



“Sanremo” turn up the engines: recce has started while waiting the arrival of the competitors

With the delivery of the Road Books and the reconnaissance of the competitors of the historic race and of the Leggenda, which took place on Sunday 7 April, the Sanremo Rally dynamically takes the start. To increase in intensity with the arrival of CIR's competitors next Wednesday and reach the peak on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 April with the crews engaged on the special stages. In addition to the 66th Rallye Sanremo, valid for the Italian Rally Championship, 34th Sanremo Historic Rally, valid for the Italian Historic Car Rally Championship, 33rd Cup of Flowers, valid for the Italian Regularity Championship, 11th Sanremo Leggenda, in the two days of competition will take place the World Rally Stratos, that will bring back on the roads of the Western Liguria the car that won in the Seventies five editions of the race.

SANREMO (IM), 7 aprile – The intense week of the "Sanremo" began on Sunday 7 April. To open the dynamic period of the four races that center around the City of Flowers, was the delivery of the Road Book and the race numbers to the competitors who will take part in the historic race, the 34th Sanremo Historic Rally and the short race, that is to say the 11th Sanremo Leggenda. But it's not over here. Both competitors of the historical and those participating in the "Leggenda" were able to begin the **reconnaissance of the route**.

66th Rallye Sanremo, starts on Wednesday April 10th . On Friday the cars will start running. The Palafiori of Sanremo from 19.00 hours on **Wednesday April 10th** till 21.00 hours, will become the heart of the event. From this moment on the big of the **66th Rallye Sanremo**, that is to say the drivers with Class R5 cars and the drivers entered in the **Italian Rally Championship** (CIR) (second round of the championship) the **FIA European Rally Trophy** (for which the rally on the Riviera is the opening round) and of the **R-GT Cup 2019** (third round after Montecarlo and Tour de Corse) will collect the Road Book and will undergo the sporting checks. A good moment for fans to see their favorite drivers and get an autograph. For all the drivers of the smaller classes the Road Book collection and the sporting checks will be the next day **Thursday April 11th** from 7.00 am to 11.00 am.

In the meantime mechanics will have downloaded the racing cars in **Via Adolfo Rava** (a space dedicated to the mythical organizer of Rallye Sanremo when it was part of the World Rally Championship) because from 12.00 to 21.00, always on **Thursday April 11th** scrutineering will take place. In the evening from 19.00 to 21.00 the crews on board of normal cars and respecting the street code, will start reconnaissance starting with the Super Special Stage of **Porto Sole**.

Friday April 12th from 8.00 am to 12.30 pm crews will head to **San Romolo** for the Shakedown, the test with racing cars to verify that their jewels will have the right set up to tackle the Special Stages. The **6th Rallye Sanremo** will officially start at 14.45 when competitors will head towards Porto Sole on a stage 2560 meters long for an electrifying challenge one against one to then move to the Regrouping in front of **Forte di Santa Tecla**. The first cars will exit the regrouping at 17.06 to enter the Service Park. Always on the track of Porto Sole starting at 12,30 pm will pass the Lancia Stratos for a short exhibition and then from 13.30 to 14.20 there will be the spectacular exhibition of the Legend Cars, funny cars retro style with motorcycle engines. Then the first pass on



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the Special Stages with names that already entered the history of rallying like **Vignai** (at 17.45, km 14,31) **Bignone** (at 18.12, km 10,62) and **San Romolo** (at 19.07, km 14,24) to then return to **Santa Tecla** for a three hours Regrouping that will precede the long “**Sanremo**” night with the **Mini Ronde** of 29,12 km at 12.04 am on **Saturday April 13th** (a stage that puts together the SS **Vignai** and **Bignone**) followed by the SS **San Romolo** at 1.16 am that will close the intense first day. Eight hours of rest for the cars at **Forte Santa Tecla** and on Saturday morning at 10.11 will start the second day that will bring competitors in the hinterland of Imperia and Andora, that include ipasses on SS **Testico** (at 11.54, km 14,24) **San Bartolomeo** (at 12.20, km 10,53) and **Colle d’Oggia** (at 12.38, km 7,89) after which cars will head back to **Sanremo** for the last Regrouping. A little rest a check on the cars and competitors will return to the hinterland of Imperia at 17.16 to tackle the same route of the morning but with the stages run all together in a long SS starting from Testico to Colle d’Oggia passing on San Bartolomeo. This will be the longest stage of the race with its **34,45 km timed kilometers**. A commitment worthy of the golden age of rallies.

