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Time is marching on and **XK-E Pyrénées 2014** is now just nine months away: if you are still thinking about joining us, please decide soon, as we expect a last-minute rush to take advantage of the rock-bottom advance payment entry fee, which expires in a few days on November 30. If you have already paid a £200 deposit, please get £1695 to us by that date - if you have not yet paid a deposit, please send £1895. The balance of £1895 will then be due by 30 April next year (prices for two people sharing a room, either double or twin bed). Internet bank transfer is the simplest and easiest method, but if that is not an option for you, please send a sterling cheque payable to ClassicRallyPress Ltd. For transfers, bank details are: Sort Code 09-01-50, Account number 05807379. From outside UK, please pay in Pounds Sterling to IBAN: GB88 ABBY0901 5005807379, BIC: ABBYGB2LXXX. Many thanks to those of you who have paid already.

Rally 'spectators' poised on a perfect open hairpin bend...

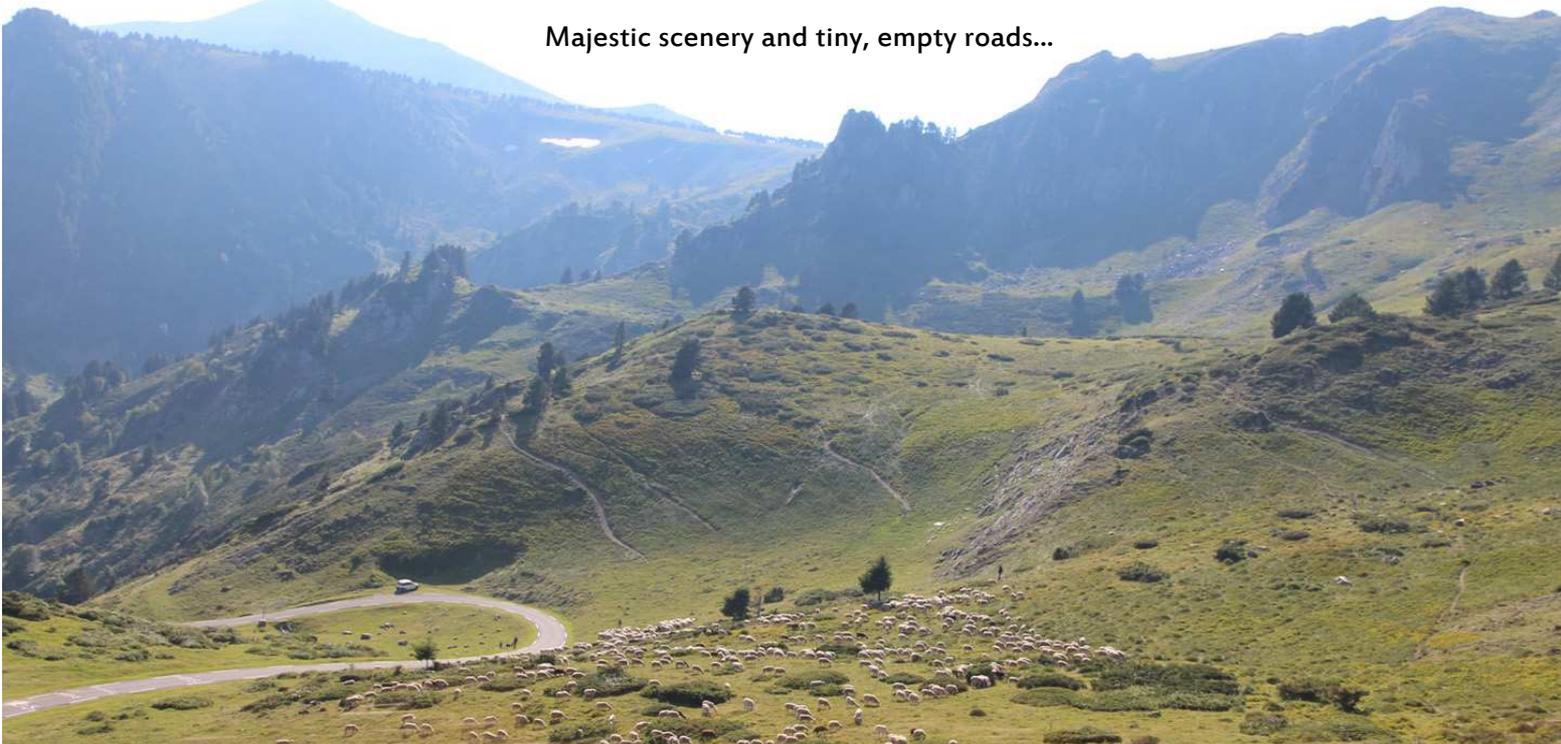


Castles abound, in both France and Spain - clear blue skies are virtually guaranteed too!



