

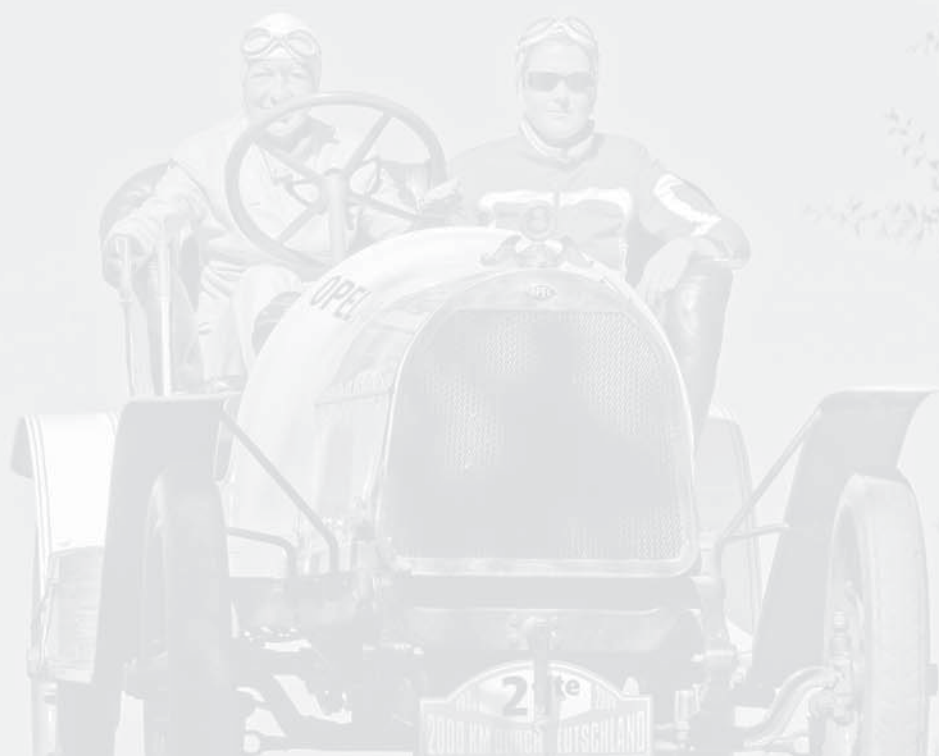
Old-timers' Reliability Trial

Invitation to participate



from 4th to 12th Juli 2009

21st edition since 1989
under the patronage of



Route: 1st Day: Messegelände Hannover – Kassel – Bad Homburg. 2nd Day: Künzelsau / Gaisbach – Ulm. 3rd Day: Kempten – Friedrichshafen. 4th Day: CH-Hinwil – Friedrichshafen. 5th Day: Baden-Baden – Stuttgart. 6th Day: Rüsselsheim – Bad Honnef. 7th Day: NL-Roermond – Automeile Düsseldorf (Subject to alternations)

In 1933 and 1934 the '2000 km durch Deutschland' was held as a non-stop driving challenge. Since 1989 this Old-timers' Reliability Trial take place annually. In 2009 will for the first time start off in Hanover, the federal state capital of Lower Saxony. Düsseldorf, capital of the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia, has been chosen as the new destination.

Details of the regulations, the programme, services and entry fee are given below.



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1. Organisers and event

Under the patronage of the Automobilclub von Deutschland (AvD).

From 4th to 12th July 2009 '2000 km through Germany', a reliability trial with touring and sports characteristics organised by Lars Döhmann and Horst-Dieter Görg, will be held for three- and four-wheeled veteran cars, as well as motorcycles manufactured up to and including 1979.

2. Conditions of participation

Vehicles entitled to participate are three- and four-wheeled veteran cars, and motorcycles which meet the application conditions and were manufactured by 31st December 1979. The organisers reserve the right to make exceptions to this manufacturing time limit in individual cases.

The number of vehicles participating is limited to 150. The organisers reserve the right to reject an application without giving any details.

