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## SALON RETROMOBILE 2024 - A MECCA FOR ENTHUSIASTS OF CLASSIC CARS

### OPPORTUNITY ENTHUSIASTS FROM EVERYWHERE

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- \* Sébastien Loeb: the Nine-Time World Champion was present to celebrate his 50th Birthday.
- \* Mark Wilsmore: Founder of the Ace Cafe and an Emblematic Figure in the World of Motorcycling, he was there to chat with Visitors over a Cup of Tea.
- \* LucasParleF1: the Motor Sport Influencer was sharing his anecdotes from the Dakar Rally.
- \* Magnus Walker: the Famous British Collector was on site with Gerry Blyenberg for a Special Signing Session.
- \* Ben Blake: the Two-Wheeled Adventurer was talking about his Many Road-Trips and sharing his Many Travel Anecdotes with the Public.

- Exhibitions to celebrate Mechanical History MG

A Look Back at the History of the 'So British' Manufacturer MG, a Landmark in British Motoring History, is celebrating its 100th Anniversary!

To mark the Occasion, Rétromobile, in Partnership with the British Motor Museum and the MG Club de France, was organising a Major Retrospective Exhibition featuring some of the Brand's Finest Models: the 1925 Old MG Number One, the 1938 MG EX135, the record-breaking MG EX181...

- Another Centenary was celebrated at Rétromobile 2024: that of the UTAC Linas-Montlhéry Autodrome!

A Major Landmark in French Motoring History, the Circuit that holds so Many Records was also hosting an Exhibition dedicated to its History. Organised in Collaboration with UTAC and the Vintage Revival Montlhéry Association, the Exhibition was featuring over Twenty Vehicles, both Pre-War and Post-War, that have left their Mark on the History and Asphalt of this Legendary Venue.

- The Monneret Saga: Two-Wheelers, a Family Affair

Champions from Father to Son over Many Generations, the Monnerets have left their Mark on the History of French Motor Sport. To pay Tribute to them, the Annual Showcase of Classic Vehicles was staging a Dedicated Exhibition in the Heart of the New Motorbike Zone. For this Occasion, Visitors to Rétromobile were able to discover more than Twenty Vehicles that accompanied this Atypical Family in their Quest for Records. The Luckiest among Visitors were even able to meet Philippe Monneret, the Youngest of the Siblings and a Multiple World Champion to tell the Stories of his Family.

- Dakar Rally: the Route of an All-Terrain Challenge

The Dakar Rally is a Legendary Race that began in 1978 under the Leadership of Thierry Sabine. Every Year, Several Thousand Competitors battle it out over Thousands of Kilometres. In 2024, Rétromobile was paying Tribute to this Monument of Motorsport with a Unique Exhibition focusing on the Vehicles and Drivers who have left their Mark on the History of the Competition. But that's not all, as a Number of Adventurers who took part in the Dakar Rally were present at Rétromobile to recount their Adventures and Anecdotes of all Kinds. Among them: Jacky Ickx, Claude Marreau, Thierry de Montcorgé, Cyril Neveu and André Dessoude!

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Once again this Year, the most Beautiful Ephemeral Garage dedicated to Classic Vehicles was the Stage for a Host of Events! In Terms of Dynamic Demonstrations, the Musée des Blindés de Saumur and the Club des Teuf Teuf were showing a Chaffee M24 Tank and 8 Pre-War Renault Vehicles outside Pavilion 1.

- Calendar Events

- \* Autodrome Utac Linas-Montlhery Centenary Exhibition
- \* Exhibition of 9 Exceptional Cars "Masterpieces of Automobiles: a French Collection".
- \* Lauréat du Prix Bellecour 2023
- \* Monneret Saga Exhibition
- \* Presentation Of The « Vehicules Vedettes »
- \* Fashion Shows From The 1930S To The 2000S
- \* The Resurrection Of Mandarine With Gazoline
- \* Demonstration Mauto Museum
- \* Outdoor Demonstrations
- \* Philippe Monneret Recounts His Family'S Saga
- \* MG Retro Tour: Experts Present Models From The So British Make
- \* Driving A Classic Vehicle In a ZFE
- \* Conservation Award Retromobile Ceremony
- \* The « Entreprise Du Patrimoine Vivant » Certification
- \* Presentation Of The Fiva Hall Of Fame Award
- \* Switch To The Collection In Complete Safety
- \* ...

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