



SOL`s Estepona Hill Climb Run - Report by Mike Glithero

SOL Classic Car members gathered in the rain at 11am on Saturday 17 March at the racing car paddock on the seafront paseo for the annual Estepona Hill Climb.

With a police escort, town officials waved off the lead car - a 1950`s Rover P4 of Nick Wadham run organizer - followed by 11 members cars of the SOL club who gracefully negotiated the closed off town centre roads to the start line.

Race control`s timing equipment was not needed as the convoy set off up the steep and sharp bends of the hill climb course - the MA 8301 road leading to Puerto de Penas Blancas and Los Reales mountain, 1,450 metres high.

The spectators enjoyed the procession - whilst busily erecting rain shelters - car honning, waving and cheering it on, behind which the police closed the road for the competition cars to fight the time clock.

In a howling gale and lashing rain the run continued on through the normally beautiful vistas of Sierra Bermeja to Genalguacil and Algatocin.

Turning off the A369 we stopped 5km along the Cortes de la Frontera MA 9300 road, at the Restaurant Valdiva. The river - running fast & high - still runs under the building as it was a former mill house and now has a museum behind the bar.

The intrepid group of 20 SOL Classic Car members had much needed refreshments and enjoyed an excellent 3 course a la carte menu with first class service.

Another wonderfully enjoyable day - despite the weather. For more information on the SOL club and its activities view www.solclassiccarrclub.net and contact John Colton for membership details.