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Veterans Banger Rally 2023

Monday 25th September 2023 –
Saturday 30th September 2023

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COST : £300 per team

Patron

Mr Simon Weston CBE

Do we have to raise funds for charity?

Yes, however you can raise funds for any charity close to your own heart, we would ask though, that if you are intending to raise funds for charity, that the first £100 of your fundraising goes directly to Blind Veterans UK

ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER

A MINIMUM of one member of each team is required to be either a serving member or a veteran of the armed forces.

The remaining team members can be made up of family/friends.

A “Banger Rally” is as the name suggests, an organised event, bringing together Veterans from all areas of the Armed Forces, that share a common goal of driving a clapped-out banger via 2500+ mile challenging around Europe in a bid to raise funds for charity.

The older and more knackered the car, the better. Cover the rust and cracks with stickers and “gaffa tape” and away we go.....

Test your car (and your sanity) whilst driving through some of the most beautiful roads that Europe have to offer.

Visiting 6 countries in 5 days.

A party atmosphere is almost guaranteed with up to a maximum of 100 teams driving the route from Dover to Gibraltar in stupid looking cars.

The idea is quite a simple one.....

- Buy a vehicle for £999 or less (You can spend extra to get it roadworthy etc)
- Customise to your hearts desire
- Drive it from your hometown to Dover and join the fun!!
- Obtain sponsorship for your chosen charity (military or non- military)

Other points to consider.

- £300 entry fee per team (NOT PER PERSON)
- Vehicle must be fully insured for all drivers for the duration of the event
- Vehicle must have valid tax and in date MOT for the duration of the event
- Team can consist of either 2,3 or 4 people.(individuals in a car **ON THEIR OWN** are **NOT** allowed to enter for safety reasons)
- All teams **MUST** hold European breakdown recovery.

What do I get for my entry fee?

- List of rules and regulations.
- Single ferry crossing from Dover to Dunkirk(based on a standard car) if you are using a van/motorhome etc, you may be asked to pay the difference between the two prices.
- Decal pack for your vehicle (More can be purchased from our supplier)
- Event insurance (Not car insurance)
- A small amount towards the upkeep of the website
- Admin fee
- Medals for all participants
- Certificates for all teams
- Spot Prizes
- Prizes for best car (top 3)

Will we receive backup and support on the route?

You need to remember; this is a **challenge** event with **NO** technical support teams in massive transporters to help you along. This is NOT F1!!!

You are not on your own, but due to the nature of the event you should hold European breakdown cover.

Where do we stand legally?

There are obviously rules to abide by and you must always carry certain documentation and equipment with you such as a valid driving license, Hi Vis Vests etc. (See www.gov.uk for more up to date requirements on European driving)

“Banger Rally Insurance” is recommended, and we hold some details on companies if you would like any information.

At registration for the event, every team member will sign an agreement to accept the rules and regulations set down by the organisers and a disclaimer which will indemnify the organisers of any legal recourse.

As with many Banger Rallies, this is standard procedure.

Please be aware of the rules of the road in each of the counties that we visit.

Rules :

- We must adhere to the local and national laws of the countries / area(s) that we are passing through. *
- Please respect speed limits and make yourself aware of them as they will be in KmPH, NOT MPH (Trust me, some people still don't know the difference)
- Don't worry about the rules, **JUST OBEY THEM!**
- The organisers of the event have the right to remove any team at any time prior to, or during the rally without notice for breaking the rules or behaviour unbecoming or that causes, or is likely to cause upset, distress, or danger to anyone, any third party or potential to damage any property etc.

*Be aware that in some countries, the local police do not take such a lenient line with any forms of bad behaviour and as such (from experience) altercations with either locals or police, may end in arrests and a lengthy time in detention.

With this in mind, everyone will be given a list of British Consulate phone numbers for each area we are travelling through should assistance be required.

This is a charity “**DRIVE**” **NOT** a “**Demolition Derby**”

Please remember that **WE** are representatives of Her Majesties Armed Forces and as veterans, we have a duty of care and respect to ourselves and others.

Booking and payment

Booking forms are attached to this document.

Print off, fill in and send to admin@mac-auto-challenges.co.uk

or post to :

Mac Auto Challenges

46 Ffordd Idwal

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Denbighshire, LL19 7JG

The full amount is required to confirm your place in the rally.

We aim to send out all the decals etc within 3 months of the start of the rally.

The entries will close as soon as we reach 75 teams. (This may well fill up fast)

All accounts will be held by MAC Auto Challenges and are closely controlled by the company accountant.

Team Numbers

Team numbers will be issued by the admin and run consecutively.

If you require a “Special or relevant number”, ie 01, 007, 69 etc etc these requests will incur a £10 admin fee* which will go direct to our nominated charity.

