



PRESS KIT 2017 SEASON



While awaiting the return of the French F1 Grand Prix next year in Le Castellet, a wonderful 2017 season is in preparation at the Circuit Paul Ricard with many sports events in a large variety of areas.

Although cars, motorcycles and trucks still take pride of place on our programme, with the prestigious Bol d'Or, Blancpain GT Series, Ferrari Challenge, 24H Series by Hankook, the essential Sunday Ride Classic, Trucks Grand-Prix, Historic'Tour, V de V Endurance Series, ELMS 4 Hours of Le Castellet and Dix Mille Tours, and the second RALLYCIRCUIT, this year again, there will be non-mechanical sports events with the Événement Vélo and the Reebok Spartan Race.

For the first time in its history, the Circuit Paul Ricard will host a round of the first Electric GT championship. This event highlights the Circuit's desire to ensure that its activity takes account of sustainable development.

With a view to preserving our environment, we are one of the main supporters of the Sainte Baume Regional Nature Park. We have also acquired cutting-edge scientific tools with a view to measuring our impact on the environment and, this year again, our results are excellent. Finally, we have launched a vast programme to build solar canopies for the car park and we are at the heart of the HYNVAR territorial project based on hydrogen.

This year, we want to increase our dialogue with our neighbours so that the quality of life of all is preserved, and, to that end, we have created a consultative environmental committee that, every year, will invite local residents and councillors wishing to find out more about our activities.

Also, our company, which currently employs 80 members of staff, aims to be a genuine driving force for the local economy; in 2016, the Circuit generated a spin-off of more than €55 million in the region, to which will soon be added the economic benefits generated by the hosting of the French F1 Grand Prix.

On the strength of a very positive 2016 balance sheet with 300,000 spectators, the Circuit Paul Ricard is on the starting-blocks for this new season and is devoted to offering quality meetings, privileged access for its season ticket holders, new features and events for the general public and families, and unique experiences for all.

Stéphane Clair, CEO



A G E N D A

- 4 March: Winter Series*
- 13-14 March: Test Days Blancpain GT Series Test Days *
- 8-9 April: Historic Tour*
- 15-16 April: Sunday Ride Classic
- 6-7 May: Hankook 24H Series
- 27-28 May: V de V Endurance Series*
- 3-4 June: Trucks Grand-Prix of Le Castellet
- 10-11 June: International GT Open
- 24-25 June: Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup
- 22-23 July: Ferrari Challenge
- 13-14 August: Événement Vélo
- 18-19 August: Hankook 24H Proto Series (12-hour race)
- 26-27 August: ELMS 4 Hours of Le Castellet
- 9-10 September: Fun Cup*
- 15-16-17 September: Bol d'Or
- 7 October: Reebok Spartan Race
- 14-15 October: French FFSA Circuits Championship
- 21-22 October: Dix Mille Tours
- 25 November: Electric GT Championship
- 9-10 December: RallyCircuit

() Paddock reserved for season ticket holders*

8 - 9 April: Historic'Tour Du Castellet

The 2017 Historic'Tour of Le Castellet will constitute the first round of the French Historic Championship of Circuits. Thirteen different events are on the programme at the Circuit Paul Ricard.

Summary of the Historic'Tour of Le Castellet: 18 races will be fought over the weekend between 400 drivers in the categories Trophy F3 Classic, Trophy Formula Renault Classic, Trophy Formula Ford Kent, Challenge Formula Ford Historic, SportProtoCup, Trophy GT Classic, Trophy Maxi 1000, Trophy Saloon Car, Challenge GT/Touring ASAVE, ASAVE 65 Racing, Trophy Lotus, Youngtimers GTI Cup and Legends Cars Cup will be on the programme.

The Schedule for the 2017 Historic'Tour:

7-9 April: Historic'Tour of Le Castellet at the Circuit Paul Ricard

5-7 May: Historic'Tour of Dijon

9-11 June: Historic'Tour of Charade

8-10 September: Historic'Tour of Nogaro

29 September-1 October: Historic'Tour Val de Vienne

A word from the organiser, Laurent Vallery Masson: *"In the footsteps of the F1 French Grand Prix, the Historic Tour of Le Castellet will kick start a season that promises to be thrilling. First round of the French Historic Championship of Circuits, the title will be up for grabs from the very first bend.*

"With 18 races and almost 400 drivers tackling the famous Signes curve and the "Double Droite du Beausset" turn, it will be a non-stop show!

"Single-seaters, prototypes, saloons and GTs from the 1950s to the 1990s, the history of motor sports will come to life for the weekend."

A word from Audrey Ferro, Director of Development at the Circuit Paul Ricard:

"We really appreciate the wide range of competitions in this series, which even include old F1 cars. The Formula One is back on the programme thanks to the renaissance of the French Grand Prix, with the Historic Tour providing the link between the first GP fought in Provence in 1971 and the one we will be hosting again from 2018. The Club's season ticket holders will have the privilege of participating exclusively in this event and will even be able to enjoy access to the Paddock."

Program: Saturday 8 April from 9 am to 7 pm; Sunday 9 April from 9 am to 4.30 pm

Ticketing: Public access: grandstands and Xtrem Park only (from 10 am to 6 pm) Paddock access only for season ticket holders

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15 - 16 April: Sunday Ride Classic

Competition is now a requirement at the Sunday Ride Classic, a gathering for fans of the long history of motorcycle racing at the Circuit Paul Ricard invented by Jean-Pierre Bonato. In particular, this year, with the GP 250, the ICGP, the Pro Twin, the Ducati Trophy, the Side Car Mania Racing Open, as well as a motorcycle show.

The final year for Giacomo Agostini: the final year of competition for Giacomo Agostini. There will be a great send off for King Ago, in particular with a huge parade of Yamaha TZ that will surround him on Sunday. An exclusive farewell since Giacomo Agostini has reserved this major date for the Sunday Ride Classic.

Steve Baker's title: The first American motorcycle world champion, the winner of the Moto Journal 200, in 1977, 40 years ago on the same date. Of course, Baker will be there with his famous Yamaha 750 OW 31 factory fresh # 32.

