

Geneva-Barcelona 2015 Sportscar Challenge

Welcome to the Guild of Motor Endurance 2015 Sportscar Challenge. This five day sportscar rally will take place on the 13th-17th September. 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.

From the French side of Geneva the route heads South through numerous peaks and valleys passing Chambéry and over the Massif Chartreus. From the overnight stop in Grenoble the second day continues South East into a tangled web of serious rally roads including Combe Laval, Lente and Rousset. Day 3 turns East crossing the Rhone Valley into the challenging Ardeche. Day four via Mount Aigoual into the Cevennes and Espinouse to overnight in the Pyrenees Orientales. Day five and the legendary roads of Catalunya lead to the Barcelona Finish.

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, 2012 Athens and 2014 Vila Real, Portugal. 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.

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 2006), **Smart Roadster** (winner 2012), **Lotus** (winner 2004, 2007, 2008, 2008&10 6Hour, 2010, 2014).

AM Sports, Alfa Romeo Spider, Ariel, Austin Healey 3000, Autotune Gemini, AZ, Banks Europa, Beauford, Birkin, Blackjack, BMW M3, Bond, BRA, Brightwheel, Buckland, Carver, Chesil, Dax Tojeiro / Rush, DRK, Dunsmore, Dutton, EBC, Findhorn NG, Fisher Fury / Syder, Gardner Douglas, GCS, Gilbern, GP Spyder, Grinnall, GTM, Hawk, Honda S2000, Jaguar E Type, Jester, Lager, Liege, Locost, Lomax, Luego, MG, Martin & Walker, MK Indy, Marcos, Malone, Mazda MX5, Morgan 3, 4/4, Moss, Matra, Mercedes, Nelson, Onyx, Pilgrim Bulldog, Porsche, Quantum, Ram, Reliant, Renault Spyder, Racecorp, Smart Roadster, Spartan, Stuart Taylor, Suffolk SS100, Sylva, Teal Type35, Tiger, Transformer Stratos, Trac, Triad, Triumph TR7, TVR, Triking, Turner, VM77 & Vindicator. Also specials: Barra, Bellini, Dragoon, 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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