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WINTER MARATHON

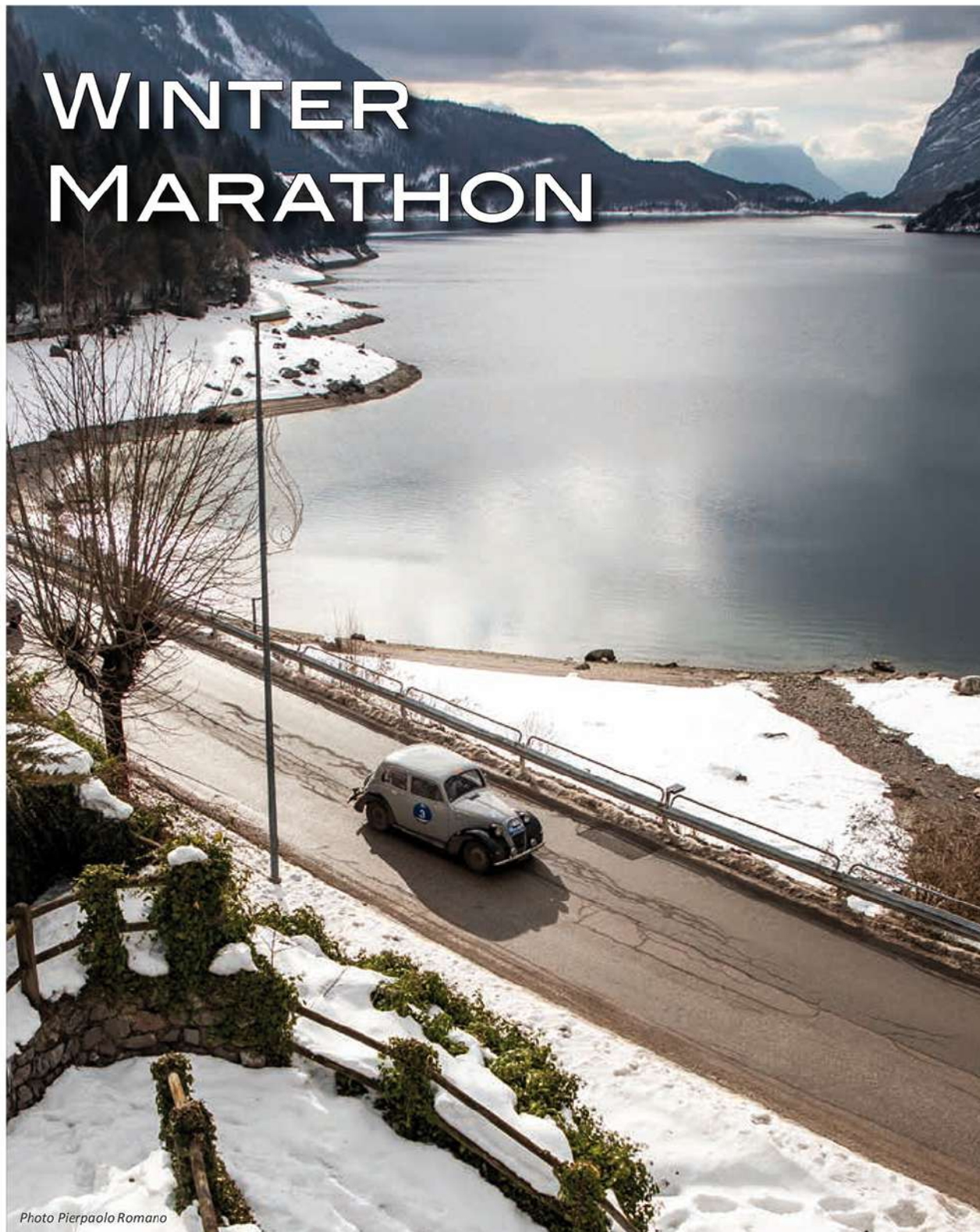


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Clean Sweep for Fiat on Winter Marathon

Edoardo Bellini and Roberto Tiberti won the 33rd Winter Marathon, which ended at 23.00 in the Piazza Righi in Madonna di Campiglio on 17 January. The team, from Scuderia Franciacorta Motori, drove through falling snow ahead Alberto Aliverti and Stefano Valente on a similar 1937 Fiat 508 C. Third place went to Fabio and Marco Salvinelli from the Scuderia Classic Team, driving a 1954 Fiat 1100/103.

Organisers worked hard to make sure the 90-plus crews could enjoy the event. Not only were there strict COVID measures in place, but, with the ski slopes in Italy not yet open due to those same COVID restrictions, they had to make special arrangements with hotels that were otherwise closed to open for the competitors. Added to this was a huge snowfall that blocked some roads and presented avalanche dangers on others, making some re-routing necessary.

Thanks to the work of the local authorities on Friday morning, the Pordoi and Gardena passes - closed the day before due to strong winds at high altitude with accumulations of snow and avalanche danger - were reopened, allowing the caravan to pass along the planned route, avoiding even further re-routing and the cancellation of 11 timed trials and two average speed tests.

First place among foreign crews were the swiss team of Ferruccio and Carlo Nessi in their 1965 Morris Mini Cooper S Mk I, having their first experience in this competition, followed by compatriots Rudolf Hug and Peter Gerber (Volvo PV544 of 1965) and Daniele Perfetti and Ronnie Kessel, driving a Lancia Fulvia Sport 1.3.

As tradition dictates in this event, the following day the first 32 overall finishers competed on the frozen lake in the village of Madonna di Campiglio for the Eberhard Trophy, which was taken by the Porsche 356 B of Massimo Bisi and Claudio Cattivelli with a time of 52".02 ahead of the 1937 Fiat 508 C of Alberto Aliverti (winner of the 2015-17 editions of the Winter Marathon) and Stefano Valente with a time of 52".08. Ex-World Rally Champion Miki Biasion (brand ambassador for Eberhard) competed in the rally in an Alfa Romeo 1750 GT Veloce, and presented the Eberhard watches to the winning crew.

New this year was a contest for the first eight Porsche finishers for the Centro Porsche Brescia Trophy, won by Piacenza crew Giovanni Pighi and Luigi Callegari, in a 356 B Roadster.

Organisers were pleased to have been able to keep the show on the road in a particularly complex year.



Top: Overall winners Edoardo Bellini and Roberto Tiberti
 Above: Massimo Bisi and Claudio Cattivelli won the ice race and the Eberhard watches
 Below Left: Fabio and Marco Salvinelli completed the all-Fiat podium driving a Fiat 1100/103.
 Below: Miki Biasion competed in an Alfa Romeo 1750

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