



Monday 11 April – Verification and scrutineering day – Paris, Jardin des Tuileries

A sunny Monday...

The Tour Auto Optic 2000 started its 20th edition in the sun. From Sunday evening, the crews came to the Place de la Concorde to enter the Parc Fermé inside the Jardins des Tuileries. A total of 240 collector cars and nearly 500 competitors of 20 different nationalities will leave the splendid Parisian garden on Tuesday at daybreak and take the direction of the Montlhéry Track for the official start of the rally.



For the second consecutive year, the public came in droves to the Parc Fermé in the Tuileries to admire from close quarters the chrome and steel stars of the Tour Auto Optic 2000, including an exceptional gathering of cars signed Zagato. Indeed this 2011 edition pays tribute to the Italian designer. The founder's grandson, Andréa Zagato came in person to greet the fifteen cars signed by the "Carrozzeria".

A great many guests were present at the cocktail held traditionally to celebrate the start of a new edition. A garden-party style evening in an atypical open air automobile "museum".



Amateurs of beautiful classic cars were able share a last relaxing moment before the five day race across France, with stopovers at Poitiers, Objat, Bordeaux, Pau and Biarritz. Sylvie Tellier, President of the Miss France Committee and Representative of the Mécénat Chirurgie Cardiaque, came to see the cars bearing the colours of the association, including one driven by Gérard Holtz, well-known motor sport enthusiast entered in this 20th edition in the competition category.

Tuesday 12 April, when the sun comes up, all the grids will leave for Montlhéry for the first timing stage of the 2011 Tour.

Reminder:

You will be able to follow the race from the inside during the whole event with Justine Monnier on Web TV Optic 2000: www.optic2000.com

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