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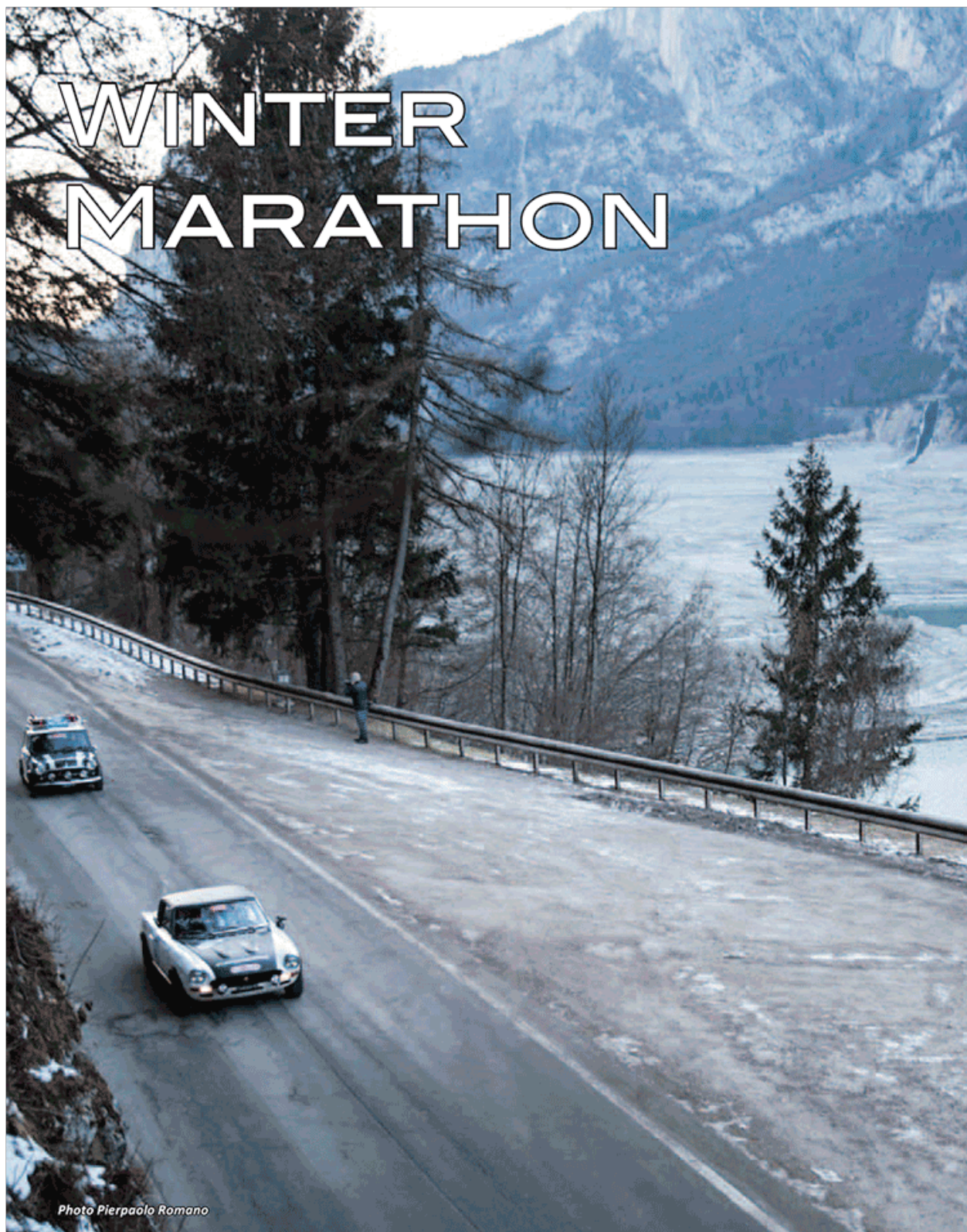


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Winter Marathon Madonna di Campiglio

Two years after their first success in the event, Alberto Aliverti and Alberto Maffi won the Winter Marathon, keeping their 1937 Fiat 508 C amongst the top positions in the 106-car field from the beginning.

Andrea Belometti and Emanuele Peli took second with a 1932 Fiat Siata 508 S Balilla Sport, braving the cold winter night air in their open car ahead of Loro Piana Classic Car Team members Luca Patron and Massimo Casale, who took third place in the oldest car in the field, a massive Bentley 3-litre.

There were a number of surprises for the crews along the 440km route, running through the Trentino-Alto Adige and Dolomite passes, punctuated with 51 timed regularity sections, 50 of which counted towards the final results. The rally started at 14:00 on Friday, 20 January and ended 12 hours later, at 02:00 on the 21st, and was preceded by races on the frozen lake in the ski resort of Madonna di Campiglio, with further racing afterwards, once crews had had some sleep. There were several retirements, amongst whom were hopefuls Lorenzo and Mario Turelli (Lancia Aprilia, 1937) and Mocer/Bonetti (Lancia Fulvia Coupé, 1967). Other favourites were eliminated through error, like Francesco and Giuseppe Di Pietra (Fiat 508 C), who took a heavy late penalty after a misinterpretation of the road book.

The first female crew home was Gabriella Scarioni/Ornella Pietropaolo, who ended their effort in 36th place in a Porsche 356 B Coupé.

Brescian father and daughter crew Alessandro and Francesca Molgora won the opening race on the lake in their Triumph TR2, while the Ma-Fra Trophy races for pre-war cars that took place after the rally were won by another Loro Piana crew, Francesco and Giuseppe Di Pietra in a Fiat 508 C, the pair taking the Trophy for the third time in as many years.

The last of the races, the Eberhard Trophy, was reserved for the first 32 finishers in the rally. Highly anticipated a large crowd gathered to watch Andrea Belometti and Emanuele Peli in a 1932 Fiat Siata 508 S Balilla Sport win the final from Guido Barcella and Ombretta Ghidotti in a Porsche 356 C Coupé with Franco Spagnoli-Giuseppe Parisi in a 1928 Fiat 520 Torpedo third.

The event ended with its traditional gala prizegiving at the PalaCampiglio Congress Centre on Saturday evening.



Photos Pierpaolo Romano

Small but perfectly formed. Alberto Aliverti and Alberto Maffi took their Fiat 508 C to overall victory



Massimiliano Mattioli and Remigio Busso (Lancia Fulvia Coupé Rallye) enjoy their run on the frozen lake in the town centre