From Ago to Zarco, legendary drivers from all generations combined: will also be present alongside Giacomo Agostini and Steve Baker, Freddie Spencer, Christian Sarron and Régis Laconi, to mention but a few, as well as Johann Zarco, the French two times world champion who will be there on Saturday on a Yamaha 500 V4 2-stroke.

The sidecar racer Alain Michel, the only French Grand Prix winner and sidecar world champion, will also be back at the Circuit Paul Ricard to celebrate a 40th anniversary; that of his victory in the French Grand Prix. Even better, Alain will bring his Seymaz sidecar with a 500 Yamaha TZ in order to take part in the round of the SRC's Open Racing Side Car championship. And to think that Alain Michel has not raced in a side car since he retired.

Thematic exhibitions:

Valentino Rossi's Ducati Desmosedici, on show and on track.

Alain Chevallier-Voxan retrospective: The complete range of the French Voxan brand will be exhibited and there will also be a parade of Voxan owners. All this in the presence of Jasmine Chevallier, the daughter of Alain, the chief engineer.

Italian Grand Prix bikes: Aermacchi 2-stroke and 4-stroke, Aprilia 125 and 250, Linto, Paton, Morbidelli 125, MBA 125, Garelli, Itom, MV Agusta, namely about thirty bikes that cover the history of Grand Prix from the 1960s to the 2000s.

12 factory fresh Yamahas: 700 TZ, 750 OW and 500 YZR, through to a former Wayne Rainey 500 V4

The French Ducati Club exhibition: from the 750 SS to the Panigale, all generations of Sport Ducatis.

Demonstration of current MotoGPs: Scott Redding's former RCV 213, Avintia Open, Ducati GP10 Casey Stoner, etc.

Two new features among the seven race events:

Klass 250 Ipone: a race between the latest 2-stroke Grand Prix Aprilia, Honda and Yamaha V2 machines. A Grand Prix 250 event with 50 bikes on the starting grid.

Rombo: French Ducati Club race, Speed trophy from single-seaters to 888.

Demos: five demonstration events with original and competition bikes, and the famous category that belongs to the great family of motorcycle enthusiasts... the Café Racer that brings together all the prepared machines.

A word from the organiser, Jean-Pierre Bonato: *“Seven races, five collection bike events, a show attended by all the manufacturers in order to discover the new products for 2017, star drivers from the past four decades, even Johann Zarco, the two times reigning world champion who will be present on Saturday and the latest test bikes, with this Sunday Ride Classic, the Paul Ricard will be hosting the most complete motorcycle weekend possible!”*

A word from Stéphane Clair, Director of the Circuit Paul Ricard:

“In the same way as the F1, motorcycles are part of the great popular and exciting history of the Circuit Paul Ricard. Jean-Pierre Bonato and the participants in the first Sunday Ride Classics were the pioneers who brought the public back to the site on the Plateau du Castellet.

The growing trend for vintage has allowed the event to widen its public. So much so that the clever mixture of beautiful old bikes, legendary drivers and present-day champions, as well as all the new products presented in a “Motorcycle Show” ambience, is a treat for all.

And, on the track the practice sessions for bikes and sidecars and the historic races are the cherry on top for an event that has become a must!”

Program: Saturday 15 April from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm and Sunday 16 April from 8.30 am to 7 pm.

Ticketing:

€20 per day

€30 weekend pass

Prices include access to the Paddock.

Free for under 16s accompanied by a ticket-holding adult.

Free for season ticket holders.

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6 – 7 May: Hankook 24 Hour Series

The 4th round of the 24 Hour Series will be held on 6 and 7 May at the Circuit Paul Ricard. More than 70 cars are expected, namely 350 drivers.

Summary of the Hankook 24 Hour Series : 24H Series is a FIA approved series of 12h and 24hour endurance race events at fascinating circuits all over the world, aimed at amateurs and gentlemen drivers, semi-professionals and professional drivers. The focus is on gentlemen drivers and amateurs.

A wide variety of 'tin top' touring cars, GTs and 24H-Specials (e.g. silhouette cars) are eligible to race, from 'hot hatchbacks' up to proper GT3 machinery and purpose-built race cars. An established structure of classes and liberal technical regulations allow teams to compete without having to change their cars for the 24H Series, thus helping them to save costs.

Drivers' standings by class : Drivers ranking Touring cars; Drivers ranking GT cars; Drivers ranking overall; Ladies Cup ranking overall; Rookie overall.

Teams: Teams ranking per class (and subclass); Teams ranking Touring cars; Teams ranking GT cars.

Tourism cars classification: Class TCR; Class CUP1; Class A3; Class A2; Class D1.

GT car classification: A6; A6-Amateur / Gentlemen (additional sub-ranking); SPX; 991; 991-Amateur / Gentlemen (additional sub-ranking); 997; SP2; SP3-GT4; SP4.

The ambience of the 24 Hour Series: low costs, a convivial atmosphere with teams and drivers from all over the world and fair competition on the track are the main characteristics of the 24H Series events, allowing all teams and drivers to enjoy the fascination of motorsport together. Founded by passionate amateur racers, Creventic, in co-operation with the Dutch National Racing Team, organized the inaugural 24H Dubaï in 2006, a race that has quickly become established in international motorsport. Further events were added to Creventic's portfolio over the years and in 2015 it developed in a FIA approved Series.

Standings season 2016 for the 24 Hour Series:

GT-cars winner: #10 Hofor Racing
Touring cars winner: #208 Team Altran Peugeot

All classification about 24H Series on
www.24hseries.com/series/standings

24 Hour Series by Hankook Programme 2017

January 12th-14th: 24h Dubaï
March 17th-18th: 12h Mugello

April 7th-8th: 12h Red Bull Ring
May 5th-7th: 24h Circuit Paul Ricard
June 30th- July 1st: 12h Imola
August 25th-27th: 24h Portimao
November 9th-11th: 24h Cota USA.

