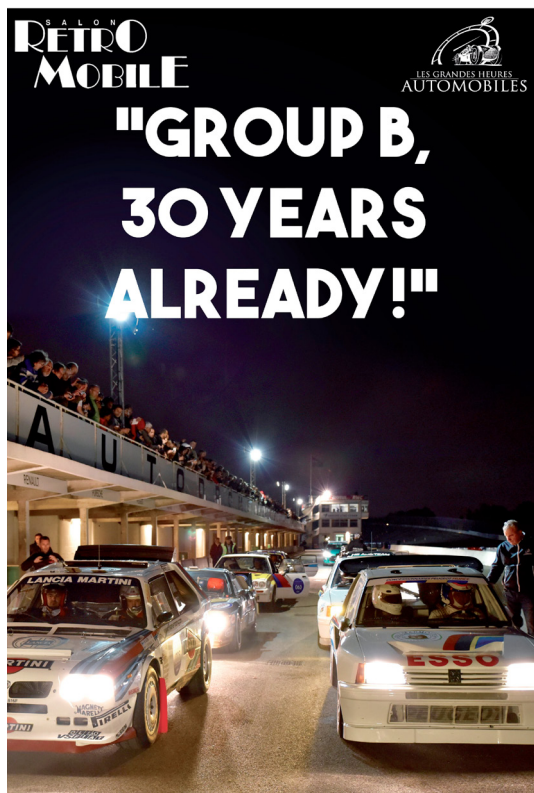


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RETROMOBILE CELEBRATES THE LEGENDS OF RALLY DRIVING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LES GRANDES HEURES AUTOMOBILES

The famous Group B race car class will be showcased from 23 to 25 September 2016 at the legendary Autodrome de Linas-Montlhéry motor racing circuit and then from 8 to 12 February 2017 at the Retromobile show.



PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE RALLY QUEENS

If you've seen them, you won't forget them in a hurry. And if you've heard them... well, you'll never forget them!

Group B was introduced in 1982 as a replacement for Groups 4 and 5 in the World Rally Championship. It represented Modified Grand Touring cars, at least 200 of which were produced of each model. In the very early 1980s, Group B was the rally queen category: **it gave engineers a great deal of technical freedom and these cars were notable for their phenomenal power output – in excess of 600 hp** (the Audi Quattro Sport S1 E2 delivered 600 hp), for less than a tonne!

Sadly, the ever-increasing popularity of these power monsters resulted in frequent accidents and so the Federation banned the category on 1 January 1987.

1986 was therefore the last year for Group B cars. But 30 years later, these frisky youngtimers are still remembered and enthusiasts and adrenaline junkies continue to dream about them!

30 YEARS LATER – THE LEGEND LIVES ON

Retromobile and the Grandes Heures Automobiles wanted to revisit this high-octane rally driving era via two events:

- On 24 and 25 September 2016, around twenty Group B vehicles will be driven by numerous pilots of the day during the “Les Grandes Heures Automobiles” event on the legendary Autodrome de Linas-Montlhéry motor racing circuit.
- From 8 to 12 February 2017, Group B cars will be in the spotlight at the Rétromobile Show, Paris Expo Porte de Versailles, featuring in a retrospective on the exhibition bridge linking halls 1 and 2.2.

As well as the Peugeot 205 T16s, the Audi Quattros, the Delta S4s and the Lancia 037s which were all stars of this era, BMWs, Citroëns, Ferraris, Fords, Mazdas, MGs, Opels, Renaults, Talbots, Toyota and other even rarer models will be on display!

INFORMATION

Dates: from Wednesday 8 through Sunday 12 February 2017

Venue: Porte de Versailles Exhibition Centre – 75015 Paris

Opening hours: Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 10 pm

Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 7 pm

Admission: €18, free for children under 12

Accreditations: accreditation requests will open in September 2016