

TC CH TOUR DE CORSE HISTORIQUE

22th EDITION



FINAL LEG: PROPRIANO/PORTO-VECCHIO

**ALAIN & SYLVIE OREILLE MAKE IT A
DOUBLE!**

After winning for the first time in 2020, the Oreille duo in their Porsche 911 Carrera

RS emerged victorious again in the 22nd edition of the Tour de Corse Historique setting the fastest time in the last special stage to finish the rally on a high note!

The competitors in the 22nd edition of the Tour de Corse Historique left Porto-Vecchio last Tuesday and they were back in the port city on Saturday after covering the 1028-kilometre route that was 60% revised and included 382 kilometres of timed events divided up into 19 special stages. Like the previous editions, the 2022 event lived up to its reputation as a historic rally that's among the longest and the most technical on the planet, which also makes enormous demands on men and machines. This formula has greatly contributed to its popularity with competitors and has led to ever-increasing success from year to year setting new records for the number of participants. From 350 in 2021, the list of entries increased to 380 in 2022 with 12 nationalities forcing the organisation to make a very difficult selection choice among the 530 entries received this year.

In line with their performance in 2020, Alain and Sylvie Oreille built their win day after day. Nursing the engine of their Porsche 911 Carrera RS prepared by the écurie Joffroy, they were always among the front-runners without taking any risks. Then their rivals opened the door to victory for them as they dropped by the wayside either because of mechanical issues or accidents as the specials unfolded. "We were penalised at the start of the rally because we chose tyres that were too wide," explained the victor. "After rectifying the situation we climbed back up the order. We had a great battle with Florent Jean (Porsche 911) and Anthony Agostini (Ford Escort MK1), but they both crashed out. Then we just controlled our race. It's called experience! The Tour de Corse Historique is fabulous. It's a great rally that's a mirror image of what happened in the era of the 30-kilometre long special stages. I've only taken part in one rally this year – this one."

The runners-up in the event, Jean-Baptiste Botti/Yoann Raffaelli (Porsche 911) were also all smiles on the podium. Botti, a world Jet Ski champion on several occasions, showed that he is also a talented driver. Last year he had already finished third in VHC and this year the youngster from Porto-Vecchio found himself on the second step of the podium on his third outing: "We ran into mechanical problems on the second and third days. Luckily, the écurie Caruso managed to carry out repairs and helped us to get up to speed in the second part of the event and clinch this great result!"



Tomas Argenti/Mathieu Tyran (BMW M3)
Winners J2 Period



Emmanuel Saussereau/Stéphane Poulard
(Fiat 124 Abarth). - Winners VHRS

ARGENTI/TYRAN WIN THE J2 CATEGORY

In the J2 category open to newer models the anticipated duel between locals Tomas Argenti/Mathieu Tyran and Christophe Casanova/Stéphane Delleaux, both at the wheel of BMW M3s, unfortunately fizzled out. The triple winner of the category in 2019, 2020 and 2021 set off to try and close the 1m 24s gap to Argenti/Tyran, but was the victim of a ruptured universal joint in the first special of the day. All Argenti/Tyran had to do was to bring their car home to the finish without errors to clinch victory in the J2 category on their second outing in the Tour de Corse Historique. "Obviously, we're delighted. At the start of the event we were hit by a raft of mechanical problems with our M3 BMW (ex Pascal Trojani) in its 1995 setup that hadn't run since 2001. We managed the race as intelligently as possible to stay in contact and then push when it was necessary. We had a rally that's unique of its kind that's left us with extraordinary memories!" summed up the young winner.

Among the great stories of this edition let's mention that of the Bernardini father/daughter crew who finished third in J2. Double French rally champion in 1994 and 1995 and winner of the Monte Carlo in 1996, Patrick Bernardini had not emerged from his retirement since 2010 when he made a fleeting appearance in the Tour de Corse Historique. "For the last five years my daughter Carla has kept on badgering me for us to do this rally together. For my 60th birthday we decided to enter. It was her first motor race! She adapted and made good progress in calling the notes through the specials. I too found my marks. Everything went off like a dream!" said the driver from Ajaccio, who was especially delighted with this experience shared with Carla, which will very probably be renewed next year.

Another anecdote that reveals the spirit of mutual help and sharing that reigned in this event was the one about the André Giusti/Frank Pascalini team with their Alpine A110. They suffered a broken spacer in the gearbox and as they didn't have a spare they owed their rescue to the generosity of Jean-Pierre Manzagol, a leading light in Corsican motor sport. Holder of the record number of starts (29) in the same rally in the WRC, he has raced in Renault R8 Gordinis, Alpine A110s and A310s, R5 GT Turbos, Clio Williams and Peugeot 306 Maxis. Seeing that his fellow-countryman was going to have to retire, he said he would strip down his own personal berlinetta to replace the broken part to help him to make it to the finish in Ajaccio. André Giusti obviously acknowledged his gesture when he climbed up onto the podium!

In VHRS (Historic Vehicles in Sporting Regularity - Véhicules Historiques de Régularité Sportive), Emmanuel Saussereau/Stéphane Poulard (Fiat 124 Abarth) emerged on top in the final overall classification as well as in the moderate average classification. Etienne Baugnee/Vincent Duchesne (Ford Escort MK1 RS2000) won in the high average classification, Dominique Larroque/Patrick Monassier (Ford Escort RS2000) triumphed in the intermediate average and Alain Arnal/Denis Goudou (Morris Cooper S) in the low average classification. Finally, note the victory in the VHRS by team classification of Team Espoir contre le cancer (Team Hope against cancer) by Bruno Saby/Pascal Serre in their VW Golf GTI.

