusted or fitted with converters to avoid dazzling oncoming motorists. A fire extinguisher is recommended (we also strongly recommend you carry one).

#### **Speed Limits:**

Austria: Motorway 130kph, outside built-up areas 100kph, built-up areas 50kph, some towns 30kph.

Belgium: Motorway/dual carriageway 120kph, outside built-up areas 90kph, built-up areas 50kph (officially, though 60kph is also common in villages), occasionally at entrance to built-up areas 30kph.

France: Motorway 130kph (110kph if wet), dual carriageway 110kph (100 if wet), outside built-up areas 90kph, built-up 50kph. NB EU licences are confiscated on the spot if exceeding limit by more than 40kph.

Germany: Motorways unlimited or 130kph; outside built-up areas 100kph; built-up areas 50kph (sometimes lower as marked).

Italy: Motorway 130kph (110 if wet), dual carriageway 110kph (90 if wet), outside built-up areas 90kph, built-up areas 50kph.

Slovenia: Motorway 130kph, dual carriageway 110kph, outside built-up areas 90kph, built-up 50kph.

Permitted Alcohol limit: All, 0.049% in blood (just over half Britain's 0.08% limit).

**Motorway vignettes:** Austria & Slovenia (buy in petrol stations before/after border) - though the official rally route avoids motorways in these countries.



**Radar detectors** are prohibited in all countries; in France and Germany you can also be severely fined for having a sat nav showing fixed camera points (this facility can be disabled on most sat navs).

**Additional points:** France, Germany: E10 fuel with 10% ethanol best avoided - it may affect your fuel lines.

Slovenia: Use of dipped headlights during the day is compulsory, as are hazard lights when reversing. Indicators should not be used when joining a roundabout, only when leaving it.

Italy: Daytime running lights compulsory outside built-up areas.

**See you in Liège!**

# Liège-Brescia-Liège 2018 Revised Programme

*This Timetable is provisional and may be amended.*

**Wednesday July 11**

13:00-18:00 Arrival and Signing On, Ramada Plaza Hotel, Liège

20:00 Welcome Dinner, Ramada Plaza Hotel, Liège

**Thursday July 12**

08:00-08:30 Rally Start, Hotel de Ville, Liège

c09:00-09:30 Passage Control, Parc des Sept Heures, Spa

17:30-19:30 Check In Special Test & Dinner, Kartbahn Liedolsheim

Overnight Radisson Blu Hotel, Karlsruhe Ettlingen

**Friday July 13**

08:00-08:30 Check Out, Radisson Blu Hotel, Karlsruhe Ettlingen

c10:30-12:00 Checkpoint, Boxenstop Museum, Tubingen

17:45-19:45 Check In, Museum Tour & Dinner, BMW Museum, Munich

Overnight Novotel Suites & IBIS Munich Parkstadt Schwabing

**Saturday July 14**

08:15-08:45 Check Out, Novotel/IBIS Munich Parkstadt Schwabing

18:30-19:30 Check In, Grand Hotel Misurina

**Sunday July 15**

08:30-09:00 Check Out, Grand Hotel Misurina

18:00-19:00 Check In, Ljubljana Historic Centre

Overnight Grand Hotel Union Business, Ljubljana

**Monday July 16**

Free Day Explore beautiful Ljubljana

**Tuesday July 17**

08:00-08:30 Check Out, Grand Hotel Union Business, Ljubljana

18:30-19:30 Check In, Sporthotel Alpenrose, Carezza

**Wednesday July 18**

08:30-09:00 Check Out, Sporthotel Alpenrose/Hotel Adler, Carezza

17:15-18:00 Rendezvous with Police escort, Brescia

18:00-19:30 Check In, Piazza Mercato, Brescia

Overnight Villa Fenaroli Palace Hotel, Brescia

**Thursday July 19**

09:00-09:30 Check Out, Villa Fenaroli Palace Hotel, Brescia

10:30-11:30 Special Test, Circuito di Franciacorta

18:30-19:30 Check In, Hotel Marlena, Merano

**Friday July 20**

08:30-09:00 Check Out, Hotel Marlena, Merano

18:00-19:00 Check In, Marina Hotel, Bernried

**Saturday July 21**

08:00-08:30 Check Out, Marina Hotel, Bernried

c11:00-13:00 Checkpoint, Automuseum Busch, Wolfegg

c13:00-16:00 Checkpoint, Automuseum Engstingen

c15:00-17:30 Checkpoint, Schloss Lichtenstein

19:00-20:00 Check In, Marktplatz, Bretten

Overnight Achat Hotel, Bretten

**Sunday July 22**

09:00-09:30 Check Out, Achat Hotel, Bretten

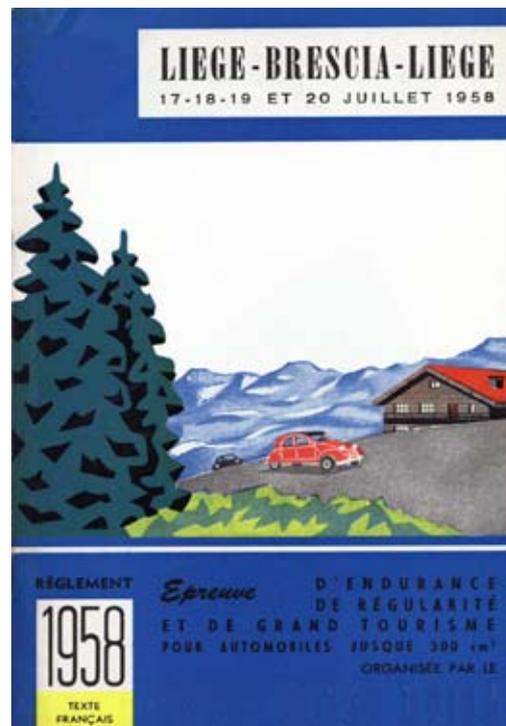
19:00-19:30 Special Test, Kartbahn Liedolsheim

18:30-19:30 Check In, Abbee de Stavelot

21:00 Prizegiving Dinner, Ramada Plaza Hotel, Liège

**Monday July 23**

Morning Breakfast; departure



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