At 7.00 pm on Saturday 13th September, the Corso Imperatrice platform, right on the slopes of the Casino stairway, will host the crews that will have completed the **66th Rallye Sanremo**, competing in 10 special stages for a total of 152.20 timed kilometers. And a total route of 487.43 km.

Last year the winner has been **Paolo Andreucci-Anna Andreussi** (Peugeot 208 T16) who preceded by i 9’7 Simone Campedelli-Tania Canton (Ford Fiesta R5) and by 50’7 Umberto Scandola-Guido D’Amore (Škoda Fabia R5),

The 34th Historic Rally cross with the modern rally. The historic race which has now reached its 34th edition is valid for the **Italian Championship Historic Cars (CIRAS)**, this is the second round and for the **Tour European Rally Historic** whose first race took place in Spain (Rally Moritz-Costa Brava at mid March) the race will partially follows the modern rally. On Sunday April 7th the Road Book collection and the recce of the stages, then on **Thursday April 11th** at **Palafiori** the Sporting Checks (from 12.00 to 18.00) followed half an hour later by Scrutineering **Via Adolfo Rava**. At 14.13 on Friday April 12th the start from the platform positioned on **Corso Imperatrice**, under the stairs of the Casino and will then tackle the first three SS **Vignai** (at 14.52, km 14,31) **Bignone** (at 15.21, km 10,62) and **San Romolo** (at 16.38, km 14,24) before heading back to **Santa Tecla** for a 30 minutes Regrouping followed by the Service Park. After this the repetition of the SS **Vignai** (at 19.32) **Bignone** (at 20.01) and **San Romolo** (at 21.20) then they will close the day at **Palafiori** at 22.32. On **Saturday 13th April** in the morning the start will be at 08.00 to tackle the three stages, being the prologue of the modern rally: **Testico** (at 9.49, km 14,24) **San Bartolomeo** (at 10.15, km 10,53) and **Colle d’Oggia** (at 10.33, km 7,89). The participants in the Historic Rally, unlike the competitors of the CIRAS, will not return to Sanremo but will stop at **Montalto** for a 30 minutes Service Park followed by a one hour Regrouping at 12.30 at **Fratelli Carli in Oneglia**. A new Service Park at **Stellanello** (at 14,07), before diving into the grand final with the SS **Testico-San Bartolomeo** (at 14.46, km 25,71) a short transfer, just 780 meters, before closing on the SS **Colle d’Oggia** (at 15.30). Also for the historic cars the arrival platform is located on **Corso Imperatrice** and the winner will be discovered at 16.51, after a total route of 472,98 km, divided into 11 Special Stages for a total of 144,60 timed kilometers.



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Last year **Lucio Da Zanche-Daniel De Luis** (Porsche 911 SC) climbed the highest step of the podium followed 47'6" behind by "Lucky"-Fabrizia Pons (Lancia Delta 16V) and 4'11"2 behind by Davide Negri-Roberto Coppa (Porsche 911 RSR).

33rd Coppa dei Fiori, the precision chasing the historic rally. The classic regularity race valid for the **Italian Championship** will call competitors in Sanremo for the Sporting Checks (**Palafiori**) and Scrutineering (**Via Adolfo Rava**) on Friday April 12th from 10.00 am to noon. The same day the specialist of regularity will follow the Historic Rally tackling transfers and precision tests one hour after the Historic Rally. It means that the race will start from **Corso Imperatrice** at 15.18 and will head back for the final arrival on Saturday April 13th at 18.09, after 473,10 km of total route divided into two legs, 12 precision tests and 143,66 km of stages.

Last year the winner has been **Gardino-Scardella** (Autobianchi A112 Abarth) ahead of Vellano-Molina (Audi Quattro) with 118 penalties and Aiolfi-Seneci (Volkswagen Golf GTI) with 121 penalties.

