

Winter Marathon

Lorenzo and Mario Turelli win the 38th Edition of the winter classic

The father-and-son crew from Brescia scored a long-awaited success at the head of a 130-car field in the Italian Dolomites on 22-25 January, prevailing over serial winners Andrea Belometti/Cristian Ricca and Alberto Aliverti/Yuri Merlo who finished second and third respectively, the former on equal points with the winners, who took precedence thanks to a tie-break rule that favoured their better performance on the first time trial.

The Turellis from Scuderia Brescia Corse drove a 1937 Lancia Aprilia, which started on Thursday from Madonna di Campiglio carrying number 1 on its doors to tackle 500km in 2 legs for a total of 16 hours of driving, 14 dolomite passes, 65 time trials and 6 regularity tests before returning to the winter resort on Friday. Aliverti and Merlo went home with the Persol Trophy for the best overall result on the trials held on the Passo Tonale Ice Track.

Among other special awards, victory in the Under 30 category went to Michele Bellini and Fabio Bordogna (Porsche 911), while the women's category was won by Emanuela Cinelli and Luisa Ciatti in an Innocenti Mini Cooper Mk II.

Among foreign crews, first place went to Swiss brothers Ferruccio and Carlo Nessi in a Morris Mini Cooper S Mk I (1965), while Celestino and Oreste Sangiovanni claimed victory in the Regularity Test classification with their Porsche 356 A Coupé. The BPER Trophy for the best Youngtimer car (vehicles built between 1977 and 1992) was awarded to Gianluigi and Federico Smussi in a 1989 Panda 4x4.

The show resumed on Saturday morning with the Sparco Trophy, a new format that allowed all participants to challenge each other in a single trial measured to the thousandth of a second in Piazza Righi, in which Ezio Sala and Gianluca Cioffi, driving a Lancia Aprilia, excelled by 3 thousandths of a second.

This year saw a renewed route that stood out for its variety, from the tranquillity of the Val di Sole to the open vistas of South Tyrol, the hairpin bends of the Pordoi to the intimate atmosphere of Val Gardena and the beautiful Alpine villages.



The Turelli's won by the slimmest of margins

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