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This Friday night, all the teams enrolled in the 18th edition of Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique are on their way to the Principality of Monaco, finish line of the concentration routes.

We remind you that daily news are available everyday on *Automobile Club de Monaco*'s official website (www.acm.mc) and on Twitter (@ACM _Media).

After administrative and mechanical check-ups this morning and this afternoon, the majority of the contestants will start this evening from the last three cities of departure, **Torino, Barcelona** and **Reims** in direction of Monaco. After being confronted to the first regularity test, the 299 still in the Rally (one retirement and seven withdrawals) will get back to the Parc Fermé on Port Hercule tomorrow, Saturday 31st January at 2.45 p.m..

Two French car manufacturers are celebrating prestigious anniversaries during this 18th edition of **Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique**.



Renault celebrates the R16's 50th anniversary by enrolling two Renault 16 TS driven by the ex Formula One pilot **Michel Leclère** (n°16) and by the Auto-Journal's deputy editor in chief, **Thierry Emptas** (n°18). **Michel Leclère** will be helped by two co-pilots, **Laurent Lamat** and **Gilles Dubois**, winners of a contest organised by the Fédération Française des Clubs Renault et Alpine.

Renault Classics also enrols two R12 Gordini, piloted by Jean Ragnotti (n°1) and Alain Serpaggi (n°12)

Citroën celebrated the 60th anniversary of the DS with **Bob Neyret** behind the wheel of a DS 21 (n°21!). The DS counts two victories in Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo : **Paul Coltelloni / Pierre Alexandre** in 1959 and **Pauli Toivonen / Ensio Mikanderin** 1966.

Last week, the car brand was already in the **Principality of Monaco** with **Sébastien Loeb's** and the Monegasque **Daniel Elena's** Citroën DS3. They finished at the 8th position of the 2015 World Rally Championship.



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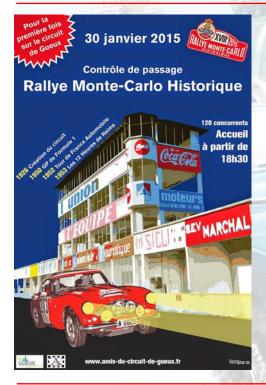
A **Trabant** starting from **Reims**. **Jean-Marie and Christian Duhaut**, from Calais, have entirely renewed this star of the German Democratic Republic the past nine months. *"It's a crazy bet but we want to push our little baby all the way to the Rock!"* Indeed, with a two cylinders engine that only reaches 26 horsepower, the two brothers of **Calais Auto Racing** will have some troubles reaching the Principality in time!

The **Porsche 911S 2.4** starting in Torino with **Michael Stoscheck / Kurt Schimitzek** ended 2nd of **Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo** in 1972, driven by **Gérard Larousse**, just behind Sandro Munari's Lancia Fulvia 1.6.

The german-austrian team has the same number as in 1972: n°4.

Here they are at the beginning of Winterrallye-Steiermark 2015.





Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique will go through the **Reims-Gueux circuit** on the 30th January 2015 with a time control. This circuit is an important place of French motorsport, the last automobile race on the **Reims-Gueux circuit** occurred in 1969.

The Association des amis du circuit de Gueux prepared everything to put forward this place and the cars. **Jean-Pierre Jaillant**, President of the Association: *"We've been in contact* with the Principality for a few years as we wanted the rally to go through this circuit. We are very happy, especially now that the weather forecast is expecting snow. All the visitors are welcomed at 6.30 p.m. with a possibility to have refreshments on the spot."

Tomorrow's schedule , Saturday 31st January 2015

1 a.m.: Time Control of Embrun (Torino) 3.30 a.m. : Time Control of Saint-Chinian (Barcelona) 7 a.m. : Time Control of Le-Puy-en-Velay (Copenhagen – Reims – Glasgow) 11 a.m. : Time Control of Saint-André-les-Alpes (everyone) 12.30 p.m.: Regularity Test 1 – Saint-Jean-la-Rivière / Levens (11,97 km) 2.45 p.m.: Time Control Monaco Parc Fermé