3. Classification of vehicles

Vehicles will be classified as follows in accordance with FIVA regulations:

'VETERAN'	1905 - 1918
'VINTAGE'	1919 - 1930
'POST VINTAGE'	1931 - 1945
'POST 1945'	1946 - 1977
'YOUNGTIMER'	1978 - 1979
'MOTORCYCLE'	1919 - 1945
'MOTORCYCLE'	1946 - 1979

If there are fewer than 5 vehicles registered for a category, the organisers reserve the right to place them in another category. Special categories are possible.

4. Holding of the event

a) Scrutineering (provisional, subject to change, please check for latest information)

DEKRA's Hanover subsidiary will carry out scrutineering on Friday, 4th July 2009 between 11am and 5pm and on Saturday from 9am to 3pm at BMW's Hanover subsidiary at EXPO Park, Lissabonner Allee 2, 30539 Hannover.

If the historical-technical scrutineering commission becomes aware of circumstances that indicate a vehicle's lack of roadworthiness (e.g. worn tyres) or that it generates greater environmental pollution than is necessary with current technology (loss of oil/emissions), the vehicle may be excluded from the reliability trial.

Each participant bears sole responsibility for the roadworthiness of the vehicle he drives. To participate vehicles may have a normal registration (black-on-white number plate), an old-timer registration (black-on-white number plate with the letter H) and old-timer identification (red-on-white 07 number). If vehicles carry a dealer number plate (red-on-white 06 number), the organisers accept no responsibility or warranty for entitlement to participation if the traffic police object.

The following documents must be produced for scrutineering:

- Valid old-timer registration certificate
- Valid driver's licence
- Proof of the existence of a valid liability insurance. The 'Green insurance card' is obligatory for foreign participants or foreign-registered cars.
- If possible, FIVA club membership card
- If possible, FIVA club vehicle passport

Once scrutineering has been successfully completed, every participant will be given two tour plates and two self-adhesive start numbers, his starting papers, logbook indicating the exact starting time and the regulations governing the reliability trial.

The tour plates are to be attached to the vehicle, one at the front and one at the back, and are to be clearly visible. The round self-

adhesive start numbers (35cm diameter) are to be fixed to the sides of the vehicle. The sponsor strip on the start numbers must not be covered over. Third-party advertising is not permitted.

b) Drivers' briefing

The drivers' briefing will be held on Saturday, 4th July 2009 at the Copthorne Hotel before evening meal; at this briefing, all participants will be updated on the latest regulations.

c) Start

Participants will be given a copy of the Road Book definitely before the 8am start on the Sunday morning.

A time trial will be held for all participants on Saturday, 4th July, from 4-5.30 pm. This trial is designed to familiarise participants with the placing procedures used on the following days and does not count towards the overall placings.

The first start will be on Sunday, 5th July 2009 in Hanover on the exhibition grounds of the Deutsche Messe from approx. 8.00 am in 30 second intervals. Each participant is personally responsible for keeping to the start time.

The departure point can also be used as the parking lot for the old-timers the night before. There will be a punctual bus transfer from the hotel to the exhibition grounds.

d) Daily legs

The cover, which is part of the invitation, gives details of the route. The organisers reserve the right to modify the route, should this prove necessary during the approval process. A logbook that ensures safe navigation along the prescribed route will be given to each driver. Essentially, drivers do not need to bring along their own maps. Sat nav equipment is permitted. Controls in Transit (DKs) will be set up along each daily leg. The veteran vehicle must call in at each checkpoint to have the logbook stamped. This ensures that the prescribed route is being followed.

Secret controls in transit are also planned. Moreover, at transit controls drivers may have to stamp their logbook themselves. Not calling in at a transit control (DK) results in a reduction of the possible DK points.