Six Special Stages to enter the Leggenda. Everything will be held in one day, but a very busy day. This is what the competitors of 11th Sanremo Leggenda will live. A double pass on the SS of Saturday: **Testico** (at 8.14 and at 13.41, km 14,24) **San Bartolomeo** (at 8.40 and 14.07, km 10,53) and **Colle d'Oggia** (at 8.58 and 14.25, km 7,89). The **Sanremo Leggenda**, will start early at 7.00 am on **Saturday April 13th** from the Service Park of Piazza Adolfo Rava and the final arrival is provided at 15.54 in **Corso Imperatrice** after 243,85 km of total route divided into six Special Stages for 65,32 timed kilometers and one Regrouping at **Forte Santa Tecla** (at 10.27) and a Service Park at 11.57.

Last year the winner has been **Gabriele Cogni-Marco Pollicino** (Škoda Fabia R5) ahead of Davide Riccio-Monica Cicognini (Ford Fiesta R5) by 1'26"9 and Dario Bigazzi-Monica Briano (Renault Clio R3) by 2'23"4.

Lancia Stratos World Meeting, "la bête à gagner" is back on the roads of Sanremo. The French used to call it this way since they understood that this will win everything and for their Alpine there was no hope. The Lancia Stratos broke into the streets of rallies winning everything there was to win starting right from Sanremo where it won a World Championship race for the first time. It won a Drivers' FIA Cup (Una **Coppa FIA Piloti** (the forerunner of the World Championship) with **Sandro Munari** in 1977 preceded by three World Manufacturers Titles in a row (1974-1976) and 19 World Rally races. Hitting exciting successes, on the roads of Rallye Sanremo where it managed to get five overall victories (1974 **Munari-Mannucci**; 1975 **Waldegård-Thorszelius**; 1976 **Waldegård-Thorszelius**, year in which it monopolized the entire podium; 1978 **Alén-Kivimäki** and 1979 "Tony"-**Mannini**). In short, an unbeatable "beast". This car will be back on the roads of Sanremo not only in the 34th Sanremo Historic Rally (there'll be two of them in the race, one of them in the hands of the 1979 winner "Tony" **Fassina**) but above all in the world meeting dedicated to this sedan from Turin, that will see the **Stratos** opening the rally on **Friday April 12th** when they will precede the competing cars passing, to be admired, on the roads of the rally, after **Corso Imperatrice** at 10.30 am to make their show at **Vignai** (at 11.09), **Bignone** (at 11.48) **Porto Sole** (at 12.37) parade in **Corso Matteotti** in Sanremo (at 12.52) repeat **San Romolo** (at 14.24) closing the 121,60 km of the first day in **Corso Matteotti**. During the second day, **Saturday April 13th**, the **Stratos** convoy will leave **Corso Matteotti** at 9.45 am and will then pass on **Col Langan** have a Regrouping from 12.24 to 14.54 at the restaurant **Dallava** at San



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Romolo and triumphantly conclude the parade on the arrival platform in **Corso Imperatrice** at 3.24pm, opening the great celebrations of the conclusion of the four races.

Porto Sole, “race track” of Sanremo. For a day, **Friday 12 April**, the scenario of **Porto Sole** will become the focal point of the "Sanremo" motorsport. In the splendid setting of the marina, with its terraces that will allow spectators to enjoy the show as protagonists while remaining in a position of maximum security, the cars of the 66th Rallye Sanremo, the Stratos of the **Lancia Stratos World Meeting**, as well as the Legend Cars which usually show on the asphalt of the Castelletto di Branduzzo circuit. The **Stratos**, that celebrate the five overall wins obtained in the Town of Flowers, will open the show at 12.37 on the 2560 meters of the Porto Sole “circuit”, followed at 14.55 head-to-head challenges of the competitors of the **Italian Rally Championship**. The task of acting as a spectacular link between Stratos and rally cars is entrusted to Legend Cars, engaged on the route between 1.30pm and 2.20pm.

These cute little cars, which use small-sized bodies in the American-retro thirties style, which discharge power to the ground thanks to four large racing tires, painted with eye-catching graphics, were born in the early nineties in North Carolina (USA) and became popular all over the world. Equipped with a modern carbon fiber frame, they are powered by a Yamaha 1300 motorcycle engine capable of delivering 140 bhp, which coupled with their light weight, around 500 kg, makes them very fast (they can exceed 170 km / h) and snappy (from zero to one hundred in 4"), very performing and spectacular. Fun for those who sit behind the wheel and those who follow their exploits from the stands.



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