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THE 105TH RAID FIGUEIRA DA FOZ - LISBOA Figueira da Foz to Lisbon Rally, Portugal – 19/20/21 October 2007

The organisers of the annual London to Brighton Veteran Car Run are pleased to announce a close working relationship with ACP Classicos (The Classic division of the Automobile Club of Portugal) to collaborate on encouraging entries from Portugal and Spain to the annual LBVCR and entries from the UK (and other LBVCR entrants countries) to another of the world's oldest motoring occasions, **The Raid Figueira da Foz – Lisboa** (Est. 1902).

During the first years of automobile racing as was custom at the time, it was a newspaper that took the initiative of organizing the first road race in Portugal. A previous event that took place in the Belém Hippodrome, in August 1902, took from the Raid Figueira da Foz – Lisboa the privilege of being the first automobile race in Portugal. But, while the first event, which took place during a sport festival given by Sport Clube, was merely a curiosity, the Figueira da Foz – Lisboa race proved to be much more significant and thus changing the importance of the Automobile in Portugal.

It was the Director of the newspaper who launched the idea of creating an automobile club composed of progressive elite whose adepts grew in number day by day. Well supported by other enthusiasts, he envisioned a great automobile and motorcycle race between cities, to determine if there existed an interest for the automobile that would justify founding an automobile club. The route chosen, connected Figueira da Foz to Lisboa, the entry fee for participants was 10\$000 “reis” for automobiles and 5\$000 “reis” for motorcycles. 14 participants, called “chauffeurs” were inscribed, of which, five on motorcycles.

With ten participants at the start of the race – and the same number of hours to drive the route – the event was of great interest to all of those involved in it. The exchanging of the pilot in a Darracq cost the French pilot Edmond, disqualification from the race. He arrived at the finish line, in Campo Grande, one hour earlier than the second. Thus, the winner was the Italian Giuseppe Bordino, driving a Fiat which belonged to the Infante D. Afonso, brother of the King D. Carlos. It took him 7 hours, 29 minutes and 25 seconds to complete the 178 miles race. Arriving in second place was Afonso de Barros, in a Darracq and arriving in third place was António Paulo de Oliveira on a Buchet motorcycle.

For the 2007 Raid Figueira da Foz – Lisboa, just 100 entries are accepted and entries are now invited and open to 3 categories:

- Category A - Motor cars manufactured before 1st January 1905 (LBVCR Motor cars)
- Category B - Motor cars manufactured from 1st January 1905 to 31st December 1918
- Category C - Motor cars manufactured from 1st January 1919 to 31st December 1930

The Rally starts in the historic coastal town of **Figueira da Foz** north of Lisbon and follows a 285kms (178miles) route in-land covering scenic backgrounds and following much of the original route of 1902 finishing in **Lisbon** outside the Campo Grande church. The original START and FINISH points of the very first race! Although today, like the LBVCR, the event is a demonstration of endurance of early motoring, not a RACE!

The event starts with a participant's welcome cocktail reception on the Friday followed by optional participation in the ½ km Start-Off Test in Figueira da Foz on the Saturday and an 7.30am START on the Sunday for the main event finishing outside the Lisbon Town Hall late afternoon to prelude the event Gala Dinner later that day.

Due to the event distance of 285kms (177miles) the Rally is recommended for only later Brighton cars in Category A – however all eligible vehicles are of course most welcome.

SPECIAL 3-DAY EXTENDED TOUR

In addition, a three day tour programme of Portugal is offered for the following Monday to Wednesday taking in many historic towns and villages, places of interest and local delicacies whilst staying in some of the top hotels of Portugal. All accommodation (including Sunday night) meals and transfers are included and the price for this 3-day extended tour is €735 (£495) per person.

ENTRY

Entry to **The Raid Figueira da Foz – Lisboa** is charged by an interesting and charming formula!

- The Entry Fee for driver, co-driver and motor car is just €8 Euro x the last two digits of the year of the car. For example a 1904 car is €32 (£21.50), a 1930 car is €240 (£161) and a 1900 car is FREE! Accompanying extra passengers are €80 (£54) each plus accommodation. (Exchange rates for illustration only)
- The Entry Fee includes:
 - Entry and all documentation for the event
 - Hotel accommodation for two (sharing) on the Friday and Saturday nights
 - Two invitations to the welcome cocktail reception on the Friday evening
 - Two invitations to the dinner at the Casino Figueira da Foz on the Saturday evening
 - Two invitations to a lunch to be held during the Rally
 - Insurance premium
 - Participants Car Number Plate and Commemorative Plaque
 - Souvenirs as presented by the event sponsors and organisers
 - One full tank of petrol courtesy of REPSOL
 - Transport assistance for motor vehicles from Lisbon to Figueira da Foz
 - Vehicle recovery assistance along the route
 - Transport/vehicle shipping assistance for overseas participants
- For example the total Entry for one 1904 motor car with driver and first passenger (co-driver) from the UK (or other LBVCR participating country) is just €32 (£21.50) plus shipping/transport from the UK with assistance from the ACP. This includes all the above benefits.

Shipping of motor vehicles from the UK to Lisbon is relatively easy and information/assistance with this aspect will be made available in the **Information and Entry Pack**.

For UK LBVCR participants this opportunity represents excellent value to experience an overseas early motoring event meeting people with similar interests from across Europe whilst enjoying the historic scenery of the beautiful country of Portugal. Of course this invitation is not just limited to Brighton cars as owners with motor vehicles of later years till 1930 are invited.

For our LBVCR international friends the date of this opportunity (just two-weeks prior to the LBVCR) represents an additional event to extend your stay in Europe making your visit that much more valid and enjoyable.

For further information please contact this office for a detailed Information and Entry Pack.

We do hope this opportunity is found to be of interest as we look forward to working with the ACP in jointly promoting these two wonderful early motoring celebrations.



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