Just a quick reminder: for that entry fee, you will get nine days' driving on fabulous roads, nine nights in the best hotels around, dinner AND lunches on eight days (breakfast on nine), visit and wine tasting at the superb Bodega Eguren Ugarte in La Rioja, entry to museums and private car collections, route book, rally plates and all maps, plus RAC Rescue back-up. We will include at least three special tests on private circuits; hopefully four. If you haven't yet had the Regulations and Entry Forms and would like to see them, email us now and we will send them by return. We do sometimes have problems with emails (especially with attachments) not going through, so if you don't get a response to your first email or you don't receive what you've asked for, PLEASE email us again and try our alternative email address, which is classicrallypress@yahoo.co.uk - we really do want to hear from you and do reply promptly to all emails we receive.

Majestic scenery and tiny, empty roads...



In the last newsletter, we talked you through the first day's drive: now for the second. We leave the characterful Bishops' Palace of St Lizier (after a splendid breakfast) and head into the mountains on more tiny, forgotten roads full of wildlife, beautiful views and tiny villages. As we head west along the French side of the Pyrénées,



Grazing animals live in harmony in small family groups...

Driving in the clouds on the Col du Tourmalet



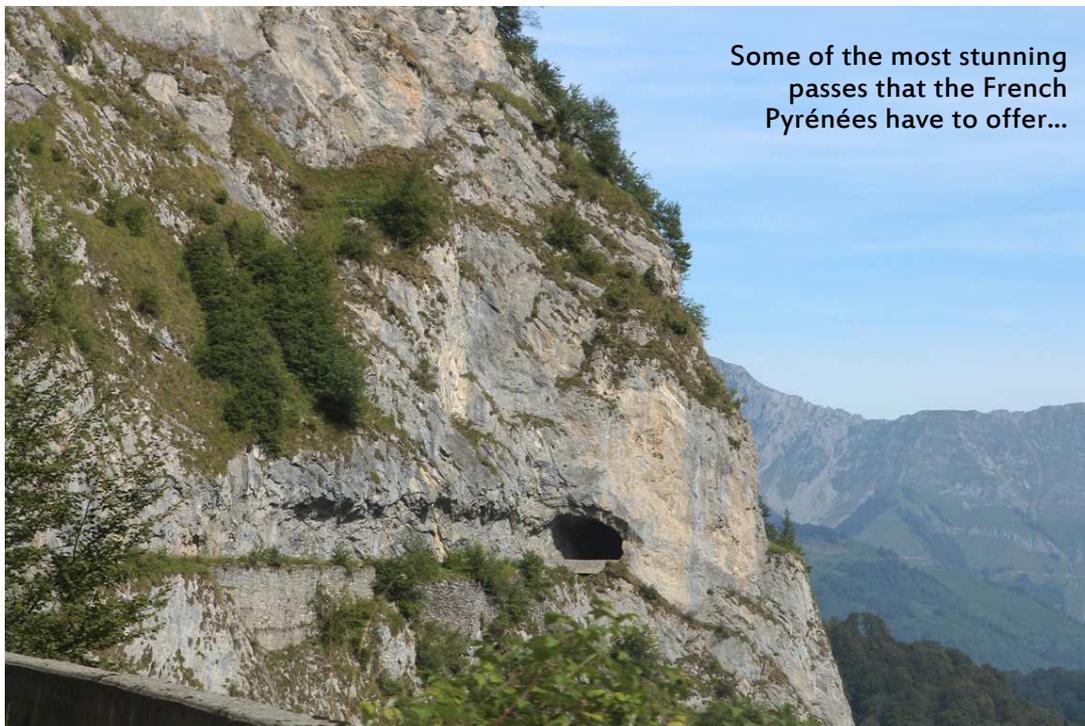
we tick off no less than nine cols in a relatively relaxed day, the first at just 893m but building up gradually to the magnificent Col du Tourmalet, a favourite of the Tour de France cycle race, at 2115m, where we found ourselves briefly driving in the clouds on the recce. We have found some new passes on this stretch that we'd not explored before and are sure you will really enjoy them: wonderful views and peaceful, traffic-free rallying on roads that are enormous fun to drive.