Above and beyond these sporting results, this 22nd edition marked by a new record entry fulfilled all its promise in terms of organisation. This performance was saluted by all the competitors at the finish.



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Marie-Ange Dini (Organiser): “With 380 crews at the start this year we had an even bigger challenge to take on than in the previous year’s edition. Everything went off without a hitch. Our teams did a huge job beforehand and during the event itself to ensure that this year’s edition was another success. Talking about the number of teams entered we saw a keener and keener interest among competitors from the younger generations. From a sporting point of view each day had its lot of twists and great stories. And in the end great and worthy winners emerged in each category.”

José Andreani (Organiser): “Overall this has been a very positive edition. The competitors all drove with great skill so that every special stage unfolded perfectly. The rally was a real thriller from a sporting point of view with numerous leadership changes and winners at the finish who fully deserved their success. This edition also attracted a wide variety of models in particular in regularity with an almost complete range of cars that have shone throughout the history of the Tour de Corse.”

RANKINGS

22^e ÉDITION
TPH **TOUR DE CORSE**
 HISTORIQUE
 DU 02 AU 08 OCTOBRE 2022

DIMANCHE 2 OCTOBRE
 Vérifications administratives
 et techniques à Porto-Vecchio
LUNDI 3 OCTOBRE
 Vérifications administratives
 et techniques à Porto-Vecchio
 Séance de roulage

MARDI 4 OCTOBRE
 Cérémonie de départ – Porto-Vecchio
1^{ère} étape - Porto-Vecchio/Porto-Vecchio
 ES 1 : Muratellu/Bocca di Bacinu - **11.04 km**
 ES 2 : Carbini/Levie - **7.03 km**
 ES 3 : Gualdaricciu/Bocca di Pelza - **11.75 km**

MERCREDI 5 OCTOBRE
2^e étape - Porto-Vecchio/Borgo
 ES 4 : Maison Pieraggi/Muracciole - **29.40 km**
 ES 5 : Pinello (Favallelo)/Pont d'Altiani - **26.88 km**
 Regroupement : Aleria
 ES 6 : Pianiccia/Chiatra - **26.33 km**
 ES 7 : Sainte Lucie de Moriani/Figareto - **12.92 km**

JEUDI 6 OCTOBRE
3^e étape - Borgo/Calvi
 ES 8 : Pont de Rimitoriu/Barchetta - **28.44 km**
 ES 9 : Ponte Novu / Canavaggia - **13.52 km**
 ES 10 : Castifao/Olmi Capella - **21.20 km**
 Regroupement : Ploggiola
 ES 11 : Notre-Dame-de-la-Serra/Fangu - **28.31 km**

VENREDI 7 OCTOBRE
4^e étape - Calvi/Propriano
 ES 12 : Belgodere / Col de San Colombanu / Castifao - **25.77 km**
 ES 13 : Ponte Leccia/Poggio Gavignanu - **28.28 km**
 Regroupement : Francardo
 ES 14 : Col de Sorba/Ghisoni - **14.38 km**
 ES 15 : Ghisoni/Fischer - **28.77 km**

SAMEDI 9 OCTOBRE
5^e étape - Propriano/Porto-Vecchio
 ES 16 : Martini/Fozzano - **14.67 km**
 ES 17 : Pont d'Acoravo/Zerubia - **20.74 km**
 ES 18 : Quenza/Zonza - **6.00 km**
 ES 19 : Bavella/Kamiesch - **26.62 km**

CALVI
 Étape 3
 Jeudi 06 octobre 2022
 ES / 08 - 09 - 10 - 11

BORGO
 Étape 2
 Mercredi 05 octobre 2022
 ES / 04 - 05-06 - 07

PROPRIANO
 Étape 4
 Vendredi 07 octobre 2022
 ES / 12-13 - 14 - 15

PORTO-VECCHIO
 Étape 1
 Lundi 03 octobre 2022
 Mardi 04 octobre 2022
 ES / 01 - 02- 03
 Étape 5
 Samedi 08 octobre 2022
 ES / 16 - 17 - 18 - 19



PROGRAMME

Sunday 2 October / Porto-Vecchio
 Scrutineering and administrative checks

Monday 3 October / Porto-Vecchio
 Scrutineering and administrative checks, warmup

Tuesday 4 October Porto-Vecchio - Porto-Vecchio
 Starting ceremony
 SS/1-2-3, finish Porto-Vecchio

Wednesday 5 October / Porto-Vecchio - Borgo
SS/4-5-6-7, finish Borgo

Thursday 6 October / Borgo – Calvi
SS/8-9-10-11, finish Calvi

Friday 7 October / Calvi - Propriano
SS/12-13-14-15, finish Propriano

Saturday 8 October / Propriano - Porto-Vecchio
SS/16-17-18-19, finish Porto-Vecchio

ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES: VHC / VHRS / LEGENDE

VHC (Historic racing cars):

- Historic competition vehicles from 1947 to 1985 that have a PTH
- Vehicles from the classic competition group between 1977 and 1981 with a three-section passport.
- Competition vehicles from the J2 period (1986 to 1990) with a PTH

VHRS (Sporting regularity historic vehicles):

- Vehicles from 1947 to 1990, choice of four average speeds (High – Intermediate - Low - Reduced)

LEGEND (exhibition without timing):

- Vehicles from 1947 onwards



THE TOUR DE CORSE HISTORIQUE FINALIST IN THE 2021 HISTORIC MOTORING AWARDS

The Tour de Corse Historique had been selected by the jury of the 2021 Historic Motoring Awards organised in association with the Octane magazine to be part of the six finalists for the election of the Motorsport Event of the Year.

We would like to thank the jury for this distinction which rewards the many years' work of the whole organisation team and also the many volunteers without whom it would not have become what it is today.

PHOTOS

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