The timetable of the route legs is based on an average speed of approx. 40 km/h (25 mph). The average may be reduced or increased where necessary, in accordance with the road conditions. The controls in transit and special trials will close 30 minutes after the theoretical passing through of the last vehicle. If unforeseen delays cause the timetable to be substantially exceeded, it is within the organisers' discretion to extend the opening hours of the checkpoints.

e) Time trials

A time trial covering a distance of approx. 20m to max. 100m will be held every day at departure in the morning and at departure after lunch. Deviation from the specified time will be measured at low speed using a light barrier or other suitable instrument capable of measuring hundredths of a second.

Uniformity tests along the route or on racetracks are to be carried out in line with the instructions of the tour management. The logbook gives details of the evaluation procedure.

f) Reliability rating

The nature of the '2000 km durch Deutschland' as a reliability trial means certain regulations are obligatory. If a vehicle breaks down, it can be replaced providing a suitable vehicle is available. The team is then however excluded from the overall placings, although it will be included in the daily ratings. The new start times are determined by the year the replacement vehicle was manufactured.

Should a vehicle break down and require roadside assistance from the AvD or support vehicles provided by the motor industry or the organisers, points will be deducted. The teams are expected to carry out necessary repairs using on-board equipment where possible. Support vehicles are not permitted.

g) Adherence to traffic regulations

Adherence to traffic regulations is part of the approval process. Gross infringement (e.g. overtaking in an overtaking forbidden zone) will incur penalty points. Exceeding the permitted speed both inside and outside of built-up areas will also incur penalty points in accordance with speed camera readings. If, in the course of the trial, the number of points exceeds a certain limit, the participant has to be deleted from the placings list or, where appropriate, excluded from further participation.

h) Environment protection

The environmental team of the '2000 km' organisation will be co-operating with each participant to ensure that any contamination caused by oil leaks on the car parks and at checkpoints is avoided or removed.

On the car parks where midday breaks are taken, oil-absorbent pads and other aids will be available; these can be collected and returned for disposal at a designated point. The use of oil-absorbent pads is compulsory, in accordance with the approval conditions, i.e. drivers must have them in their vehicles and they must be used. Contraventions of the rules given in the logbook will incur penalty points.

Participants are liable for any environmental damage they cause.

l) Car parking for the old-timers

A secure car park (parc fermé), which is also guarded, will be available close to the hotel throughout the entire event. Vehicles will be directed to appropriate parking spaces according to their start numbers to ensure a smooth order of departure the following morning.

j) Accommodation 2009

All accommodation is booked in luxury hotels. The individual hotels are as follows:

Hanover:	Copthorne Hotel Hannover
Bad Homburg:	Steigenberger
Ulm:	Maritim
Friedrichshafen:	Buchhorner Hof Seehotel
Stuttgart:	Millennium Hotel Copthorne
Bad Honnef:	Seminaris Congress Park
Düsseldorf:	Hotel Lindner Congress

According to the Registration Act, the ID card or passport number has to be given when booking the hotels. Please fill this in correctly in the appropriate field on the entry form. Thank you.

k) Early arrival

Participants wishing to arrive the day before the start of the '2000 km durch Deutschland' need to book in themselves, making reference to '2000 km', and pay the accommodation costs and any food separately. Accommodation charges including breakfast are:

Copthorne Hotel Hannover:	Double room	95.00 €
	Single room	78.00 €

l) Food and drink

Lunch will normally consist of a buffet or picnic so that participants do not have to wait. The entry fee includes one soft drink per person, thereby avoiding delays or having to rush to pay. Evening meal starts approx. 1 hour after the arrival of the first participant and is also provided for the last team to arrive. This means the hotel amenities can also be used.

The presentation ceremony for the day's winner will be held at around 10pm, independent of evening meal.

5. Driving discipline

Valid traffic regulations are to be adhered to under all circumstances. Any infringement of these or any involvement in an accident may mean immediate exclusion from the placings, regardless of who was at fault. Any case of negligence, recklessness or other unsportsmanlike behaviour can be sufficient reason for the organisers to exclude a participant from the event. Instructions given by the tour man-

agement or their assistants must be complied with unconditionally, particularly with regard to the order of departure. Participants are obliged to hand over their logbooks should police officers require these to record any traffic violations. If the organisers become aware of any such violations being recorded, they are obliged to remove the respective participant from the placings. They are also obliged to remove from the competition any vehicle which proves to be unroadworthy or unsafe during the trial.