We drop down from Tourmalet, through the village of Barèges, now recovering from dreadful floods earlier this year which destroyed roads and buildings alike when unusually heavy snowfalls were followed by a sudden warm spell. We stay in a charming family hotel with Michelin star restaurant (one of several on this event) in the next small town, Luz Saint Sauveur: in fact we pretty much take over

the hotel for the night, and the family are looking forward very much to receiving us.

Day three sees a slightly earlier start as we have a little more ground to cover. First we head west again in France, through some of the most stunning mountain passes and valleys that the French Pyrénées have to offer. Making them even more enjoyable is the wonderful mix of wildlife and grazing animals: cows, donkeys, horses, sheep and pigs can all be found wandering happily amidst the pastures, and it is such a pleasure to see these animals that we normally only see in large herds or flocks, confined to fields, living their natural life in couples or small family groups.

After driving a delightful road through natural forest with many clearings (cream-coloured cows with their bells softly clanging, grazing alongside an incredibly beautiful stream), we emerge into open country and approach the border with Spain. Just before, a hand-written sign



Some of the most stunning passes that the French Pyrénées have to offer...

San Sebastian at night: the beach and the city, viewed from the magnificent Hotel de Londres y de Inglaterra, where we all will have sea view rooms...



beckons us to stop for cheese and honey: the sheep's cheese, made right here in the mountains, is absolutely delicious.

Crossing into Spain (at 1760m on the eighth Col of the day), the road widens (thanks to EU subsidies!) and the Cols become Portillos or Puertas: there are five more to come, albeit most under 1000m, followed by a run in to San Sebastian and the superb Hotel de Londres y de Inglaterra, in pole position at the city centre end of the delightful bay and beach that make San Sebastian one of the most sought-after resorts in Spain. BUT, before you relax in this splendid hotel, there's a sting in the tail for the competitive types - a navigational section that is designed to challenge you, on tiny single-track roads where you can drive for miles without seeing a soul, with fabulous views and a few confusing junctions! An alternative route will easily whisk those who choose it to the delights of the hotel, but for those who enjoy their navigation, we hope to offer you a lot of fun on the first of what we might call 'medal sections': a flavour of the challenge faced by competitors on rallies such as the Monte Carlo Rally, which passed through the Pyrénées in the 1950s. Miss them and you will incur penalties, but there is no shame in skipping them: we anticipate around 50% of you will head straight for the hotel, but for those who don't, it will definitely be a memorable experience...

Day 4 starts very late, giving you a few hours to enjoy San Sebastian, whether it be the beach, the shops or the many other attractions of this fine city. The route? We'll let you know in the next Newsletter!

We now have 26 cars on the Provisional Entry List, which is terrific: many thanks to all who have signed up. While it is the same number as it was when we published the last newsletter, several names have changed, as some who'd paid deposits have had to pull out due to other commitments, and others have jumped to take their places.

We look forward to seeing you all in Toulouse next August!



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XK-E Pyrénée Provisional Entry List

XK 120 ALLOY	Paul & Nathalie Gallegos, GB/F
XK 120 OTS	Carel Jan & Ineke de Bruin, NL/SA
XK 120 FHC	Ian & Delyse Fyfe, GB
XK 120 DHC	Ronald & Rosa Maria Lorijn, NL/ES
XK 140 OTS	Roy Callow, GB
XK 140 FHC	David & Melanie Roberts, GB
XK 140 DHC	Michel Crombe, F
XK 150 DHC	Nick & Jules Fielding, GB
XK 150 DHC	William Fountain & Lauren Allan, GB
XK 150	Edward Astle, GB
XK 150S 3.8 OTS	Jan Nielsen & Mie Daverkosen, DK
E-type SI 3.8 OTS	Nick & Katrina Bromfield, GB
E-type SI 3.8 OTS	Alex & Frances Dorrian, GB
E-type SI 3.8 OTS	Gary & Wendy Stead, GB
E-type SI 3.8 FHC	Robin & Liz Hall, GB
E-type OTS	c/o Robin Hall, GB
E-type SI 4.2 OTS	Paul & Roma Handley, GB
E-type SI 4.2 FHC	Marc & Rosa Gordon, GB
E-type SI ¹ / ₂ OTS	Simon Dudfield, GB
E-type SI ¹ / ₂ FHC	John Gilpin, GB
E-type SII OTS	Nick S-Burrige/Denis Greenslade, UK
E-type SII 2+2	Peter & Rayna Jackson, GB
E-type S3 FHC	Mike & Lorna Harrison, GB
E-type S3 OTS	Adrian Turner & Susanne Westgate, GB
E-type S3 OTS	Ivan Mortimer, GB
E-type S3 OTS	Ian & Dorothy Suttie, GB