A word from the organiser of the 24 Hour Series by Hankook, Creventic:

“The Hankook 24H circuit Paul Ricard will be the second 24-hour race on our calendar, and while we have the most hours in the dark during our race in Dubai, this will be one of the races with the longest running in daylight. The Paul Ricard circuit has fantastic facilities and is perfectly suited for endurance racing with its variety of different track lay-outs. It is also a very safe circuit with wide run-off areas. The region with the French Mediterranean coast nearby is fantastic, too, so everything is in place to make this event a success.”

A word from Audrey Ferro, the circuit’s Director of Development:

“The 24 Hour Series by Hankook is now an integral part of our calendar. We went to the Creventic-Hankook event in Dubai at the start of the new wave of endurance races. They are very good Dutch professionals with organising teams that are as serious as they are pleasant. Their championship remains relatively affordable which explains the high number of participants.”

Program:

Saturday 6 May 2017
11.00 am - 11:30 - Warming up
1.15 pm – Start grid
2.30 – Start 24H Series by Hankook

Sunday 7 May 2017
2.30 pm – Finish 24H Series by Hankook 2.45 pm
– Podium Ceremony

Ticketing:

Public access: grandstands and Xtrem Park only (10 am to 6 pm)
Paddock access only for season ticket holders

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27 - 28 May: V de V Endurance Series

Since 1992, V de V Sports has specialised in the organisation of endurance races for modern and historic vehicles in the frame of meetings governed by competition, passion and conviviality. And, the Endurance Series at the Circuit Paul Ricard is no exception!

Always in phase with changes in technology and competitors' needs, despite a difficult economic climate, over the past few seasons, Eric Van de Vyver has managed to enrich the starting grids, in particular with the V de V Endurance European GT/Touring/LMP/PFV in full growth, which promises to make this series one of the most attractive in Europe. This growth also applies to the Proto V de V Endurance European Challenge which, in 2017, offers a brand-new unique turbo motorisation.

Plenty to spice up the driving challenge for its cars that are faster in the curves than the LM P2 prototypes. The V de V VHC Endurance Challenge, dear to its creator, is also being updated and the show would be nothing without the sprint races proposed by the Funyo and Single-Seater Challenges, a breeding ground for promising new drivers.

Summary of the V de V Endurance Series: the V de V Endurance Series involves five events which bring together more than 150 cars and 250 drivers during each of the seven meetings on the 2017 calendar.

The Endurance events are disputed over four to six hours, but they also offer six 20-minute Sprint rounds.

Therefore, several titles are awarded at the end of the season in each of the disciplines' different categories, namely 14 champions (overall, per class, Prestige, Gentlemen, etc.).

V de V Endurance Series 2017 calendar:

17, 18 and 19 March: Barcelona-Catalunya

28, 29 and 30 April: Portimao

26, 27 and 28 May: Circuit Paul Ricard

23, 24 and 25 June: Dijon-Prenois

1, 2 and 3 September: Jarama

6, 7 and 8 October: Magny-Cours

3, 4 and 5 November: Estoril

A word from Audrey Ferro, the circuit's Director of Development:

"We are happy to welcome Eric Van de Vyer's team because he was one of the pioneers behind the return of competitions to the circuit. There is a great variety of events, Touring cars, GTs, Prototypes and single-seaters; French teams and drivers, but also German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch and Swiss."

Program:

Saturday 27 May: Qualifiers and race from 9 am to

10.30 pm Sunday 28 May: Race from 9 am to 5.30 pm.

Ticketing:

Public access: grandstands and Xtrem Park only (10 am to 6 pm)

Paddock access only for season ticket holders

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3 - 4 June: Trucks Grand-Prix of Le Castellet

The Trucks Grand-Prix of Le Castellet 2017 will count towards the French Trucks Cup. The programme at the Circuit Paul Ricard will be completed by the Lotus Cup Europe by the *Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile*, the Caterham R300 series and Caterham Academy, as well as the French Drift championship.

Summary of the Trucks Grand-Prix of Le Castellet: In addition to the competitions, throughout the weekend many activities will be proposed on and off track: exhibitions and parades of decorated trucks, events village and children's village, stunt shows, fairground, concert, gymkhana and mechanical events, manufacturer and equipment supplier stands.

The overall standings for the 2016 season of the Trucks Grand-Prix: 1. Thomas Robineau; 2. Lionel Montagne, 3. José Rodrigues.

The programme of the 2017 Trucks Grand-Prix:

13 and 14 May, Trucks Grand-Prix of Charade

3 and 4 June, Trucks Grand-Prix of Le Castellet at the Circuit Paul Ricard

24 and 25 June: Trucks Grand-Prix of Nogaro

23 and 24 September: Trucks Grand-Prix Le Mans

14 and 15 October: Trucks Grand-Prix of Albi

A word from the organiser, France Routes:

"After a record event in 2016, with almost 40,000 spectators, the Trucks Grand-Prix of Le Castellet will be back in the Var for the Whitsun weekend.

"The programme offers a wealth of competitions with the French Trucks Cup and the Caterham, Lotus Cup Europe and Drift competitions, as well as events for all the family. More than twenty racing trucks with more than 1,000 HP under the bonnet and 150 decorated trucks will take their turn on the track. The promise of an XXL show!"

A word from Audrey Ferro, Director of Development of the Circuit Paul Ricard:

"It's incredible to see these giants each weighing several tonnes doing battle at a very high level of performance with disconcerting agility alongside the parades of decorated trucks which are genuine works of art; it is also amazing because of the huge funfair and fair that has no equal which takes pride of place during the Trucks Grand-Prix of Le Castellet; and it is incredible because of the ambience among the professionals and fans as well as the atmosphere of a great family event that takes over the Circuit Paul Ricard for the occasion... Magnificent!

"Additional races bring us back down to the scale of cars and, since last year, the French Drift championship allows us to discover the excellence of a discipline where technology, driving and fun join forces!"

Program:

From Saturday 3 June 9 am to Sunday 4 June 6 pm.

Ticketing:

Weekend pass (advance sales) €30 instead of €35 until 12 May.

Sunday pass, €20.

Camper van + car area (tent, caravan) or truck, €30.

Free entrance under 16.

Free entrance for under 16s accompanied by an adult.

