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RACE RETRO 2012 REVS UP WITH AN AMAZING LINE-UP OF RARE RACING CARS AND MOTORCYCLES

This year's Race Retro is revving up to be the best ever, as it brings together rare and stunning historic motorsport marques on two and four wheels when it returns to Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 February.

See rare and legendary racing cars such as the Group C Porsche 956 - the 001 first prototype chassis raced in Rothmans livery by Jackie Ickx and Derek Bell will be on static display. From rallying, the Group B Porsche 911 SCRS 1984 280bhp three-litre flat-six rally car will be in action on Saturday and Sunday on the Live Rally Stage as part of the 30th anniversary celebrations.

There is a tribute to 50 years of the MGB, with a foyer display of two early ex-works race cars. The hardtop roadster was driven in 1963 Sebring 12-hour endurance race by Christabel Carlisle, now Lady Watson, former Mini racer and darling of British race fans in the early 1960s, and Denise McCluggage, an American motoring journalist and lady racing driver. The roadster will be joined by the works MGB GT racer which was also driven at Sebring by Paddy Hopkirk and Andrew Hedges.

A stunning 30 years of rallying will be marked with a static display as well as an unbelievable line-up on the Live Rally Stage. Rallying with Group B will be out in force on Saturday and Sunday, putting on an amazing showcase for visitors on the purpose-built course which features challenging twists and turns.

Hall & Hall will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Graham Hill winning BRM's first Formula 1 GP World Championship in 1962, by displaying the championship-winning BRM P57 1.5-litre V8 GP car.



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Visitors can not only see all the action, but can also become part of it, with the chance to drive a rally car, thanks to the Historic Endurance Rallying Organisation (HERO). For just £20, visitors can 'arrive and drive' in one of HERO's rally-prepared classic cars, put it through its paces and get a feel for rally driving on a purpose-built course adjacent to the Live Rally Stage.

For those looking to invest in a piece of motorsport history, the Silverstone Auction specialises in the sale of the finest classic cars, modern supercars, all types of competition cars, modern and historic motorcycles and automobilia. The auction will be open for viewing all day on Friday and on Saturday morning. The sale will start at Saturday lunchtime with the automobilia, before moving on to classic and historic motor racing and competition cars and motorcycles. Silverstone Auctions is happy to accept entries into the auction; those interested should contact the team by telephoning 01926 691 141 or emailing enquiries@silverstoneauctions.com. Auction catalogues will be available online at www.silverstoneauctions.com.

Enjoy the interview stage, hosted by Moto GP presenter Steve Parrish, which will feature special guests and motorsport quizzes, or visit the hundreds of traders selling everything needed for the coming motorsport season. For those who like to get grease under their fingernails, explore the autojumble for that elusive part or spare component.

Adult tickets for Race Retro, sponsored by Peter James Insurance, start at £20 in advance, with children's tickets at £5 for Friday or Saturday and FREE on Sunday. Car parking is free and has been moved to a hard-surface area nearer the halls. The show is open from 9.30am each day; it closes at 5.30pm on Friday and Saturday and 4.30pm on Sunday. To book tickets and for the latest updates, please visit www.raceretro.com.

