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What an echo ...

With our idea and project, we seem to have reached a lot of interested people. We got international echos, from France "En tout cas félicitations pour ce beau projet. J'y participerai bien évidemment volontiers", "C'est une excellente nouvelle" or another who just writes "YEAAAAAAH!". From England: "I am interested in joining your event next year" or just "Send more information about the Target Bavaria event, please". And from Germany "That sounds very tempting, I'm very interested and I'm looking forward to the next newsletter" or "I'm already excited. My wife and I prefer long-distance rallies - the Olympics were cool - Histo-Monte 2019 and 2022 too. I' look forward for it" or "My wife and I are interested in your planned OLDTIMER rally. We also took part in the Olympic Rally". "Dear Joachim, that sounds great!!!! I would like to hug you both – your first newsletter seems so executed."

More than 500 signed up on www.target-bavaria.com for the newsletter. Many thanks for these spontaneous reactions; this motivates us even more. We are particularly pleased that over 92% of the first newsletter were opened, and that not a single deletion or unsubscription was made.

We keep going on.

Now for the latest news:

Rijeka is getting serious:

The city administration of Rijeka was already very enthusiastic during the first planning talks. We reported about the visitor grandstands from 1977 they intended to restore.



Our on-site team has now informed us that the first trees and bushes have been removed, and that the retreating work has already begun.



Perhaps similar crowds will stand in the visitor ranks at Target Bavaria and cheer?

A bit of history

There are few countries in the world that have such a long and successful tradition in the motoring and motorcycling as Croatia, and this sport has flourished in the Kvarner region.



New roads connected the area to Europe and it became the idea to organize car and motorcycle competitions. Several clubs were founded and competitions organized. It all began with a car race in April 1902. The aim was to attract commercial development and to leave a competitive sporting significance.

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 PER LA "COPPA MUSSOLINI,, 9 LUGLIO 1939-XVII
 (ABBAZIA) CAVAGRANDE-COSTABELLA (FIUME)

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La gara si svolgerà sull'asfalto stradale formato dal bivio Costabella-Strada Nazionale n. 14 sino al bivio Preluka strada Provinciale, Cavagrande, bivio Costabella dello sviluppo di km. 6 da ripetersi 25 volte per complessivi km. 150.

Al circuito saranno ammessi i veicoli da corsa (allegato C. al Codice Sportivo Internazionale) di cilindrata 1500 cmc. di costruzione non anteriore al 1. gennaio 1935. Le vetture potranno comportare anche un solo posto.

L'arrivo sarà controllato su di una linea situata di fronte al posto di cronometraggio. La classifica sarà stabilita in base al minor tempo impiegato ed i premi saranno attribuiti al concorrente titolare dell'iscrizione del veicolo classificato.

Saranno assegnati i seguenti premi in denaro:
 Al 1. classificato L. 10.000; al 2. L. 8.000; al 3. L. 6.000; al 4. L. 4.000; al 5. L. 2.500; al 6. L. 1.500, per un ammontare complessivo di lire trentadue mila, oltre a cinquecento lire di premio di classifica di tempo massimo da dividersi tra coloro che non abbiano diritto ai premi precedenti ed ai premi di classifica sui giri per i primi tre concorrenti che avranno totalizzato il minor tempo sui giri compiuti per altre undicimila lire.

The initiator and organizer of the race "NICE-OPATJA" was the Automobile Club de Nice, which was co-organized by the management of the climatic health resort of Opatija, a little city situated just near Rijeka. 81 teams participated; a record participation at the time.

On **July 9, 1939**, the first and only race before the Second World War was held in this area in Preluk on the circuit called Circuito del Carnaro, leading from Costabella on the Rijeka side (Rijeka curve) to the provincial road, which continued to Opatija and climbed to Pavlovac.

The race at the time was part of the Italian car championship, as this part of the Adriatic coast belonged to Italy after the First World War. According to press reports, the race was followed by more than 30,000 spectators. After the Second World War, due to the great enthusiasm for motorsport, numerous motorcycle competitions were held in the center of Rijeka and in the Trsat area, as well as the Speedway World Championships in Crikvenica.

Preluk is a legend and will remain inscribed in motorsport history as a 120-year organization of races in golden letters. The best drivers and motorcyclists of their time rode the attractive, nonetheless very dangerous track. A street circuit, similar to Monaco, which was reopened to traffic after the racing cars crossed the finish line. That's why it still "exists". One disadvantage: there is still a straight downhill over 1 km long which ends in a hairpin turn. Of course we will have to slow down this straight with chicanes. On this legendary circuit in Preluk we shall not forget the former motorcycle world champions, who drove on this track, such as Giacomo Agostini (the motorcyclist with the most trophies of his time), Franco Uncini, Walter Villa, Ángel Nieto Roldán, Rodney (Rod) Gould, Dave Simmonds, Dieter Braun, Anton (Toni) Mang, Alberto "Johnny" Cecotto and many others. **And now it is perhaps your turn!!**

Our Hotel **HILTON Costabella** for the first 2 nights is right located on the circuit, similar to the Hotel de Paris in Monte Carlo. As already shown in the first newsletter, the historic race track can be seen on the right.