*This £10 fee must be paid at time of booking and will be added to your deposit

Other costs to factor into the rally

- Cost of your chosen vehicle (must be less than £999)
- Vehicle Insurance
- European Breakdown Cover (Essential)
- Fuel
- Food and Drink
- Accommodation (As previously stated)
- MOST IMPORTANTLY – BEER TOKENS

The most important piece of kit – The vehicle

The vehicle should be as old and powerless as you have the guts to drive, the greater the risk, the higher the reward.....

We will operate a Points system per team, every team starts with 500 points. Points can be added and deducted as the organisers see fit for such things as party games won or helping others or even deducted for such things as getting a flat tyre, breaking down, failing a challenge, being a grumpy old git and going to bed before 9pm, stuff like that!!!

In addition to the starting 500 points the following points will be added / deducted

Year of Vehicle Registration

Prior 1990 (H Reg) = +250 Points

1991-1995 (J to N Reg) = +150 Points

1996 –2000 (P to X Reg) = +75 Points

2001 – 2005 (Y to 55 reg) = Zero Points added/deducted

2006 onwards (06 onwards) = **MINUS** 500 Points.

Engine Size (cc)

1000cc or Less = +250 Points

1001-1399cc = +150 Points

1400-1699cc = +100 Points

1700-1999cc = Zero Points added/deducted

2000 – 2199cc = **MINUS** 250 Points

Over 2200cc – **MINUS** 500 Points

There will also be lots of challenges and games to enable your team to gain more points along the route.

In addition to this, we have just announced that if anyone is brave enough to carry out the event (and finish) in a 3-wheeler (ie robin reliant etc) they will receive an EXTRA 500 points bonus for having the balls to do it!

Trophies, bubbly, and certificates for the following;

- Best vehicle/team (1st, 2nd & 3rd)
- Team with the highest points total (1st, 2nd & 3rd)
- Spirit of the event award (One only)

We actively encourage **EVERYONE** taking part to decorate their vehicle as this is huge part of the event, some people may go a bit overboard and some may just put a few stickers on the car..... Both ends of the scale are ok with us.

Fancy Dress is encouraged and the wackier the better.

When it comes to decorating your vehicles, please be mindful of others and the following, whilst not banned, could be deemed as tasteless by some, (Especially in Europe)

- Politics
- Replica (or real) weapons
- Swearing in any language written on your vehicle
- Sexual themes
- Anything protruding from the vehicles that could endanger or harm individuals or other vehicles. (ie, no gladiator spikes on the wheels – We've all seen Top Gear!!)

Pre-Registration

Pre-registration online prior to the event, you will need to provide the following information

- A copy of a valid driving license for all drivers
- A copy of valid Insurance for the vehicle (Can be done just before the rally)
- A copy of the V5C for the vehicle in the owner's name (Green slips not allowed)
- A copy of a valid MOT certificate for the vehicle. (Valid for the duration of the Rally)

Without copies of these documents, you will not be issued with your ferry pass

Will I be given Route Maps?

You will NOT be given detailed route maps as we believe that participants will want to work out your own routes. (it's more fun that way!!)

It is advisable to travel in groups or convoys of at least 4 or 5 vehicles. This is to ensure that should anyone break down or require assistance, you will have more teams around you to assist.

In the past, CB radios have been used to communicate between vehicles (and are good fun too). These can be purchased relatively inexpensively online.

Will there be a mandatory breathalyser before each day?

You will be advised to carry out your own risk assessments when it comes to driving your vehicle.

You will be advised (as on the previous page) to bring with you, some disposable breathalysers for you to utilise prior to driving.

WE DO NOT ADVOCATE DRINK DRIVING IN ANY WAY SHAPE OR FORM.

You are all old enough and ugly enough to make your own decisions.

PLEASE MAKE THE RIGHT ONE!

Hotels

As previously mentioned, you are responsible for booking and paying for your own hotels.

It may be an idea to chat with other teams on our Facebook group (Confirmed teams) (a link will be forwarded to you once you book.)

so that you can discuss which hotels others are staying in also. Or check out the map on the website, which will show the locations of where teams are staying, which will be updated by one of our volunteers on a weekly basis.

Payment of entry fee.

Payment of entry fee can be done in one of two ways.

1. Direct Bank Transfer (You **MUST** put your name as a reference)
2. Via our website at www.veteransbangerrally.co.uk

BANK DETAILS – MAC AUTO CHALLENGES

Co-Op bank - ACC # 69964462 - S/C 08-92-99

for bank transfer you must ensure there is a reference attached in the **LEAD NAME** for your team or I will not know who the money has come from, and you **WILL NOT** be registered.

Refund Policy:

- Withdraw / cancel your entry within 180 days of departure and you will receive the option of either a full refund (Minus £49 admin fee) or transfer to one of our other events.
- Withdraw / cancel your entry within 120 days of departure and you will receive the option of either a 50% refund (Minus £49 admin fee)
- Withdraw / cancel your entry less than 119 days of departure and you will receive no refund; however, your fee will be transferred to our charity pot for our nominated charity.