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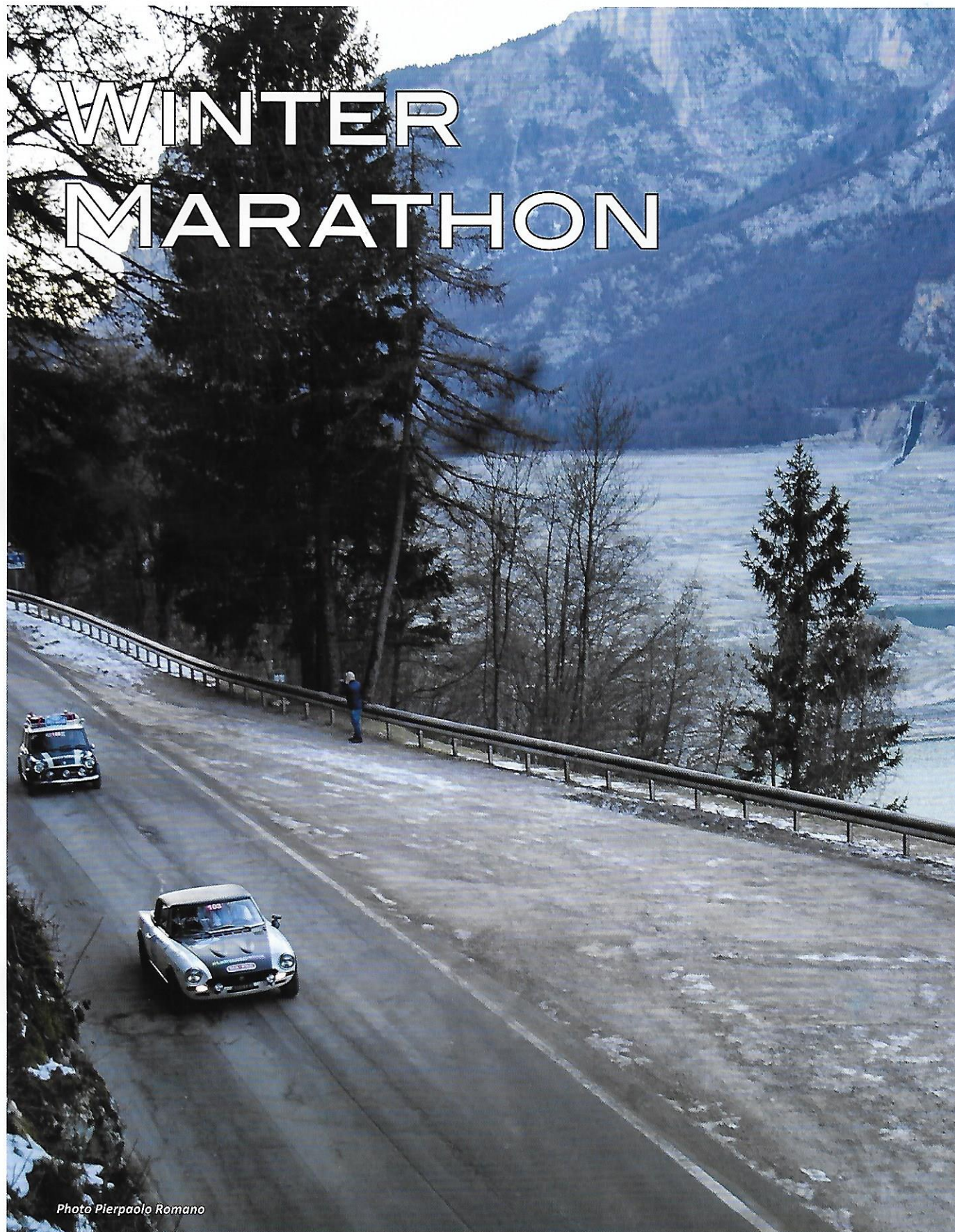


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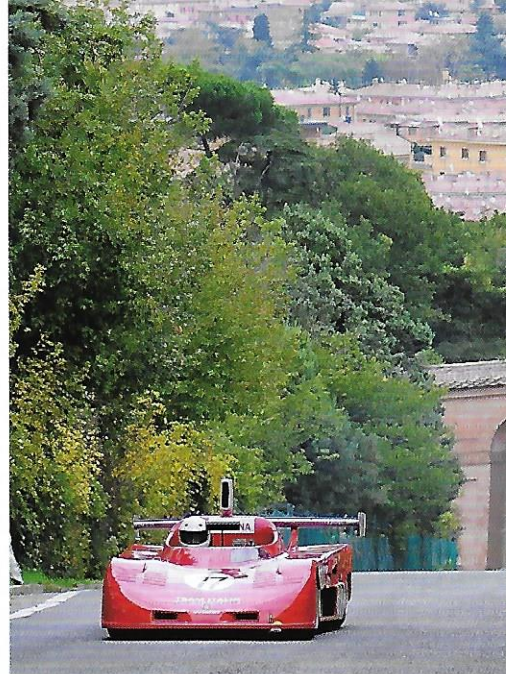
## 14th Bologna-San Luca Only for the Brave

