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New 24 Hour Endurance Cyclosporitif on the Le Mans Bugatti circuit... First edition is expected to draw 2,000 or more riders.

New 24 Hour Cycling Endurance Event on the Legendary Le Mans Race Circuit

Interested in testing your legs on the same circuit that made the names Ferrari and Porsche legends? Or is there some lingering wish to see how many kilometers you can chalk up over a full days riding... or joining an event to ride in a pack of over 200 fellow cyclists with similar interests... Then there is a cyclosporitif event that just might ring your bell, and make you and a few friends want to plan a trip to France for the weekend of August 21st through the 23rd...

With the support of the French Cycling Federation, partnerships with Simano France and MSV Cycling club, CGO agency specialized in event management since 1995, is organizing a new team-endurance cycling event: the 24 Hours Cycling Race on the famous Bugatti Circuit of Le Mans.

Between 350 and 500 teams (2,000- 3,000 contestants) are expected to come from all parts of France and around the world to compete on the 4,185-meter-long racetrack of Le Mans Bugatti Circuit.

Categories

The race is open to all bicycle riders whether members of a cycling federation or not. Competitors can be compete individually or in teams of 4, 6 or 8 members. Contestants need to be at least 18 years old on the day of the event and are categorized as follow:

- SINGLE (1C*) :1 Man or1 Woman
 - PAIR (2C) : 2 Men or 2 Women or 1 Man and 1 Woman
 - PRESTIGE (4C) : 4 Men or 4 Women (Mixed not available)
 - COMPETITOR (6C) : 6 Men or Mixed (2 Women minimum)
 - LEISURE (8C) : 8 Men or Mixed (3 Women minimum)
- (* contestant number per team)

A general ranking and a ranking by category, set according to the longest distance ridden, will be established. Teams not listed in a category as mentioned above will compete in the general ranking only.

Friday, August 21st, 2009

3pm. Access to campsites and Registration, number and chip distribution

Saturday, August 22nd, 2009

8am. - 11am. Registration checks Number and chip distribution

9am. - 10:45am. Studying the racetrack (24-Heures-Vélo contestants only)

10:30am.Call-up for contestants of "Matinale" race

11am. - 12pm "La Matinale des 24 Heures"

12pm. - 12:30pm.Mandatory briefing for 24-Heures-Vélo contestants

3pm. Start of 24 Heures Vélo 1st Edition

Sunday, August 23rd, 2009

3pm. Finish of « 24 Heures Vélo » 1st Edition

3:15pm.Final rankings « 24 Heures Vélo » Awards

More information on the race, accommodations or to register: <http://www.24heuresvelo.fr/>

"La Matinale"A (Morning Event)

Not ready for a 24 hours race, enjoy the track for 1 hour!

La Matinale has been created for visitors, team staff members and friends. This morning event allows the visitors during an hour to study and get familiar with the legendary Bugatti racetrack. Everyone can take part in the "Matinale" but as it is not a race no ranking will be held. It will take place on Sat. August 22nd and will be the opening event before the main race.

Claude Gasnal

Managing Director of CGO

Formerly professional Basket Ball player I started CGO (Claude Gasnal Organisation) with the objective

to organize events for businesses (VIP facilities at the automobile 24-hour Race of Le Mans, 24-hour kart-racing competition for businesses, seminars, conventions, incentive trips...) in order for them to create customers' loyalty and increase colleague motivation. My taste for sports – all of them and especially cycling- naturally led me to designing the "24 Heures Vélo au Mans " cycling race. Positive feedback I was encouraged in following this idea. Of course the "Automobile Club de l'Ouest " offered us its support in this project and especially by making the Bugatti Circuit available for this event. Long live the 24 Heures Vélo !

Roger Legeay

Sport director of a professional cycling team Credit Agricole and Patron of "24 Heures Vélo "

What a great idea to organise the "24 Heures Vélo "on the Bugatti Circuit! Cycling is nowadays in a booming phase and will be even more in the future. Ecology, environment, pollution, wellness and health are strong and critical concepts nowadays. In the same way challenge is another crucial concept in the modern society of ours whose foundations have been shaken. As a matter of fact, CGO now offers us a new challenge to be experienced on one's own or as a team: " 24 Heures Vélo " race. This event should become a major and renowned large-audience competition such as "l'Etape du Tour" or as why not ... New York City Marathon.

No matter what, this race has to become a yearly meeting event for all kinds of bike riders: 24 hours of friendship, conviviality and sports in a unique and legendary world-famous venue.

André Paulouin

President of cycling association "Le Mans Sarthe Vélo "

I have been an affiliated bike rider of the FFC since 1974 and I am now president of the cycling association "Le Mans Sarthe Vélo ". My first introduction to cycling was as a competitor of the "24 Heures du Saonois " race in Saint Calz (I finished 2nd in 1976 ... he got me in the final sprint!). I have always been disappointed by the fact that cycling was never part of any great endurance-type races. For this reason I did not hesitate a second when Claude Gasnal asked me if I would like "Le Mans Sarthe Vélo " to be partner of the event.

Roger Bordeau

President of the National Committee "Cyclisme Pour Tous " (for development of leisure cycling)

Concerned by the world of cycling for 35 years I have been working for 20 years as an elected executive in various regional agencies of the French Federation for Cycling (FFC). I have been now member of the administration board of the FFC for 12 years in charge of "Cyclisme Pour Tous " (development of leisure cycling on a national scale).

Project "24 Heures Vélo " fits exactly my goals and duties in the FFC. It features conviviality, endurance, and manages through sports to bring people together while encouraging diversity ... I actually took part several years ago in 7 "24 Heures du Saosnois " race in the region and had the idea to organize a 24-hour cycling race in . Unfortunately the idea has never been developed for not finding suitable organization partners.

When Claude Gasnal offered me to be part of this project, my answer was naturally yes. I will therefore make my contribution by giving technical guidance and ensure the cooperation with the national Federation. I wish and I expect a huge success for this first edition of the "24 Heures Vélo " race.

By Staff

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