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10 - 11 June: International GT Open

The spring season will close on a high note at the Circuit Paul Ricard with the traditional weekend proposed by GT Sport, comprising three European series: International GT Open, Euroformula Open and TC Open. Especially since they will be completed by the supporting series, Mitjet and the Proto Sprint by Boss GP.

Summary of the GT Open...: over the years, the International GT Open has confirmed its position as one of the most interesting Pro-Am competitions in GT3.

The event is even richer this year and the races promise to be even more spectacular. The “cream” of the speciality will be on the track, including the French star Côme Ledogar, behind the wheel of various Ferraris, Lamborghinis, McLarens, Mercedes, BMWs, Aston Martins and many more.

...the Euroformula Open...: Single-seater race with the latest-generation F3 Dallara F312 chassis, today, the Euroformula Open is one of the liveliest and most popular series among young drivers from around the world who want to make their way to the top.

The best European teams, such as Carlin, Campos Racing, RP Motorsport, Fortec, Drivex and Teo Martin Motorsport are present in the Euroformula Open.

...and the TC Open: confirming the renaissance of Touring car races, the TC Open is the new feature of the 2017 season, with a series that brings together GT cars with up to 2-litre turbo engines.

Winners of the 2016 season:

GT Open champions, Biagi-Crestani (Lamborghini Huracan, Orange1 Team Lazarus) Euroformula Open champion: Leonardo Pulcini (Campo Racing)

The 2017 International Calendar

29-30 April: Estoril

27-28 May: Spa-Francorchamps

10-11 June: Circuit Paul Ricard

1-2 July: Budapest

2-3 September: Silverstone

30 September-1 October: Monza

7-8 October: Jerez

28-29 October: Barcelona

A word from the organiser, GT Sport: *“The GT Open weekend at the Circuit Paul Ricard will offer a rich, varied and attractive programme in a relaxed atmosphere of guaranteed fun!”*

A word from Audrey Ferro, Director of Development of the circuit: *“This competition is back at the circuit for the 6th year running. And, the return of the Euroformula and the GT Open is even more dynamic with the arrival of the TC Open, the Proto Sprint, the Mitjets and the Boss GP series devoted to single-seaters.”*

Program:

Saturday 10 June: Qualifiers and Races 1

Sunday 11 June: Qualifiers and Races 2.

Ticketing: Free entry for all. Parking €10 (free for season ticket holders)

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24 - 25 June: Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup

From GTs to Supercars, they will all be at the Circuit Paul Ricard during the Blancpain GT Series weekend: Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup, Blancpain GT Sports Club, Lamborghini Super Trofeo and Deutscher Tourenwagen Cup. Also on the track, the Ultracar & GT1 Sports Club, the Lamborghini Parade and the Bentley Parade.

Summary of the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup: the Blancpain GT Series is reserved for GT3 cars and consists of the Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup (five rounds) and Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup (five rounds). The series comprises overall driver and team titles, as well as titles in the Pro-Am and Am categories. Added to that there is the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup overall driver and teams title, together with a Pro-Am Cup and Am Cup.

The Circuit Paul Ricard round is run over six hours, and attended by the strongest GT3 teams in the world. They represent prestigious manufacturers such as Aston Martin, Audi, Bentley, BMW, Ferrari, Jaguar, Lamborghini, McLaren, Mercedes-AMG, Nissan and Porsche. Some 60 cars are expected to take the start of this unique 'into the dark' race.

2016 standings Blancpain GT Series:

1. Maximilian Buhk & Dominik Baumann, 134 points; 2. Rob Bell, 124; 3. Laurens Vanthoor, 112; 4. Maxime Soulet & Andy Soucek, 106; 5. Frederic Vervisch, 103; 6. Enzo Ide, 102; 7. Christopher Mies, 97; 8. Philipp Eng, 79.

Schedule 2017 Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup:

13th-14th March Official Blancpain GT Series Test Day Paul Ricard

1st-2nd April	Misano (ITA) – Sprint
22nd-23rd April	Monza (ITA) – Endurance 3 hours
06th-07th May	Brands Hatch (GBR) – Sprint
13th-14th May	Silverstone (GBR) – Endurance 3 hours
02nd-04th June	Zolder (BEL) – Sprint
23rd-24th June	Circuit Paul Ricard (FRA) – Endurance 1000km
04th July	Official Test Day Total 24 Hours of Spa (BEL)
27th-30th July	Total 24 Hours of Spa (BEL) – Endurance 24 hours
25th-27th August	Budapest (HUN) – Sprint
15th-17th September	Nürburgring (DEU) – Sprint
30th September-1st October	Barcelona (ESP) – Endurance 3 hours

A word from Stéphane Ratel, founder and CEO of SRO Motorsports:

« It's always a pleasure to return to Circuit Paul Ricard for this unique six-hour long Saturday evening race of the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup. The startgrid is always one of the most impressive of the year, and the atmosphere in the south of France is very pleasant. With the Blancpain GT Sports Club, the unique Ultracars and - new for 2017 - GT1 Sports Club, together with our loyal support races, we will bring one of the best racing weekends of the season. »

A word from Audrey Ferro, Director of Development of the circuit:

“The Blancpain GT Series is synonymous with wonder. It is a spectacular and glamorous event in which the supercars are the stars. The most beautiful cars currently produced around the world come together there and, in terms of the race programme there is nothing more spectacular, from the Lamborghini Super Trofeo to the Endurance, and the GT Sport Club, the events are a dream and a treat for the eyes. The organisation offers a magnificent programme with top drivers and the best and most famous teams.”

Program:

Saturday 24 June, from 9 am to 11.45 pm (with a Rooftop party) Sunday 25 June, from 9.30 am to 5.55 pm.

Ticketing:

€100/ advance sale weekend pass (€15 on site). Free accompanied under 16s and season ticket holders.

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22 – 23 July: Ferrari Challenge

Summary of the Ferrari Challenge: Ferrari Challenge Europe, the championship of the Ferrari series

It's the fourth round of the European series of the Ferrari Challenge Trofeo Pirelli, the most important one-make series in the world. Only Ferrari cars are allowed to take part in the competition.

