

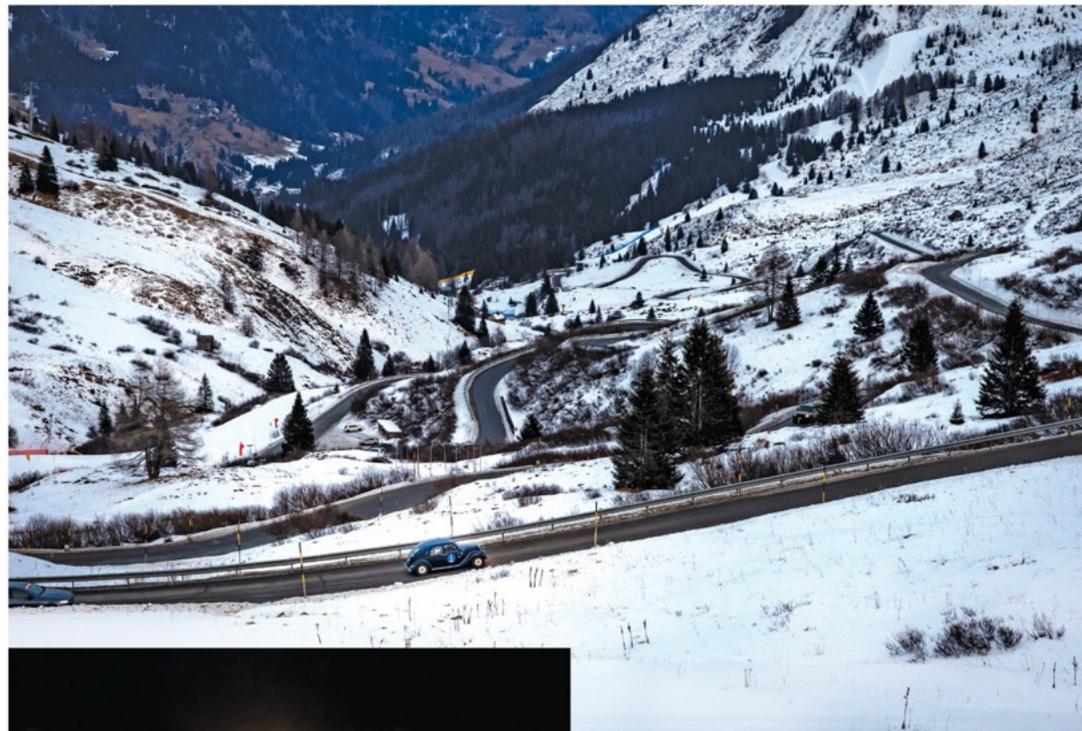
Turellis' Winter Marathon victory

The 38th running of the Winter Marathon crowned first-time victors as it returned to Madonna di Campiglio, the northern Italian ski resort, from 22-25 January.

Of the 129 crews who started, four were former winners, yet they were all beaten by Lorenzo Turelli, navigated by his father Mario in their 1937 Lancia Aprilia – but only just. A late charge by Andrea Luigi Belometti and Cristian Ricca (1937 Fiat 508C) meant the top two finished with the same number of penalties; a better result in the opening time trial gave the Turellis the win.

Last year's champions, Alberto Aliverti and Yuri Merlo (1937 Fiat 508C), were leading after the first leg, but in the end came home third, 12.33 points adrift. The pair also claimed the Persol Trophy as best performers on the Passo Tonale ice-track tests.

The top crew in a 1977-'92 modern classic was Gianluigi and Federico Smussi (1989 Fiat Panda 4x4), with Michele Fabio Bellini and Luca Bordogna (1974 Porsche 911) taking first in the under-30s division. In Saturday's single-trial shootout for the Sparco Trophy, measured to one thousandth of a second, another 1937 Aprilia reigned, that of Ezio Sala and Gianluca Cioffi.



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The Turellis' Lancia took a narrow win. Left: under-30s victors Bellini/Bordogna