



**ENDEAVOUR EUROPE RALLY 2011
16th to 22nd MAY 2011**

The rally has two main objectives.

1. To focus attention on the work of the European spinal centres.
2. To create the link between disabled drivers of several nationalities.

The important role of competitive sport in improving the health and well-being of disabled people was first identified at Stoke Mandeville in 1948 by Sir Ludwig Guttmann, who had built the spinal unit in the English county of Buckinghamshire.

This groundbreaking event will link Stoke Mandeville with its counterpart centres in Belgium, Switzerland and France before returning to Stoke Mandeville for the closing ceremony.

Competitors from each country will be driving their own cars, and several teams of Russian disabled drivers may join them. There will be an upper limit of 40 cars to this truly international event and with press receptions en route, strong media coverage is expected.

The total distance to be covered will be of the order of 1500 miles and there will be a balance that will allow the enthusiast to test driving and navigation abilities while leaving time for the receptions and then relaxation.

In case any car has mechanical problems, it is planned that the AA will support the event with a mobile patrol.

Leaving from Stoke Mandeville on 16th May 2011, the route leads directly to Eurotunnel at Folkestone before crossing the Channel and the short drive to UZ Gent, in Belgium, where the first of the evening receptions will be held.

Crews retire to their hotel for a good sleep and the following day will take the road to Switzerland for the 8-hour drive to Nottwil on the shores of Lake Lucerne, with Swiss racing driver and wheelchair-designer Rainer Kuschall leading the rally on the final section to Nottwil in his AC Cobra.

Next day is 18th May and will see a 1.5 hr. drive to Sochaux in France for a visit to the Musee de l'Aventure at the long-established Peugeot factory. Lunch will probably be taken there before the crews leave for a 2.5 hr. drive northwest to the small village of Montjalin in the Yonne, where the Musee de Montjalin displays cars of Presidents De Gaulle, Eisenhower, Brejnev, and Giscard d'Estaing.

The teams rest that night nearby.

Morning of the 19th crews depart for the 3 hr. drive to Paris, arriving at their hotel to change before leaving the short distance to the ICM Hospital for the evening reception.

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A rest day in Paris follows and crews are then free to leave on the road to Calais the morning of the 21st, crossing the Channel before driving to Stoke Mandeville for the evening reception that will mark the rally's finish.

Please understand certain details may change but the principle of the event will remain.

To register your interest in receiving information on this event, please e-mail grahamraphael@motorsportendeavour.com

NOTE:

A minimum of one member of each team must be disabled.

Entry fees to be announced no later than September 2010.