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THE LIST OF BIG NAMES SET TO ATTEND RALLYLEGEND 2021 GROWS LESS THAN A MONTH BEFORE THE EVENT AND INCLUDES: FRANCOIS DELECOUR WITH THE FORD SIERRA COSWORTH 4X4; MICHELE CINOTTO, WITH RADAELLI, ABOARD THE GROUP 4 AUDI QUATTRO, AND PIER FELICE FILIPPI, WITH DE MELA, AND THEIR LANCIA STRATOS.

ANGELO PUCCI GROSSI AND ALESSANDRO PAVESI SET TO THRILL WITH THE DELTA INTEGRALE. CHRISTOF KLAUSNER REMEMBERED WITH TWO IMPORTANT INITIATIVES.

Republic of San Marino. With less than a month to go until Rallylegend 2021, the list of big names set to attend the event is gradually coming together. Already confirmed is **Loris Capirossi**, who will put in an uncharacteristic appearance as rally driver.

The list of champions will be added to in coming weeks, with more stars and stunning cars coming together for another spectacular edition of Rallylegend and to remember and celebrate significant moments of important careers.

Another definite is **Francois Delecour**, who will be at the wheel of a Ford Sierra Rs Cosworth 4X4 with Q8 livery. The same 'worn' by the official car with which he suffered one of the most crushing defeats of his career in the 1991 Montecarlo rally, thirty years ago. Out front and with more than a 40-second lead, the driver ran off road during the final special stage, a suspension issue ultimately costing him the win. With the spectators' help, he was nevertheless able to get back on the road and reach the finish line, albeit in third place behind Sainz and Biasion. Delecour made up for this at the 1994 Montecarlo rally though, having concluded the previous year's World Rally Championship in second place with the Ford Escort Cosworth.

Michele Cinotto will also take to the start line, pairing up once again with **Emilio Radaelli**. He will drive the Group 4 Audi Quattro with official livery with which the then 22-year old Italian came to the fore in the world rally series. In a 1981 Sanremo rally - so forty years ago and against a field of great champions including Rohrl, Alen, Mikkola, Vatanen, Salonen, Toivonen, and Mouton (the latter the eventual winner) -, Cinotto jumped to the top of the overall standings during the second stage of a very long rally, remaining there for a good while. His dream came to an end when he ran off road, but his performance was to go down in history.

Complete with its original blue and white colour scheme and sponsors, the beautiful Lancia Stratos belonging to **Pier Felice Filippi** and **Gianpaolo De Mela** will return to Rallylegend, celebrating the victory of the Italian crew in the 1981 TRN Finals, which would see all the top placed drivers from the national rallies battle it out to determine the best of the not-professional Italian drivers. Filippi's career then continued with sporadic, albeit often successful, appearances with the Fiat 131 Abarth, Lancia 037, Lancia Delta and Mitsubishi, until his career came to end in 2006, with two races in the Peugeot 206 WRC.

In 2021, **Angelo Pucci Grossi's** focus is on the GR Yaris Rally Cup, where he currently lies first among the Under 23s. But the son of deceased rally champion Giuseppe Pucci Grossi didn't want to miss out on Rallylegend. He will be back together with **Alessandro Pavesi**, co-driver and long-time friend of the Italian champ, for an exciting Grossi-Pavesi pairing. Aboard a red Lancia Delta Integrale belonging to the Grossi-Clerici family, they will make some exhibition laps on Sunday, after competing in the Toyota trophy the evening before.

CHRISTOF KLAUSNER REMEMBERED WITH TWO IMPORTANT INITIATIVES

The recent, premature and unexpected passing of spectacular driver Christof Klausner has left his fans and Rallylegend friends in shock. Klausner was a regular feature at the event, always putting on a show with his Audi Quattro, and he will be remembered at this edition of Rallylegend as well as at future editions. The Legend Stars vehicles with an "X" plate, those receiving the most votes for their showmanship and slides, will now be known as "CK Legends", in memory of Klausner.



Added to which is a more significant initiative, developed in collaboration with Christof Klausner's family. A commemorative shirt will be on sale at Rallylegend, all proceeds going towards the reconstruction of Klausner's Audi Quattro, destroyed in the collision during the shakedown at the 2020 Janner Rally. Once restored, the Audi Quattro will be back at Rallylegend in 2022 with a surprise driver, to be chosen by the Klausner family.

THE RALLYLEGEND VILLAGE GROWS AND INCORPORATES A NOW 'EXTENDED' SERVICE PARK

A bigger Service Park, within the Rallylegend Village itself, can now offer a greater number of services to participating teams. This is one of the new features for 2021, which spectators will appreciate as they will be able to look on as the many beautiful cars are prepared for the rally inside the "Village", the beating heart of Rallylegend.

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