There are two different classes: Trofeo Pirelli, for professional drivers, and Coppa Shell, more gentlemen-oriented.

This year there are two different cars competing, as the 458 Challenge EVO (introduced in 2014) will be joined by the brand new 488 Challenge. The new car was unveiled at Daytona during the Finali Mondiali of December last year.

A word from Audrey Ferro, the Director of Development of the circuit:

"The very name Ferrari generates a special frisson among car and motor sport enthusiasts. Apart from fans, people of all generations have, at one time or another, dreamed of a Ferrari. That is why it is a very family-oriented and festive atmosphere."

Program:

Saturday from 9.15 am
to 5.45 pm Sunday 9.15
am to 5.45 pm

Ticketing:

Entry €10 per day/€20 weekend pass. Paddock €5.

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13- 14 August: The 3rd “Événement Vélo” Bicycle Event

The “Événement Vélo” weekend at the Paul Ricard track will be very intense: 24 Hour endurance cycling races for individuals, pairs or teams of four, six or eight; 6 Hour endurance races for individuals, pairs or teams of four or six; Streetstepper competitions; Junior ultra-cycling; Mountain-biking for Young and Old; Duathlon for individuals or pairs; CPR Road Running, one, two or four laps (half-marathon).

About the “Événement Vélo”: after two highly successful previous editions, the event will be returning to take over the whole of the Paul Ricard track this year. Professionals and amateurs alike will be able to discover or revisit this legendary site in the presence of a number of great sportsmen such as Richard Virenque, Luc Alphand and Christian Lavieille.

Just like last year, the event will include two highlight competitions: the 24 Hour Endurance and 6 Hour Endurance Races. But that will not be all; the Streetstepper competition that started in 2016 will be once again placing the spotlight on this new and emerging sport.

There will also be a number of competitions on the menu of the 2017 Bicycle event that will be open to all-comers: Mountain-biking, Duathlon, the junior ultra-cycling event and the road running event.

2016 “Événement Vélo” final standings:

1° Scratch for the 24 Hour Endurance: Groupe Tarouen

1° Solo for the 24 Hour Endurance: Eric Leblacher

1° Scratch for the 6 Hour Endurance: Yoann Rivalan and Laurent Léonard

1° Solo for the 6 Hour Endurance: Michel Moggia

1° Streetstepper: Michel Occhipinti

A word from the “Événement Vélo” organisers: *"The whole of the organising team will be delighted to welcome the cyclists on the 13 and 14 August for this 3rd edition of the Bicycle Event at the Paul Ricard track. A prestigious setting, professional organisation and motivated participants, the perfect recipe for an excellent summer bank holiday weekend. "*

A few words from Nathalie Reitzer, Human Resources and Sustainable Development Director of the Paul Ricard Track:

"As part of its sustainable development strategy, the Paul Ricard Track has been welcoming open-air sporting competitions for some time. This diversification strategy began when we started to receive non-mechanical sporting events. And this fits perfectly with our general environmental policy and our ambition to maintain the quality of life on the Castellet Plateau. "

Inscriptions: go to the Bicycle Event website, www.evenementvelo.fr to select your competition and category.

Public Access :

Free Grandstand access for spectators

Paddock and stand access with guest bracelets on sale at the event
(free for season ticket holders)

Organiser contact details:

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Website: www.evenementvelo.fr

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26 - 27 August: ELMS 4 hours of Le Castellet

Categories competing at the ELMS 4 Hours of Le Castellet : as part of the European Le Mans Series at the Circuit Paul Ricard, GT (LMGTE) and Protos (LMP2 and LMP3) will be competing in the headline Castellet 4 Hours race, with the Michelin Le Mans Cup and the Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0 as supporting events.

About the 4 Hours of the Castellet: The ELMS will be returning to the Paul Ricard track on the 26 and 27 August!

With an impressive program including LMP2, LMP3 and LMGTE, the Castellet 4 Hours will be the 4th meeting of the season and once again it promises to be packed with excitement.

France will be well represented with no less than 10 teams, including Panis-Barthez Compétition with the ex-F1 driver Olivier Panis and ex-footballer Fabien Barthez behind the wheel.

The three reigning champions, G-Drive Racing, United Autosports and Beechdean AMR will all be there to defend their respective titles.

There will also be a lot of famous drivers, including Jan Lammers, winner of the 1988 Le Mans 24 Hours, with another ex-F1 driver, winner of 11 Grand Prix, in his team.

Last year's standings:

http://europeanlemansseries.com/assets/1/course/122/Classification_983580.pdf

The 2017 ELMS Calendar

27-29 March: pre-season testing at Monza

14-15 April: Silverstone

12-14 May: Monza

21-23 July: Red Bull Ring

25-27 August: circuit Paul Ricard

22-24 September: Spa-Francorchamps

20-22 October: Portimao

A word from the organisers: *"The Castellet 4 Hours will be the highlight of the ELMS weekend at the Circuit Paul Ricard; it will also include a number of support events with the Michelin Le Mans Cup and the Formula Renault Eurocup. There will be no shortage of entertainment over the weekend with something for everyone on and off the tracks, both for young and old. The entertainment village will present a number of shows to thrill the public, who will also have the chance to win prizes. The traditional autograph session, where the fans will be able to collect the autographs of their favourite drivers, will be on the Sunday 27 August just before the start of the race.*

Finally there will be a relaxation area specially set up so you can enjoy the sun whilst following the race on giant video screens.

There will be many other entertainments and surprises for fans outside of the Castellet 4 Hours, on the 26 and 27 August the mid-point of the European Le Mans Series season. Entry to the circuit will be free, to allow all of the family to

enjoy a thrilling weekend of motor racing"

A word from Audrey Ferro, the circuit's Development Director:

"The European Le Mans Series is always one of the highlight events in our calendar. This year, with the addition of the Michelin Le Mans Cup and the Formula Renault Eurocup, there will also be the excitement of GT prototypes and single-seaters to be enjoyed under the summer sun. And holiday-makers too, of course!"

