



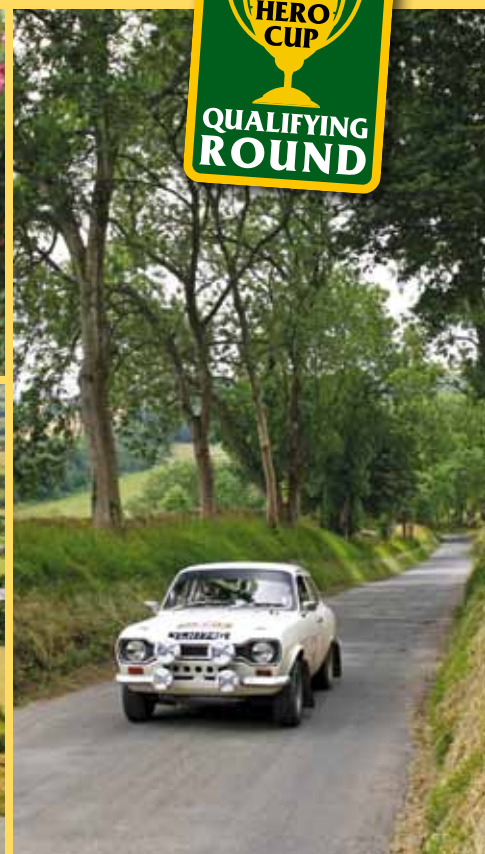
HERO'S Summer Classic Reliability Trial and Tour

21st to 23rd July 2011

In 2008, the Historic Endurance Rallying Organisation promoted the inaugural Summer Classic Reliability Trial and Tour, an event intended to appeal to crews new to classic events, or to people who had limited free time – whilst still maintaining a strong enough competitive element to ensure the Summer Trial had plenty to offer experienced crews. The concept was a clear success and each year the event has attracted people new to the sport.

Having been based in Worcestershire for three years, the format and location of the event will change in 2011 as HERO takes advantage of the invitation to attend the Panerai British Classic Week, taking place in Cowes on the Isle of Wight. Panerai are sponsors of the foremost series of classic yacht regattas in the world and HERO are privileged to be the first classic car event promoter to be invited to be involved with one of their regattas.

Open to cars built before 1984, the 2011 HERO Summer Classic Reliability Trial and Tour will spend day one on the Isle of Wight before crossing to the mainland to complete days two and three in the South of England. As in previous years the route will include regularity sections and driving tests without any navigational trickery or night-time driving.





A qualifying round of the HERO Cup, the 2011 Summer Classic Reliability Trial and Tour will follow the popular and successful format of other HERO events with crews competing for gold, silver and bronze medals as well as for individual class and team awards. Finishers' medals will also be awarded to all those crews that complete either Trial or Tour.

The fee includes entry for a crew of two, four-nights' shared accommodation (single rooms are available on payment of a supplement), welcome and prize-giving dinners, lunch on the three days of the event, detailed Jogularity style 'Tulip' roadbook for Trial entrants, rally and door plates, event souvenirs, finishers' and other awards. As with all HERO events, mechanical assistance and support will be provided by the HERO Assist on-event mechanics.

Open to cars made before 1st January 1984, vehicles entered in the Reliability Trial will be classed according to age, engine size and body type. Later vehicles of special interest or rarity may be accepted on the Tour.

The Classic Tour is intended for those who want a more leisurely drive whilst still experiencing the pleasures of classic motoring. Entrants on the Tour are provided with a Road/Map-book giving details of the suggested route. This will show the locations of the main controls, and Tourers may check in at any time the control is open. Start, finish and lunch halts will be the same for Trial and Tour in order for crews on both events to be able to stay in contact with each other. The Tour is not a competition and you are free to deviate from the suggested route to visit places of specific interest to you. Entrants on the Tour are eligible for Concours, and Spirit of the Rally awards, as well as finishers' medals.

Scrutineering and documentation will take place on Wednesday 20th July on the Isle of Wight at the Cowes Yacht Haven established for the regatta, where owners of classic yachts and cars can rub shoulders and share their mutual love of all things classic. That evening everyone will gather for the welcome black-tie dinner at the exclusive Royal Yacht Squadron before the competition starts in earnest the following morning, Thursday 21st July, with a driving test at the Haven Village. Three days of classic motoring will conclude on Saturday 23rd July with a black-tie presentation awards dinner in the Goodwood area.

No formal dining arrangements will be made for the evenings of 21st and 22nd July as we know that crews enjoy the freedom to explore local restaurants, or to dine quietly in the hotel.

The basic entry fee of £1915 for those taking advantage of the early bird discount remains unchanged from previous years apart from a slight increase of £40 to cover the ferry crossing from the Isle of Wight. HERO is committed to keeping entry fees as low as possible and any saving on the ferry charges will be passed to competitors. For those taking advantage of the early bird booking a deposit of £800 paid before 31st March will secure an entry provided the balance is paid before the end of May 2011.

Premier Members get a 10% discount on the entry fee and everyone can have the peace of mind of knowing that their money is safe with HERO, as fees are paid into an Escrow account held by our solicitor. HERO can even help if you don't have a suitable car, through the HERO Arrive and Drive scheme. For information on all HERO events and services visit the HERO website or contact the HERO office.

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