6. Notice of the results and protests

Starting with the prologue, which does not however count towards the overall placings, a computer evaluation of the daily results will be displayed every evening. This evaluation will also be used to determine the winner for the respective day.

Protests must be made in writing and handed in to the tour management, together with a protest fee of 100.00 €, no later than 30 minutes after display of the computer evaluation. Collective protests and protests against the timekeeping are inadmissible.

7. Badges

All vehicles setting off on the reliability trial will receive the official event badge. This is a reproduction of a badge from 1933 depicting the '2000 km 2009' route.

Further badges can be purchased by participants at a price of 20.00 € each when submitting the entry form. Please enter the appropriate order in the 'Notes / Requests' section.

8. Prizes

A winner will be determined for every day of the event and this winner awarded a prize. The overall winner will receive a GRAND PRIZE.

The overall winner will be determined by adding up the daily results. For the overall placing (not for the daily ratings), the pre-war vehicles will receive a bonus:

- Vehicles manufactured up to and including 1930 +3%
- Vehicles manufactured up to and including 1945 +2%
- Vehicles manufactured up to and including 1979 actual no. of points

In addition to the valuable event badge, prizes will be awarded for winners and runners-up in each category, in other words 30 % of the participants starting will receive a cup or prize. Team prizes, brand cups and other prizes will also be allocated according to the instructions of the donors.

Members of a DEUVET club and holders of a FIVA / DEUVET vehicle pass can also compete for the DEUVET Historic Cup. Please refer to the respective section in the entry form.

9. Entry

Please use the enclosed form for your entry and send it either by telefax to **0049 5036 92262**, online to **nennung@2000km.com** or by post.

It is imperative that you attach a photo of your old-timer or send it by e-mail to **nennung@2000km.com**.

Entry fees:

- 2 persons in a double room (vehicle) 3,950.00 €
- 2 persons in single rooms (vehicle) 4,500.00 €
- 1 person in a single room (vehicle) 2,900.00 €
- 1 person in a single room (motorcycle) 2,600.00 €
- 2 motorcyclists in a double room 3,950.00 €
- 1 person in a single room 1,700.00 €
- (as addit. passenger - without event gift and organisational costs)
- 2 persons in a double room 2,350.00 €
- (as addit. passengers - without event gift and organisational costs)

Further arrangements, e.g. participation of children, vehicle/trailer transfers, can be arranged. The 19% VAT currently applicable is included in the entry fee. Payment of the entry fee is to be transferred as follows:

- 1st payment: 500.00 € when returning the entry form
- 2nd payment: balance, dated 20th April 2009, the closing date for entries.

The first payment will only be credited once the entry is accepted. Entries without the two payments will not be processed! Bank details are given on the forms.

Firm entries received by 15th January 2009 together with receipt of the full entry fee will be given a discount / early booking reduction of 150.00 €!

Final closing date for entries is 20th April 2009!

The early closing date for entries is necessary as after the success of previous years' events there is already lively interest in participation. The organisers also need this certainty for their planning, as hotel and catering reservations have to be made early.

It is generally recommended that you send your entry in by return if possible.

10. Services provided by the organisers

- Every team will receive a gift as a memento at the start of the event.
- All overnight accommodation in the room category booked in the hotels listed under item '4j', together with buffet breakfast, is included in the price. When you check out of the hotel, the only additional expenses you have to pay are what you take from the minibar, telephone calls, room extras and, where appropriate, parking charges.
- All lunches and evening meals during the event, starting with a snack on arrival on 4th July 2009 and finishing on 11th July 2009 after the presentation ceremony, are included in the services provided by the organisers.
- One soft drink per person with lunch is free of charge.
- All tour documentation.
- 2 tour plates and 2 self-adhesive start numbers.
- Bus transfer.
- Luggage transport (where necessary) from hotel to hotel.
- 3 AvD roadside assistance vehicles with trailer.
- 1 vehicle for anyone unlucky enough to break down – hopefully not needed.
- Attentive organisation (also for any special requirements)
- Private activities and/or services are to be paid for by the respective participant himself.