Program:

Saturday 26 August 9:30 am to 5:30 pm

Sunday 27 August 9 am to 6 pm

Tickets:

Free entry. Paddock and Pitwalk : €10 Free for under 16s and season ticket holders.

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9 - 10 September: Fun Racing Cars

The Fun Cup Championship and the Mitjet 2L Endurance Championship will be kicking off the autumn 2017 season at the Paul Ricard track.

About the Fun Racing Cars: more than 30 Mitjet 2L endurance cars per race (4 to 8 hours of competition); and more than 45 Fun Cup cars per race (7 to 25 hours of racing). Reliable and competitively matched cars from around 15 teams with more than 200 drivers face each other at each meeting.

There will be the 100% feminine Ladies'First race to complete the weekend program.

2016 Fun Cup final standings:

1. FC N°261, Défi Baticonfort
2. FC N°219, TFE
3. FC N°275, Zosh-Groupe Dirob

2016 Mitjet 2L endurance final standings:

1. MTJ N°999, TFE
2. MTJ N°46 Modena Motors
3. MTJ N°89 AGS Events

The Fun Racing Cars 2017 calendar

1-2 April: Spa-Francorchamps

14-16 April: Dijon-Prénois

6-7 May: Le Mans

10-11 June: Magny-Cours

9-10 September: circuit Paul Ricard

29-30 September: Lédénon

20-22 October: Nogaro.

A word from the organisers: *"Weekends of fun with a friendly atmosphere, plenty of motor sport, two different single category formulas, something for everyone at every competition level, on one of the greatest race-tracks in France or elsewhere... "*

A word from Audrey Ferro, the circuit's Development Director:

"This is the ideal play-ground for amateur drivers who want to enjoy themselves. It is a quite affordable competition for teams. And whilst the podium finishes are often hotly disputed, the atmosphere remains above all very friendly. "

Program:

Saturday 9 September: 9am-7pm

Sunday 10 September: 9am Start of the Fun Cup race - Finish at 5pm

Public access:

Free public access to the Xtrem Park stands from 10am to 6pm

Paddock access for season ticket holders only.

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15 - 17 September: Motorcycling Bol d'Or

Three 'Bol's at the Paul Ricard track: the legendary 24 hour Bol d'Or race will be starting off the Federation of International Motorcycling 2017/2018 Endurance World Cup (FIM EWC) season; the Classic Bol d'Or and the Bol d'Argent will complete the program of this special motorcycle endurance racing weekend.

About the Bol d'Or weekend: The Bol d'Or is a 24 hour motorcycle endurance race which brings together great international riders and amateurs alike. Around fifty teams of three riders will be starting from the herringbone grid in a race which is always very hotly disputed. The Bol d'Or is not just a legendary race; it is also a major motorcycle event with numerous stands and entertainments, for the most part dedicated to vintage motorcycles.

With more than 200 stand-holders expected, there will be a Bol d'Or Village, a Classic and Vintage Village, a Kids Village with special entertainments and races for kids, classic motorcycle exhibitions, a funfair, mechanics displays, jet-ski displays, concerts, DJ shows and many more surprises...

Bol d'Or 2016 final standings:

1. Suzuki Endurance Racing Team; 2. SRC Kawasaki; 3. EVA Trick Star Racing; 4. Maco Racing Team; 5. F.C.C. TSR Honda; 6. Moto Ain CRT; 7. Tati Team Beaujolais Racing; 8. Team 3ART Yam'Avenue; 9. GMT94 Yamaha.

A word from the organiser, Sophie Casasnovas, President of the Larivière Organisation:

"We are very happy to be back at the Castellet's Paul Ricard track for our third year running. The last two editions were not only great successes in a sporting and media sense but also for the huge public that turned out. For the 2017 Bol d'Or we have planned a number of improvements for the public which will make sure that this year will also be a great success. "

A word from Stéphane Clair, Managing Director of the Circuit Paul Ricard:

"The Bol d'Or is THE motorcycle race that motorcycling constructors, teams and riders consider to be at least as important, if not more so, than a world title. This is a meeting that will push machines and men to the limits during an endurance race which is a genuine team event both on and off the track. The Bol is also a major event which attracts motorcycle enthusiasts from all over Europe, a place where they can meet up and enjoy the special ambience of this great weekend."

Program: from Thursday afternoon 14 September to the end of the afternoon on Sunday 17 September. 24-hour site access.

Tickets:

General access

56€ instead of 69€ (up to 30 April 2017)

Mistral/MCTBO zone

71€ instead of 81€ (*up to 30 April 2017*)

"Lac" zone

75€ instead of 85€ (*up to 30 April 2017*)

Free entrance for under 16s, accompanied by an adult ticket-holder.

Car-park: 15€

Motorcycle Parking:

Free

Season tickets do not provide access to the Bol d'Or.

Organiser contact details:

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7 October 2017: Reebok Spartan Race

The Reebok Spartan Race is now one of the major sporting events on the Circuit Paul Ricard calendar. With 6,000 athletes and spectators are expected this year!

New for 2017: a Sprint by Night race, the first group of competitors will set off at 7:45pm. So come and see the first ever "By Night France H. All of this will be completed with a host of free entertainment events: obstacle race trials, rope-climbing, crossfit tests. And there will also be a race for juniors over 7 years of age.

About the Reebok Spartan Race - Trifecta: this competition covers all of the categories and is the world's leading obstacle race.

The Reebok Spartan race returns to the Paul Ricard track for a sporting weekend of total challenge and workout.

Three trail-style courses will be punctuated with both natural and constructed obstacles: run, jump, climb, crawl; the participants, either as a team or as individuals, will need every ounce of strength and energy to show that #WeAreSpartan !. **Night**

Sprint race: 6 or more kilometres, 20 or more obstacles

Super race: 13 or more kilometres, 25 or more obstacles

Beast race: 20 or more kilometres, 30 or more obstacles

The runners will be included in the standings of the race they have run as well as the general standings for the season.

The Spartan Race France 2017 Calendar

28 and 29 January: Valmorel (Alpes)

6 May: Atlantique Charente Maritime – Saint-Jean d'Angély

3 June: Paris

1 and 2 July: Morzine (Alpes)

16 September - European Championship at the Grau Roig Encamp (ESP) in Andorra

7 October: Circuit Paul Ricard

Date tbc: the world championships in the US

Program:

9am to 4pm, events.

