

España-Santiago 2007 Sportscar Challenge

Welcome to the Guild of Motor Endurance 2007 Sportscar Challenge. This five day all tarmac Reliability Trial for Specialist Sportscars will be taking place on the 17th – 21st September.

The 2007 route will start from Bordeaux south west France. After heading South over the Atlantic Pyrenees into Spain the route will cross the Sierra de la Demanda, the Picos de Europa and the Leon range of mountains. From the Portuguese border the route will head North to Santiago.

If you have not come across events organised by the Guild of Motor Endurance before then read on, and we hope you will consider joining us. If you have competed with your sportscar before you will have an idea of the motoring challenge that is promised for the third week of September. Reserve your place and book the time off now.

Previous rallies include: 1997 Morocco, 1999 Sicily, 2001 Corsica, 2002 Florence, 2004 Morocco, 2005 Monte-Carlo and 2006 Sardinia. Guild of Motor Endurance rallies are primarily about proving and testing the ability of specialist sportscars, but the driving force that influences the results of these events are the crews. Of the 306 rally competitors to date 214 have been successful.

The following makes of cars have competed on past events:

Westfield (winner 1997), Ginetta (winner 1998), Marlin (winner 1999), Robin Hood (winner 2000), Caterham (winner 2001, 2002, 2005), Lotus (winner 2004) and SSC winning in 2006.

AM Sports, Austin Healey, Autotune Gemini, AZ, Banks Europa, Beauford, Birkin, Blackjack, Bond, BRA, Brightwheel, Buckland, Chesil, Dax Tojeiro, DRK, Dunsmore, Dutton, Embeesea, Findhorn NG, Fisher, GCS, Gilbern, Grinnall Scorpion, GTM, Hawk, Jester, Liege, Lomax, Martin & Walker, Marcos, Malone, Moss, Nelson, Onyx, Pilgrim Bulldog, Quantum, Ram C-type, Reliant, Renault Spyder, Racecorp, Smart Roadster, Spartan, Suffolk SS100, Sylva, Teal, Transformer Stratos, Trac, Triad, Triumph, TVR, Triking, Turner & Vindicator. Also specials: Barra, Bellini, Dragoon, DRM, Duckshover, Gilbert, JMB, Oldfield, RTP & Sportster.

The early entry fee for the España-Santiago 2007 Sportscar Challenge is £595 per person. This includes five nights bed, breakfast in hotels in Spain.

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 fill in the form and send it to the event Secretary:

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