11. Confirmation of entry

Entry is confirmed by a letter of acceptance sent from 24th April 2009 onwards, depending on bank receipt of the second payment. If the organisers do not accept the entry, the monies paid will be returned by transfer. If a participant withdraws after his entry is accepted, the payment made is forfeit (in height of cost for Hotel, Food, Rooms, Ferries, Organisation and handling charges) and will not be returned. We recommend taking out a travel cancellation insurance. Force majeure releases the organisers from their obligations.

With confirmation of your entry you will receive directions for the journey and a town plan of Düsseldorf or Hanover to help you find the venues and event hotels easily.

12. Exclusion of liability

The organisers and the AvD assume no liability for damage to persons, objects and/or assets versus the participants – entrants, drivers, passengers and any other accompanying persons.

By submitting their entries, participants agree that in the case of any accident and/or damage occurring in conjunction with the event, they waive any right of action or recourse, for themselves and for any of their dependants, against the organisers, their representatives and helpers, also against drivers and passengers of third party vehicles participating in the event, against public authorities and any other persons involved in the organisation of the event. Participants furthermore waive for themselves and their family members their right to resort to ordinary courts of law.

The participants take part in this reliability trial at their own risk and carry the responsibility under civil and criminal law for all damage caused and/or brought about by themselves or their vehicles.

The respective car parks for the veteran vehicles participating are secure. It is however strongly recommended that movable parts such as radiator emblems, valuables and items of clothing are stored in a safe place overnight. The organisers and/or the respective hotels assume no liability.

Items of luggage will be transported by the '2000 km luggage team', but with the exclusion of any liability.

Breakdown assistance and repairs – provided either by the AvD, the service teams from the automotive industry or other helpers, e.g. through the '2000 km team' – will be carried out, in view of the sentimental value of the vehicles, without accepting any liability. The same naturally also applies to any towing which may be necessary or the transportation of the vehicles/old-timers.

Should individual provisions of this contract be or become ineffective, this does not affect the effectiveness of the rest of the contract. The parties undertake to replace ineffective clauses with an arrangement that approaches as closely as possible the economic purpose of the original provision.

13. General provisions

- a) In all cases of force majeure as well as unforeseen circumstances, the organisers are released from their contractual obligations. This includes in particular cases of refusal of official approvals, changes to current laws or police regulations. A right to restitution is limited to the amount paid and not used for hotel reservations p.p., should these costs not be incurred for the reasons given above. The proportion of administration and organisational costs refunded will be commensurate with the amount which at the time of the cancellation has not been incurred.
- b) Binding information about the event is only given by the tour management. The organisers have furthermore the right to issue regulations which are as binding as the tour invitation itself.
- c) Hotel reservations will be secured by the organisers in accordance with your requests. The respective rooms booked will be allocated on arrival. The necessary transfers from and to the hotels are available.

14. Organisation

Organisers and overall management:

Lars Döhmann and Horst-Dieter Görg

Organisation of '2000 km 2009':

The '2000 km service team' consists of over 40 experienced helpers with the following tasks: tour management, 'mobile rally office', advance vehicle, follow-up vehicle, timekeeping, car parking organisation, special trials, speed readings, hotel co-ordination, luggage service, route controls, programme sales, 2000km shop, environmental service, data processing evaluation, PR donations campaign etc.

Historical-technical scrutineering:

DEKRA Hannover

Breakdown service:

- 3 roadside assistance vehicles with trailer from the Automobilclub von Deutschland (AvD)
- 1 AvD co-ordination vehicle, AvD emergency HQ in Frankfurt

Announcements:

Specialist presenters from the AvD

Environmental team:

2000 km team, 2 support vehicles with equipment

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