**C**ars will gather for the 2017 edition of the Bologna-San Luca hillclimb on the weekend of 1-2 April for the re-evocation of the races that took place from 1956 to 1958 in the heartland of Italy's motoring heritage (not to mention its gastronomic heritage).

To paraphrase what the Italians said about this race back in the '50s, it is, "A breathtaking 2kms to be taken in a single breath and only for the brave." Each competitor gets three practice runs and three timed runs over the weekend. The event attracts a wide variety of GT, prototype and single seaters with past winners being cars like Porsche RS, De Tomaso Pantera, Osella and Chevron B8.

The weekend is designed by enthusiastic organiser Francesco Amante, to be a convivial, friendly weekend in a beautiful city with some serious competitive motor sport. See [www.bolognasanluca.it](http://www.bolognasanluca.it) for entries.

*Hold your breath and blast up the hill through the trees and the monastery walls for two short kilometres Photo Peter Collins*



## "Sixtyfivers" at The Copenhagen Grand Prix

**W**hen the Copenhagen Grand Prix organisers announced that the race for Pre-'66 cars for the 2015 event was cancelled due to lack of entries Danish MG enthusiast and driver Nicholas E. Mortensen took matters into his own hands. "I asked if they would hold a race for the '65 class if I could gather 36 cars," he said. They agreed, and Mortensen, who considered the problem to be overly aggressive driving on a tight circuit where the slightest touch could result in major damage, succeeded in filling the grid.

Since then the grids at the Copenhagen Grand Prix have been full to capacity. Known as the Sixtyfivers, the group has published a manifesto, which begins, "Sixtyfivers is an open community of historic racers, their cars and supporters. If you race with us, you are also expected to participate in the community. We always aim to have a common pit with teams next to each other in equally sized tents. We encourage interaction between teams." It goes on to say, "We invite skilled and competitive drivers whom we also believe can control the 'red mist' during the race and who can sit at the same table as the other drivers after the race. If you risk an accident in order to win you are not a Sixtyfiver and will not be invited. We don't do prizes and you don't win our races, you compete in them. It's a race but also a show."

"We would like to return to the grassroots, where the man behind the wheel has messed with the car, so he knows what it means when there are dents, and then you drive in a different way," says Mortensen. "Absolutely no dents probably can't be achieved, but we will simply not see inconsiderate driving on the track, then you are excluded." This seems to have met with the approval of the drivers, as there was a waiting list already for this year a full six months before the August 5-6 event.



*Photo Jens Ørgaard*

## Alfa Revival Tyres

**I**n last month's issue we reported on some innovations for the 2017 Alfa Revival Cup series. Since then we have received a correction from the organisers GPS Classic. "Taking into consideration the opinions and the motivations of our drivers, we decided to review our decision not to allow the use of slick tyres," said their statement. "No change will then be implemented in relation to the permitted tyres."

## Season Opener - Hockenheim Historic

**G**ermany's traditional season opener on the Hockenheim GP circuit will run this year on 21-23 April featuring ten race grids headed by Boss GP, followed, in speed, noise and horsepower by the Can-Am Challenge. Touring cars will also feature, with the Spezial-Tourenwagen-Trophy H&R Cup, a series for not-so-old and modern cars piloted by amateur drivers, and the very popular Youngtimer Touring Car Challenge for cars of the 1990s. The HRA Classic Formula 3 is making its debut at the event, with its mix of single seaters from 1971 to 1984. The meeting is dedicated to the great Jim Clark, who lost his life at Hockenheim in 1968 and the Lotus Cup Europe series serves as a reminder of the great Lotus driver. As always the Lurani Trophy for Formula Junior cars will be putting in an appearance to round off the timetable, amongst demonstrations, exhibitions (this year Scuderia Serenissima will be a special theme) and of course the special Jim Clark exhibit in the Kongress-Pavillon, which seeks new ways each year to honour Jim Clark. Modern manufacturers Mercedes and Porsche bring museum cars, and the weekend is topped off with club displays, music, fun fair and other attractions. See [www.hockenheim-historic.de](http://www.hockenheim-historic.de).





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