



Monday April 19 – Scrutineering – Paris, Jardins des Tuileries

LET'S GO FOR ANOTHER « TOUR »!

The Tour Auto Optic 2000 is now officially launched! No cloud on the sky for the technical and sportive scrutineering day. Under a leaden sun, almost all the cars are arrived to line up in the Parc Fermé. The same question was in everybody's mind: how many competitors would not have been able to join Paris due to the closing of the European airports, especially as almost 30 nationalities are present on the entry list? At the time of the final count, less than 10 cars will in the end not be able to take the departure.

On Tuesday at daybreak, more than 210 historical cars will take a run-up from the Tuileries to join the Château de Fontainebleau for the official start of the rally. The first car will launch the race at 7.45 am from Fontainebleau.

The spectators had today the possibility to admire the Ferrari 250 GT SWB, proudly lined up in the middle of the Parc Fermé, as they were invited for the first time to enter the Parc Fermé. Cars fans were numerous to be present at roll call! Among them, some experts such as Ralph Lauren, whose cars collection is well-known all over the world. The American fashion designer carefully visited the ephemeral paddocks set up in the centre of the historical Paris.

At the end of the day, competitors, sponsors and members of the organisation invited a lot of guests to the cocktail deserving of a huge garden party as from the Tour Auto Optic 2000 surrounded the Tuileries in 2009. No doubt that this is the last moment's relaxation before the beginning of serious things when the competition will get the upper hand on the festivities.

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