13th RALLYE MONTE-CARLO
ENERGIES NOUVELLES
22, 23 et 25 Mars 2012

This event is open to constructors, regional authorities, public and private companies and individuals who wish to participate in a Monte Carlo Rally, with points awarded for consumption and performance in the regularity tests. Vehicles must emit less than 115g of CO2 per kilometre, for all fuel used, except for fossil fuels. Vehicles are grouped into several categories:

Category III: Electric-powered series production vehicles
Category IIIA: Electric-powered series production vehicles for daily use
Category VII: Hybrid electric vehicles
Category VIII: Other alternative energy vehicles

2012 will herald the 13th New Energy Monte Carlo Rally. This rally, regarded as the foremost road competition for new generation vehicles, and the oldest such event, will this year become truly international. It has attracted major sponsors and partners, including INEO, as well as other companies such as La Douaisienne de Basse Tension.

The event also enjoys the support of manufacturers, like General Motors through its Opel subsidiary, which are set to respond to this formidable technological and sporting challenge, as they were in 1911 for the first Rallye Automobile Monte Carlo. The rally will showcase electric vehicles, like those of the American car company Tesla, which in a previous rally set a new world record for distance covered without recharging, not forgetting hybrids and plug-ins. Tesla, Fisker, Protoscar, PGO, Exagon have all already declared their intention to participate.

The Urban Electric Challenge, for electric vehicles with autonomy not exceeding 250 km on one charge, will take place on Saturday 24th, with the manoeuvrability test held on Sunday 25th March in the port area.

Clermont-Ferrand, Lugano in Switzerland and Annecy le Vieux have once again been selected as starting cities for the Concentration Run. All teams will run to Digne les Bains, the capital of the Alpes
de Haute Provence, where there will be a Time Control. Competitors will then head on to Monaco, which they will reach in the evening after two regularity tests before being placed in the Parc Fermé on Quai Albert 1er.

Messrs. Bernard Darniche, (winner of the 1978 Monte Carlo Rally driving a Lancia Stratos) and Guy Lacroix, CEO of INEO will be driving an Opel Ampera, and Messrs. Joseph Lambert (co-driver with José Lareppe, winner of the 2012 Monte-Carlo Historic Rally) and Olivier Sussot (co-driver for Jean-Pierre Coppola, who finished 2nd in the 2012 Historic Rally), who are both great regularity test specialists, have been chosen by Opel to complete their line-up, in this new challenge for the German manufacturer. YOKOHAMA manufacturer will be for the first time official partner of the Rally.

This New Energy Rally illustrates the work of the Principality of Monaco, acting through the Automobile Club de Monaco, to promote and develop renewable energies in a sustainable development framework, as envisaged by HSH Prince of Monaco.

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