9am, First Elite group starts, the following groups will start every 15 minutes. Around 200 competitors per group.

Midday to 3pm: Juniors race.

10pm last group starts.

Race inscriptions: from € 49.

Free spectator access.

There will be a charge for the car-park (free for season ticket holders)

A word from the organisers: *"The Spartan Race was first developed in the USA, in 2010. Over 100 races are organised all over the world every year. When we came to France to put on the first European Spartan Race, we were looking for a venue with a true history of sporting prowess..."*

The meeting at the Paul Ricard track has become the most prestigious race on the Spartan Race tour. Every year it brings together more than 6,000 participants and the same again in spectators who come to support these extreme athletes!

And with Sprint by Night we are sure to attract even more participants."

A word from Stéphane Clair, Managing Director of the Circuit Paul Ricard:

"Everything is possible at the Paul Ricard track where every sporting discipline is welcome!

And the clear proof of this can be seen in the Reebok Spartan Race, a weekend where the participants compete without cars, motorcycles or even bicycles.

The Spartan Race is both a challenge to oneself and a formidable team adventure.

It is a celebration of sport which brings together children, amateur athletes and professional sportsmen and women, all with the same goal: to go further!"

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14 - 15 October: FFSA French Circuits Championship

The categories competing at the Circuit Paul Ricard for the final of the new FFSA French Championship, which will really hit the spotlight in 2017: as well as the French GT Championship, all of the major French disciplines will be present, with Peugeot Sport's new 308 Racing Cup; Porsche with the legendary Porsche Carrera Cup France; Renault with their spectacular Renault Sport Clio Cup; the FFSA and the promising France F4 championship.

About the FFSA Grand Tourisme French Championship: the Grand Tourisme French FFSA GT Championship was first created in 1997 by Stéphane Ratel and it was organised by the SRO Motorsports Group until 2010. This championship was a genuine European reference in its field, and has seen the arrival of the GT1/GT2 and GT3. After a six year absence, SRO has been selected once more by the FFSA to launch a GT4 category French Championship.

What exactly is the GT4 category?

As the promoters say, the GT4 category, exclusively owned by the SRO Group, is a high level competition involving a wide range of cars. GT4 brings together the GT models of the legendary constructors, major road coupés and limited productions from smaller constructors. The attraction of the category is its diversity and its price, 50% less than that of its big brother the GT3, both for the initial investment and for running costs.

More than 20 cars are expected for this final at the Paul Ricard Track, using the legendary F1 Grand Prix route. Porsche, Aston Martin, BMW, Ginetta, McLaren and KTM...

Ten years of development: the GT4 category was first introduced in 2006 and built its reputation in the Dutch championship and in the German VLN series under the classification SP10.

It came back to the scene in 2016 with the launches of new cars such as the Porsche Cayman GT4 and the McLaren 570S, developed and sold directly by their constructors, and also with its growing success in both the European Series and in the dynamic category of the British GT Championship.

The teams can vary from Pro-Am tandems to amateur drivers.

Inside GT: amongst the events we have prepared with the Paul Ricard Track, there will be the new and exclusive Inside GT, allowing the public to experience the race from inside.

The 2017 FFSA GT French Championship GT4 European Series Southern Cup Calendar

21-22 March: Testing Dijon

15-17 April: Nogaro - Coupes de Pâques

19-21 May: Pau - Grand Prix

30 June - 2 July: Dijon

8-10 September: Magny-Cours

30 September - 1 October: Barcelona - Blancpain GT Series

13-15 October: Circuit Paul Ricard

A word from the organiser, Stéphane Ratel, President and founder of SRO Motorsports Group: *"I really believe in the GT4 category. When you look at the current economic situation, it is clearly the best possible solution for certain national competitions. GT4 cars really speak to the fans. They are spectacular and affordable at the same time. We have also seen the growing success of GT4 in the British GT and the GT4 European Series Northern Cup, two competitions which we also promote.*

"I am very proud of the calendar we are able to propose for this first year of the GT4 European Southern Cup, there will be some fine events on circuits that the drivers adore. Everything will be there to ensure that the whole operation is a success from the start! "

A word from Audrey Ferro, the circuit's Development Director:

"The FFSA France GT Championship will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in style, taking a second wind with a new competition format based on the GT4. They are the very basis of circuit motor-racing in France and provide the chance for young talent to develop in direct contact with their elders and professional drivers. With support from three constructors such as Peugeot, Renault and Porsche, offering a wide range of categories, we are sure to get a full complement of competitors. Then all they will have to do is provide the excitement for the huge public we are expecting for the 2017 finals. "

Program:

Saturday 14 October from 9am to 6pm; Sunday 15 October 9am to 5:45pm

Tickets:

Weekend pass €10.

Free for under 16s.

Free for season ticket holders.

Organiser contact details:

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21 - 22 October: Dix Mille Tours of Le Castellet

The finest vintage cars will be at the Circuit Paul Ricard for the Dix Mille Tours of Le Castellet : Classic Endurance Racing (endurance 1966-1981); Euro F2 (single-seaters 1967-1978); Group C Racing (endurance 1982-1993); Heritage Touring Cup (tourism 1966-1984); Sixties' Endurance (endurance 1950-1965); Trofeo Nastro Rosso (Italian cars; endurance 1950-1965). Thousands of vintage collection cars will also be presented by clubs: there will be an exhibition village with entertainment for all the family.

About the Dix Mille Tours: the Dix Mille Tours is the traditional meeting that marks the end of the historic races season, organised by Peter Auto, and once again it will be welcoming the public and its participants to the most beautiful of settings: the Circuit Paul Ricard. Once the scene has been set, the cast of the six stages of the 8th Dix Mille Tours of Le Castellet, including as many as 300 historic sports-cars, will make their entrance.

