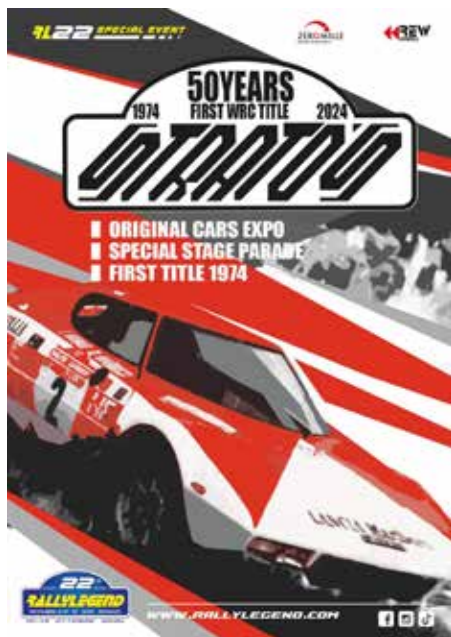


## **STRATOS CELEBRATION AND THE "LEGENDAKAR" CHAMPIONS AT RALLYLEGEND 2024**

Jacky Ickx, Ari Vatanen and Jutta Kleinschmidt the first special guests at Legendakar. Stig Blomqvist to take to the wheel of an Audi Quattro during the "40th Tribute 1984 Rally Championship – Audi Quattro Trilogy". A large group of original Lancia Stratos models, static and dynamic, to star in celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the iconic rally car's first WRC title.



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Republic of San Marino. Preparations for the 22nd edition of Rallylegend continue to gather pace. In addition to the already announced "40° Stig Blomqvist Tribute 1984 Rally Championship – Audi Quattro Trilogy", to be attended by the great Swedish champion himself, and "LegenDakar", a tribute to the legendary Dakar rally raid that will see the involvement of many big names, another key event will mark the 2024 Rallylegend edition: the 50th anniversary of the first WRC title for the iconic Lancia Stratos.

### **JACKY ICKX, ARI VATANEN AND JUTTA KLEINSCHIMDT AT LEGENDAKAR**

Three champions, all big names in motorsport, who have left an indelible mark in the history books of the legendary Dakar rally raid.

Jacky Ickx is the all-round champion, from Formula 1 where he amassed eight race wins and twenty-five podiums, to his Endurance achievements, including six Le Mans 24 Hours victories between 1969 and 1982. Not to mention the Dakar, in which he triumphed in 1983 with the Mercedes 280 GE and placed second both in 1986, at the wheel of the Porsche 959, and in 1989, with the Peugeot 405 T16. Jacky Ickx will be at Rallylegend on Friday and Saturday, aboard the stunning Porsche 953, a vintage star of the African rally raid.

Ari Vatanen was the 1981 WRC champion and amassed four wins in the Dakar (in 1987 and from 1989 to 1991) as well as a Rally Raid World Cup title in 1997. The 1989 edition brought a thrilling duel between Vatanen and team-mate Ickx, a story that we will hear from the drivers themselves during Rallylegend. German driver Jutta Kleinschmidt won the Dakar in 2001, with the Mitsubishi Pajero Evolution, and she too will appear during the dedicated Rallylegend talk show, explaining how she became the first and only woman to triumph in the African 'marathon'.

Vatanen and Kleinschmidt will also drive two iconic Dakar vehicles during Rallylegend, cars that will then be exhibited in Rally Village along with other stars of this fascinating tale.

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST WRC TITLE FOR THE ICONIC LANCIA STRATOS AT RALLYLEGEND

Exactly fifty years ago, in 1974, the Lancia Stratos brought the Italian manufacturer its first of three consecutive World Rally Constructors' titles thus beginning the legend of a car still seen as a unique technical and style icon today. It was homologated in Group4 in October 1974 and became a world title winner in just three months following a string of wins.

An achievement that Rallylegend could not overlook and that will be celebrated accordingly, with a significant number of original and new Stratos cars, the static and dynamic stars of the event, together with drivers and big names who have made its history.

The Stratos will feature in a series of initiatives over the four days.

On Thursday 10 October, the cars will be on display in Rally Village from the early afternoon before taking to the track at 8pm for the Sprint Legend Race

On Friday 11 'the beast to beat' will take to the PS3 San Marino. The cars will later be on display in the historic centre of San Marino during the "Drivers' Dinner".

On Saturday 12 and Sunday 13, the cars will be on display from 9am. Then, at 12pm and 10am respectively, the Lancia Stratos cars will unleash their unmistakable roar around The Legend stage.



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