



## **The Legend Boucles @ Bastogne 2025 will take place on the weekend of 1 and 2 February**

**The countdown has begun... As tradition dictates, the Royal Automobile Club de Spa is taking advantage of the sporting lull at the heart of the summer period to officially launch the next edition of its flagship event: the Legend Boucles @ Bastogne! The 2025 edition will take place on the first weekend of February, Saturday 1 and Sunday 2. The date is already set...**

What looks like a simple decision based on a calendar is in fact a much more complex process than you might imagine. Setting the dates for a major event such as the Legend Boucles @ Bastogne means first and foremost ensuring that all the parties involved are on the same wavelength...

*"First of all, we have to get the approval of the Bastogne authorities, explains Pierre Delettre. We're lucky enough to work closely with a town that's extremely popular with tourists, and even if the heart of winter isn't the busiest time of the year, every weekend is synonymous with a wide variety of events. In Bastogne, but also in the region covered by the Legend Boucles. So we have to make sure that everyone's plans fit in with our sporting activities. This time, the dates are official: Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 February. This means that the traditional and popular parade of cars through the heart of the town will take place on Friday 31 January in the early evening..."*

From a sporting point of view, the Legend Boucles @ Bastogne must also avoid any unfortunate clash of dates with other motor sport events. These include the opening rounds of the FIA World Rally Championship, the not-to-be-missed Rallye Monte-Carlo and Rally Sweden. The R.A.C. Spa event will therefore take place one week after Monte-Carlo and two weeks before Rally Sweden. The ideal opportunity to attract one or other of the international stars to the start...

Next step for Pierre Delettre and his teams: the first press conference, traditionally scheduled for early October. *"We're obviously going to continue our little tour of the towns involved in the Legend Boucles @ Bastogne, continues the organiser. Invitations to this press conference will be sent out in September, and the venue will be specified..."*

The press conference will provide an update on the new features of the 2025 edition. This is based on the principle that an event that does not evolve is an event that runs the risk of sinking into an unfortunate stagnation. *"Each year, we submit a survey to the crews who took part in the previous edition, explains Pierre Delettre. For us, it's very important to always know what they liked... and what they didn't like! We can therefore already announce some changes, and even a small revolution, regarding the route of the Legend Boucles @ Bastogne. In particular, the special stages - or regularity tests - on gravel. From a sporting point of view, things are going to evolve even further to make certain results easier to read, and to categorise the cars even more effectively. We also*

*promise you a surprise that's sure to make smile, especially in the heart of the province of Luxembourg..."*

There's no doubt about it: the Legend Boucles @ Bastogne 2025 are officially launched. Entries open on Friday November 1. In the meantime, the Royal Automobile Club de Spa will be doing its utmost to attract Belgian and international crews...

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