The 2016 Castellet Dix Mille Tours final standings:

Proto 1 (CER), Richard Meaden and Grant Tromans (Chevron T70)
Proto 2 (CER), Tony Sinclair (Lola T292)
GT1 (CER), Ralf Kelleners and Detlef von der Liec (DeTomaso Pantera)
GT2 (CER), Peter Mulder and Patrick Simon (BMW M1)
Group C Racing, Eric De Doncker (Spice SE90C)
HTC, Claude Boissy and Patrick Bourguignon (Ford Escort)
Sixties, Christian Dumolin and Christophe Van Riet (Shelby Cobra)
Trofeo, Lukas Halusa (Ferrari 250 GT Breadvan)

The 2017 Peter Auto events calendar

1 and 2 April: Jarama-Classic, 31 March
24 to 30 April: Tour Auto Optic 2000
19, 20 and 21 May: Spa-Classic
9, 10 and 11 June: Golden Age Grand Prix (Dijon-Prenois track)
30 June, 1 and 2 July: Monza Historic
10 September: Chantilly Arts & Elegance Richard Mille
29, 30 September and 1 October, Hungaroring Classic
20, 21 and 22 October: Dix Mille Tours (circuit Paul Ricard).

A word from the organiser, Peter Auto: *"With the reputation it has built up since its foundation and the expertise of its staff, Peter Auto has acquired a reputation for being able to bring together some of the most attractive and extravagant historic cars for its European events. "*

A word from Audrey Ferro, the circuit's Development Director: *"This has been one of the key events at the Paul Ricard Track since 2010. Peter Auto is the reference for major historic car meetings, including the legendary Tour Auto. The groups include some of the most attractive generations of cars of world motorsport history, Grand Tourism cars in particular. Enthusiasts as well as the general public love to get close to these works of art, and see them in action in this living car museum."*

Program:

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October: qualification and races from 9am to 7pm.

Tickets:

General access is free; paddock access €10 for advances sales (€15 on the day)
Free for under 16s and season ticket holders.

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25 November: Electric GT Championship

The final of the new Electric GT Championship will be at the Circuit Paul Ricard. The starting grid of this final leg will be bringing together a cast of ten teams and 20 cars.

About the Electric GT Championship: this championship was first proposed by Mark Gemmel, president of the Electric GT Championship, at the Sportel Monaco, and was launched that August as part of the "clean motor-racing" program. It is largely aimed at a younger public, this new 100% electric championship aims to renew the established codes of motor-racing, using social media to bring an extra touch of fun and increase the fan involvement.

The technical and track side of Electric GT: the car that will be used by the participants has been tested by the ex-F1 driver Heinz-Harald Frentzen. It can accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h (0 to 60 mph) in 2.1 seconds and it has a top speed of 255 km/h (240 mph). So you can imagine the driving power of this 1720 kg racing car.

A word from the organiser, Mark Gemmel, CEO and co-founder of the Electric GT Championship: *"Whilst the environmental aspect is fundamental to the Electric GT project, it also aims to be a genuinely competitive motor sport. That is why we have specifically chosen the Tesla Model S, this is a car that is highly powerful from the start, and it is nice to look at compared to the other more standard electric cars. With 778 horsepower under the hood, the drivers will have a lot of fun on the tracks they will be racing on, these tracks have their own history and the public will also be able to compare performances with those of the more classic series. "*

A word from Audrey Ferro, the circuit's Development Director: *"Nearly two years after the launch of Formula E, the Electric GT has the same sense of innovation, driven by passionate professionals, convinced that it is time to show the world that electric power can be genuinely effective for motor vehicles. And the EGT will surely be one of the most connected in motor sport series... and on social media as well! "*

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9 - 10 December: 2nd RALLYCIRCUIT

After the first edition's success with both competitors and public, RALLYCIRCUIT will be back at the Circuit Paul Ricard this winter. The program will be completed with Drift initiations, fans will be able to experience the thrills, and those ardent fans with VIP tickets will get a chance to drive the same specials as the leading drivers.

RALLYCIRCUIT: in early December 2016, the cream of motor-sport driving, such as Sébastien Loeb, Yvan Muller, Romain Dumas and Erik Comas, got together for the RALLYCIRCUIT at the legendary Paul Ricard Track.

This unique rally's choice of track as well as the car-parks, paddocks, Driving Circuit and karting track really convinced the teams, drivers and spectators to come out in force.

For the second edition, RALLYCIRCUIT will be receiving 150 teams of drivers, behind the wheels of both modern cars and Historic Competition Vehicles (HCV).

RALLYCIRCUIT 2016, final standings for modern cars:

1. Sébastien Loeb-Séverine Loeb
2. Yvan Muller-Guy Leneuveu
3. Thibaut Durbec – Jacques-Julien Renucci

RALLYCIRCUIT 2016, final standings for HCV:

1. Erik Comas-Yannick Roche
2. Yann Faury-Patricia Crametz
3. Paul Chieusse-Philippe Guellerin

A word from the organiser, Motor Events: *"Next December, the Paul Ricard Track will be welcoming RALLYCIRCUIT for the second time, this is a unique competition in France, organised by a team of car industry and motor-racing professionals.*

Twelve thousand spectators were there to discover the first edition of this completely new competition at the Paul Ricard Track. Motor sport champions from a variety of different disciplines as well as famous personalities were all there. The extraordinary competition that is RALLYCIRCUIT - open to amateurs and professionals alike - will be the ideal season closing event for all concerned. We hope to make it the end-of season event that no one will want to miss."

A word from Stéphane Clair, the circuit's Managing Director: *"The RALLYCIRCUIT project had already shown its worth in other countries and wanted to have its French version at the Paul Ricard Track, it is equally attractive for its sporting and spectacular aspects, but requires a certain amount of specific technical installation for the time-trials. But we are used to innovating, and in the end the modern and historic category entrants as well as the spectators made it clear that the first edition was a true success. Drivers and co-drivers, spectators and press all loved the RALLYCIRCUIT event, and no one doubts that the second edition will be even more attractive!"*

Tickets:

Weekend pass €15 in advance (€20 on the day) Paddock access included
Sunday only (paddock access included) €15 on the day
Free entry for under 16s and season ticket holders

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