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E-types and XKs outnumber regular traffic on the Stelvio, July 2012

It's been too long since the last Newsletter! Entrants already know that the reason for the gap has been the disappointing TVR entry levels for **Liège-Brescia-Liège 2013**; rather than cancel, we took the decision to cut back on non-essential rally costs, so that we can still give the small group that we *will* be taking around Europe this summer the best possible event for their money...

Needless to say, we would still be very happy to welcome a few more entries for **Liège-Brescia-Liège 2013**, and we have frozen the price at £1999 per person for two people sharing a room - but if you are thinking of entering, please let us know as soon as possible, because we will soon have to release the few extra rooms we have on hold!

If you don't have a TVR or your TVR isn't up to scratch for the event, but you'd still like to have a go, you won't be alone, as we're delighted to have Adrian and David Turner with us in a rented Chimaera. Adrian took part last year with his wife Suzanne in their V12 E-type and, after some initial worries about whether they'd bitten off more than they really wanted to chew (the first couple of days are quite 'full on!') they settled down and really enjoyed the rally. So much so, in fact, that when enthusing about it to their son over Christmas, he said he'd love to do an event like that - and Adrian hatched the plan to bring him this year. If you'd like to do the same, fellow entrant Andrew Gray has very kindly offered his superb 1971 TVR Vixen, a well restored and tested car that would be enormous fun on the rally - and he's prepared to hire it for the event for under £1000, making it a very cost-effective way to take part. Let us know if you're interested, and we will put you in touch with Andrew.

We are also still happy to discuss TVR entries for part of the event, if you can't spare the time for the full rally. Because of the 'three-leg' nature of the rally (Liège-Ljubljana, Ljubljana-Brescia, Brescia-Liège), it is perfectly feasible to do just one leg, or two, or just the first or last weekend: we can accommodate most options and usually can offer you routes and accommodation to get you back home as part of the package: just let us know your needs.

If you have a car but no co-driver, don't despair either! As mentioned in the last newsletter, we can find you a co-driver - just call, or drop us an email.



Andrew Gray will loan you his lovely Vixen for LBL 2013!



Liège-Brescia-Liège 2013 Entry List

Driver	Co-driver	TVR
Class 1: 20th Century TVRs		
Andrew Gray (Eire)	Frank Thomas (NL)	1978 3000S
David Tucker (GB)	Mathew Tucker (GB)	1993 Griffith 430
Robin Orloff (Brazil)	Julio Lopes (Brazil)	1998 Chimaera 500
Adrian Turner (GB)	David Turner (GB)	c1998 Chimaera 400
Class 2: 21st Century TVRs		
Ian Forrester (GB)	Gina Forrester (GB)	2003 Tuscan
Duncan Willshire (GB)	Suzanne Willshire (GB)	2003 Tuscan
Filip Tops (Belgium)	Bart Aerts (Belgium)	2005 Tuscan



Adrian & David Turner's rented Chimaera 400

XK-E Pyrénées, August 30 - Sept 8, 2014

Excitement is building for our second Jaguar event, **XK-E Pyrénées 2014**, for which we have now fixed the dates and the outline route, we have identified the best hotels and have half of them already provisionally booked. There are some real corkers, too! We researched the roads in the Pyrénées and northern Spain a few years ago for a microcar rally we ran there, and can confirm that in early September they are not only dry, sunny and stunningly beautiful, but also quite remarkably deserted – to the point that you may well see more wildlife than cars on some stretches. Our past roadside sightings have included deer, marmots, a huge vulture and even a wolf and a bear!

As with **Liège-Brescia-Liège**, the route is carefully chosen to be fun to drive and ideally suited to XKs and E-types. Especially in northern Spain, the roads have benefited from considerable EU investment and are mostly in superb condition. There are still a few gravel-surfaced roads, but unless we can find ones that are very smooth, we will avoid them.

Except for a few entrants joining us from southern France and Spain, most of you will need to get to the Toulouse start from the UK or northern Europe. This can be a real drag, necessitating either an interminable ferry journey (often with unpleasant weather in the Bay of Biscay) or a long and arduous drive through France. Well, you can forget all that, as we have the perfect solution, getting you to the start in under 24 hours from southern England, including a night's sleep!

We are working with French railways, SNCF, to combine their overnight motorail service from Paris to Toulouse with their high quality overnight sleeper service on the same route, so that you can take a midday or early afternoon Eurotunnel train to Calais on Thursday, August 29, a gentle drive down to Paris and meet up with us at Paris Bercy Auto-train terminal, where your car will be loaded. We will then enjoy the first rally dinner together before transferring to the sleeper terminal, Paris-Austerlitz, to be wafted to sleep en route to Toulouse. You awake at Toulouse in time for a quick breakfast, before collecting your cars and motoring to our nearby start location: by lunchtime on Friday, you are rallying in the Pyrénées. At the end of the rally, a similar formula will whisk



Lone wolf looking for food in the Pyrénées...

Astounding scenery, deserted roads...

