

TWOFOURNEWS NOVEMBER 2012

In Brief...

924 CHASES CLASSIC CIRCUITS

We decided that we would make the pilgrimage to the LeMans 24Hr in June and after successfully compacting the camping gear into the hatch we were able to enjoy the drive back to the 'spiritual home' and all the atmosphere that goes with the festival which is Le Vingt-Quatre du Mans! The highlights, apart from the race action were the 'mobile' classic car shows, while on the road down and the Piston Heads Sunday Service on Friday! A great gathering of all shapes and sizes from an Austin Allegro with gull wing doors to all things Ferrari, Aston Martin, Lamborghini and Porsche. It was a typical 924OC afternoon where no one took themselves seriously and everybody had 'the craic'. We had no issues with the 924S and the weather was kind. Later in the summer we had to decide where to spend a spare week. Were there not two more Classic circuits in Europe? Ferry booked it was on the road again to our favourite little hotel 5k from the Nurburgring. I had not realised it had been 10 years since we last visited the Families Friedrichs, but although the Ring has gone ballistic since the Top Gear feature we had

stumbled on a quiet week. The Ring has changed in that time with a new conference centre and that condemned, unfinished roller coaster thing!

We did catch a glimpse of the new Porsche 918, being driven to the track by non other than Walter Rohl. Ticket purchased, it was off on a steady lap, not the slowest, but certainly not the quickest with Walter in the area! An early start the next day for a run out over the Ardennes for lunch at the quaint little village of Stavelot, with all its history from WWII and the 'Battle of the Bulge'.

Then it was on to Spa. The new Grand Prix circuit is magnificent, but another change from ten years ago is that one can no longer use the Eau Rouge section of the track as it has been sealed to accommodate track days. This was not a disappointment as the main reason for the visit was to drive the old section of circuit from Haute de la Cote around to Blanchimont. This takes

in the villages of Burnville and Malmedy followed by the super fast Masta Kink and the sweeping bend at Stavelot. To park up at the side of the road and imagine the 1970's Sports Cars hurtling along what is basically a 7k section of downhill, with the 'flat out' Masta Kink half way down was spine tingling to say the least. Again there were no issues with the 924 other than the small dent inflicted by.....shall we say elderly gentleman of dubious parentage! Considering the weather has not been best I think we have had a wonderful summer!

Upcoming Events...

NOVEMBER:

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