

Madrid-Vila Real-Madrid 2014 Sportscar Challenge

Welcome to the Guild of Motor Endurance 2014 Sportscar Challenge. This six day sportscar rally will take place on the 18th to 23rd May. If you have not come across events organised by the Guild of Motor Endurance before then please read on, and we hope you will consider joining us.

The Start will be in the Sierra de Guadarrama above Madrid. The route takes on the spectacular roads across the Sierra Gredos before crossing the border into Portugal. Continuing West skirting the Rio Alva to the Atlantic coast. From the dunes, East to the labyrinth of roads over the Serra da Estrela. West again into the demanding roads North of the Beira Litoral. North over the tortuous mountain roads of Monte Muro into the maze of the Rio Douro. After reaching the goal of Vila Real, with its legendary race circuit, it's East across the Alto Douro. From the Spanish border the challenging route continues over the Pena de Francia and Sierra Paramera to Madrid.

Previous rallies include: 1997 Morocco, 1999 Sicily, 2001 Corsica, 2002 Florence, 2004 Morocco, 2005 Monte-Carlo, 2006 Sardinia, 2007 Santiago, 2008 Rome, 2009 Pyrenees, 2010 Corsica and 2012 Athens. Guild of Motor Endurance rallies are primarily about proving and testing the ability of any make of sportscar, but the driving force that influences the results of these events are the crews. Of the 467 rally competitors to date 271 have been successful.

The following makes of car have competed on previous Guild of Motor Endurance events: **Westfield** (winner 1997), **Ginetta** (winner 1998 6Hour), **Marlin** (winner 1999), **Robin Hood** (winner 2000), **Caterham** (winner 2001, 2002, 2005), **SSC** (winner in 2006), **Lotus** (winner 2004, 2007, 2008, 2008/10 6Hour, 2010) and **Smart Roadster** (winner 2012).

AM Sports, Alfa Romeo Spider, Ariel, Austin Healey 3000, Autotune Gemini, AZ, Banks Europa, Beauford, Birkin, Blackjack, Bond, BRA, Brightwheel, Buckland, Carver, Chesil, Dax Tojeiro / Rush, DRK, Dunsmore, Dutton, EBC, Findhorn NG, Fisher, Gardner Douglas, GCS, Gilbern, GP Spyder, Grinnall, GTM, Hawk, Honda S2000, Jaguar E Type, Jester, Lager, Liege, Lomax, Luego, MG, Martin & Walker, MK Indy, Marcos, Malone, Mazda, Moss, Matra, Mercedes, Nelson, Onyx, Pilgrim Bulldog, Porsche, Quantum, Ram, Reliant, Renault Spyder, Racecorp, Spartan, Stuart Taylor, Suffolk, Sylva, Teal, Tiger, Transformer Stratos, Trac, Triad, Triumph TR7, TVR, Triking, Turner, VM77 & Vindicator. Also specials: Barra, Bellini, Dagoon, DRM, Duckshover, Gilbert, JMB, Oldfield, RTP & Sportster.

If you are reading this and considering taking part in your sportscar, you should be aware that endurance rallying is a demanding discipline and should not be confused with an ordinary motoring tour. There is no doubt you will see more than your fill of spectacular scenery, but reaching controls on schedule is quite a task. What is needed to be successful on this type of event is a reliable car that handles well, a good driver, and someone sitting next to you that can stay focused, so that you arrive at where you are supposed to be within a given period of time. Also required for endurance is an element of determination to finish, regardless. Competitors keep coming back and the camaraderie when they get together has much to do with it.

If you own a sportscar and would like to reserve your entry, or be placed on the mailing list, please contact the event Secretary:

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