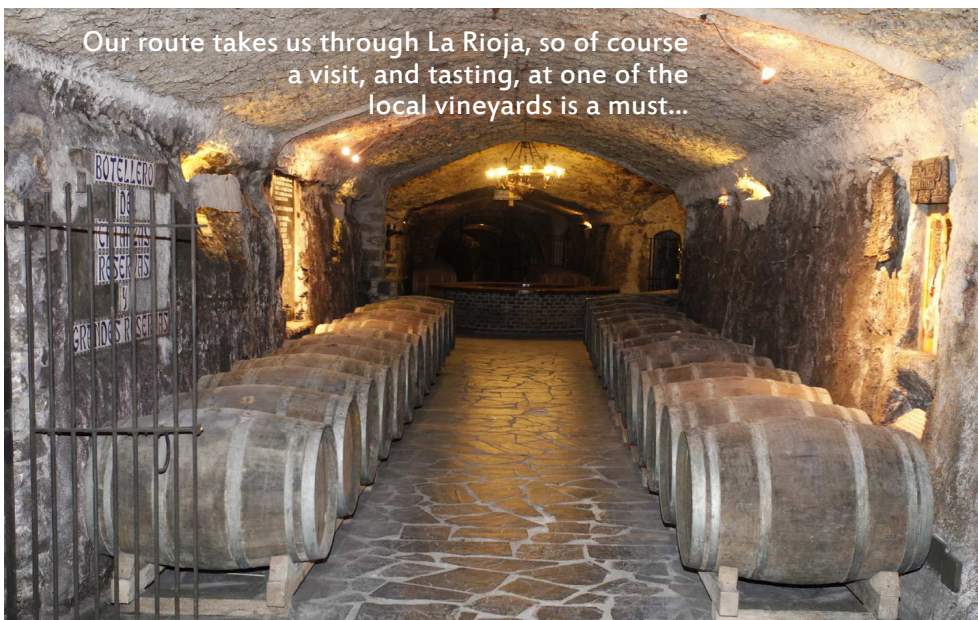


you and your car back to Paris on Monday night, September 8, enabling you to be back across the Channel by early Tuesday afternoon.

While we expect that the majority of entrants will take advantage of this service from SNCF, it is entirely optional and will have to be booked separately from the rally. You are also most welcome to make your own way to Toulouse for the start, and/or your own way home, or to use the SNCF service just one way or on different dates to suit your travel plans.

The rally itself will follow the same well-liked and much-liked 'competitive tour' format as **Liège-Brescia-Liège**, with navigational challenges and special tests on private circuits for the competitive among you! Those who don't wish to be competitive are equally welcome and, as with LBL, will have the option of driving the full route or taking short cuts, and having a go or not at the tests as they wish.

Fascinating visits will be included along the route, with an even wider range of subjects than on **Liège-Brescia-Liège**, ranging from private and public motor museums to stunning unspoiled mediaeval towns and castles, to the shocking and eerie abandoned town of Belchite, where one of the most harrowing battles of the Spanish Civil War was fought in August/September 1937. The entire town, held by 7000 of Franco's Nationalist troops, was destroyed by a much larger Republican force including American troops and Russian-supplied aircraft. Franco later declared the ruined town – where contemporary reports claimed half a million people died – should be left untouched as a monument of war. Now, partially collapsed and buried in rubble, it is a sobering place to visit. Traces of the energy of war are alleged still to exist there, with psychic researches in the dead of night recording distant sounds of gunfire, bombs exploding and aircraft flying overhead...



Our route takes us through La Rioja, so of course a visit, and tasting, at one of the local vineyards is a must...

Our route will take us from Toulouse south into the Pyrénées, then wind west through breathtakingly beautiful mountain passes. We cross to the Spanish side and down to the Atlantic coast and a stunning beach-side hotel, before heading inland through glorious scenery into the vineyards of La Rioja. Even more deserted roads, wonderful to drive, take us south east into Aragón, then to the coast at Tarragona, looking out over the magnificently preserved Roman amphitheatre. From here we head north, back into the Pyrénées and a night in the remarkable mountain principality of Andorra. Back into France, we head through the mountains to the Mediterranean again, before cutting back to the unbelievably well-preserved mediaeval walled city of Carcassonne for our Prizegiving Dinner and final night – giving you all the next day to explore this wonderful historic city, a World Heritage Site.

Hotel space is at a premium for this event (deserted roads mean few tourists and, therefore, few hotels) so we will not be able to take more than 30 cars. To reserve a place, we recommend a £200 deposit (returnable if, later, you find you are unable to join us) as soon as possible. We are taking the unusual step of asking you to pay a deposit now, before the final entry fee and precise details are confirmed, because the availability of great hotels (and we do have some great ones lined up!) is extremely limited and the route, and hotels, that we choose must be tailored to the number of entrants we receive. What we can say is that the entry fee will be no more than for LBL. Please pay online to Sort Code: 09-01-50, Account number: 05807379, or by cheque payable to ClassicRallyPress Ltd. From outside UK, please pay in Pounds Sterling to -

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