



**15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Here is the latest news flash from the Marina Alta Classic Car Club.

## **August Rally – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**



The August 2021 rally has been put together by Alan Martin, our new Rally Co-ordinator, and is around the area of Guadalest and the surrounding mountains. Ignoring stops to take in the views or have a walk around Guadalest, it'll take you about 1hr 50mins and it covers about 77km. As with previous rallies this year, the rally is to be conducted in a Covid-19-friendly manner. There are a number of coffee and lunch stop-offs along the route. Full details are available to download from the website: <https://marinaaltacc.com/events/august-2021-rally/>.

## Autumn Rally? – we need your response – please read and reply by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic the club organised two major rallies; Spring and Autumn, which included 2 or 3 overnight stops to allow us to travel further afield. Given the current restrictions, the committee have been looking at an event that consists of multiple 10-in-a-group that are all running at a similar time in a similar area but are, nonetheless, separate. Given, also, that the next likely lockdown is going to be the closure of the Comunidad Valenciana borders the committee are planning routes within the autonomous community and are thinking of the area around Benicàssim with day excursion to places like Peñíscola and Culla. Each group would stay in that group and do the daily excursions in that group. One group would, say, go to Peñíscola for the first day and to Culla the following day. Another group would go to Culla on the first day and Peñíscola the following day. So, the routes and excursions would be planned for you and are just rotated around the groups. Additionally, each group would be in a different 4-star hotel in Benicàssim and, depending on what the group wanted to do, they could choose to have the evening meal in the hotel or go out to one of, at least, 25 restaurants in Benicàssim. This decision would be left to each group.

So instead of arranging an event for up to 40 people, as we did in the past, we are proposing to arrange, probably, 3 groups of 10 following the same arranged excursions but on different days. The date we are currently proposing is the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 with, probably, 3 overnight stops in the hotel. Does this interest you? We need to gauge interest before planning anything more.

If this is something you would like to consider doing, can you please respond by this Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup> August 2021). Please tell us what you think and also provide answers to the following questions:

1. Would you want to attend a rally based on these proposals, staying in a group of up to 10 people, likely to be 5 cars with 5 couples?
2. Given that members have said there's been too much food on previous events, would you prefer hotel accommodation on a bed only, B&B or dinner B&B basis?
3. Is the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 suitable?
4. How many nights would you prefer?

If you are a recent new member of the club and the restrictions at Ace Cafés and monthly rallies have not given you much opportunity to develop friendships with other like-minded members, we will attempt to put you together with members with similar interests, ages and cars, so please don't get put off.

Your feedback will be really appreciated. Please send your reply to Trevor Kirkham: [trevor.kirkham@marinaaltacc.com](mailto:trevor.kirkham@marinaaltacc.com). Thank you.

## Calendar 2022

Another thank you to all of you that have sent in photos over the last couple of weeks. Please keep them coming. Send your hi-res images to [trevor.kirkham@marinaaltacc.com](mailto:trevor.kirkham@marinaaltacc.com). Thank you.

Thank you for reading this news flash and I hope you found it useful. If you have any comments you can email me using [peter.alt@marinaaltacc.com](mailto:peter.alt@marinaaltacc.com).

I hope to see you soon.

***Peter Alt***

President