The first winner of the Preluk was Luigi Villoresi on a works-Maserati TIPO 6 CM, which attracted worldwide attention. **The bar at the Hotel Bellavista was named „Villoresi Bar" in his honor.**

For the first 2 days we plan the following procedure:

Saturday May 25 th 10am - 6pm Scruteneering near by the harbour of Rijeka

Sunday May 26 th 9am - 12am Scruteneering at the same place

12:30 pm Korso drive through the town to the Grand Prix street circuit of Preluk

2 pm – 5 pm Qualifying for the prolog race (in different categories)

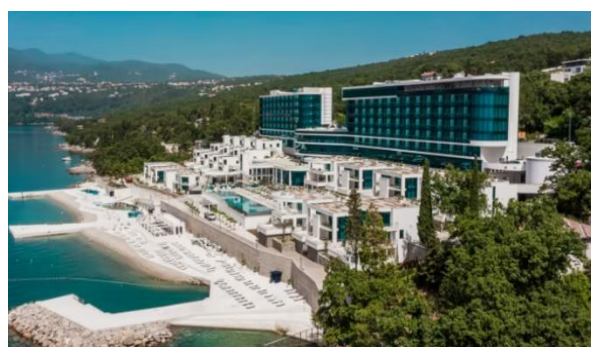
4 pm – 6 pm Prolog race on the historic circuit of the former GP of Yugoslavia

8 pm **Opening Dinner in the Costabella**

including the award ceremony with the Villoresi Price for the winners of the prolog race.

The cars of the winners will be pushed onto the terrace of the HILTON Costabella Hotel.

Very fitting, in our opinion.



Considering the atmosphere of this great 5 star hotel, why not arrive earlier? The amenities, the spa areas, the entire ambience offer an excellent attunement to prepare for the sporty TARGET BAVARIA. The 2,000 kilometers will be strenuous, all the better if you can relax, gather strength and concentrate in this great hotel beforehand.





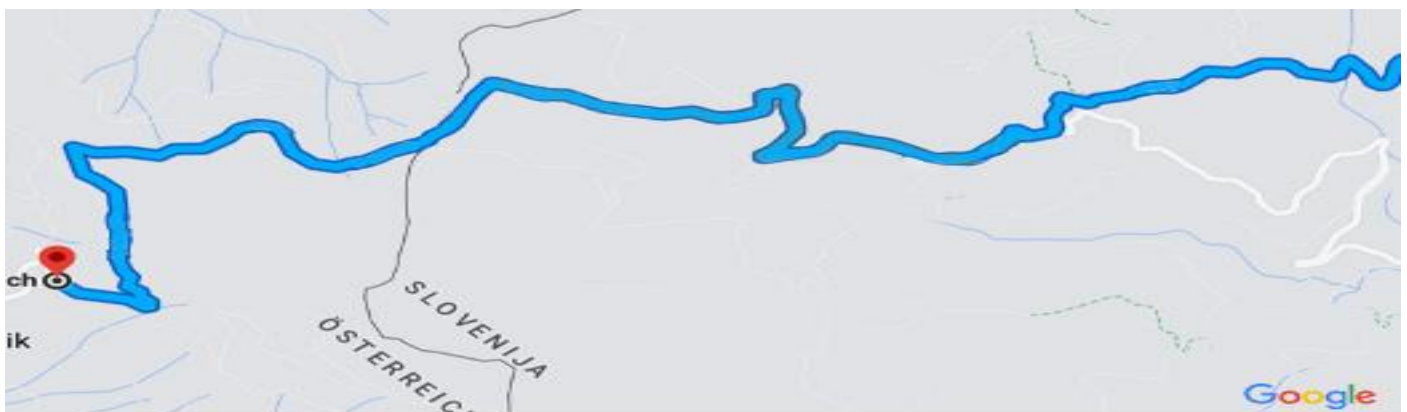
Common question:

Rijeka – where is it? Rijeka is located on the Adriatic Sea, not far away from the Italian border (Triest 76 km) and has an intern. airport (direct flights from Gatwick, Stansted, Bruxelles, Charleroi, Eindhoven, Stockholm, Francfort, Munich, Stuttgart, Düsseldorf, Milano/Bergamo, and others).

News from the special stages

In Croatia and in Slovenia, the Special Stages (SS) are already being explored. There is one SS in particular we would like to report on:

In the border triangle of the Karavanke mountains between Slovenia, Austria and Italy, the habitat of about 1000 brown bears, where golden eagles have every-thing in sight, there will be a scenic highlight: before the finish of the stage on the lake of Wörther See - the last SS of the day will cross a border, without showing your passports of course.



That would be a world premiere! Uphill in Croatia, downhill in Austria.

Whether driven in competition- or in regularity mode, you will get an experience out of the ordinary.

You surely can understand, that we removed all names and information from the Google map picture.

The day after our stay at Lake Wörthersee, we are planning another highlight:



We are currently in talks to create another, very special experience to race on the legendary Red Bull race track. Fingers crossed for this project!

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After an in Austria well known uphill special stage in the afternoon, we would like to finish the day with Red Bull as well: in **Hangar 7 in Salzburg**, the legendary “garage” where Red Bull CEO Mateschitz’s collection of the Baumgartner capsule, his vintage airplane collection, and all his F1 racing cars is displayed. We strive for it.



Another day full of adventures, high quality and fineness.

To summarize the Rally planned from Saturday May 25th to Friday May 31st:

- Classic car rally from Rijeka to Munich across 4 countries for a week
- Enjoyable route with selected landscape
- Historic street circuit, special stages, WRC sections, racetracks
- **Limited starting field with automotive diversity**
- International participants
- **Competition- or Regularity-Group** (depending on what you want)
- Everything is organized, except the logistics of your car
- Landing page in 3 languages for the first informations
www.target-bavaria.com with the possibility of
- Subscription to the newsletter (in 3 languages D - EN - F)
- Application window for a starting place (autumn 2023)
- Definitive Website (will be online in late autumn 2023)
- First-rate offer (hotels and gastronomy)
- **A one-of-a-kind experience...**



We would be happy to keep you informed of the planning and preparations.

Stay with us.

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