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The 11th International Klausen Race 2013 begins with the Prologue on 29th September 2012

Glarus – 1st October 2012. Over 150 vehicles participated at the Klausen Race Prologue. The large fan base of the legendary International Klausen Race gathered for a collective journey from Glarus over the Klausen Pass to Altdorf (Uri) on 29th September 2012.

The prologue ringed in the year of the 11th International Klausen Race. The collective drive – which was not actually a race – with classic vehicles built up to the year 1971 began in Glarus. This presented a rare opportunity to converse with like-minded people.

The legendary Klausen Pass and its picturesque scenery was the stage for a unique spectacle for more than 150 signed-up drivers, both local and from abroad. Even the fog couldn't stop the pleasure of all the drivers. The big enthusiasm of every single participant showed why the Klausen Race has such an outstanding reputation on the national and international motor sports scene.

The 11th International Klausen Race over the years

Between 1922 and 1934 the International Klausen Race was held 10 times. Between 1993 and 2006, it took place four times as a commemorative event. Therefore, the 11th International Klausen Race in 2013 will be carried out as a competition for the first time since 1934, and the Klausen Pass will once more be used as a racetrack. Racing and sports cars as well as motorbikes built up to the year 1953 will compete on the longest mountain racing pass in the world (21.5 km). New racing legends will be sought, selected and recognised.

Focus of the Klausen Race

Even between the years 1922 and 1934, tradition and innovation were key themes at the Klausen Race. New vehicles which would become the future modes of mobility were tested on the racetrack. The next generation now takes on this tradition. Vehicles that run without using fossil fuels will compete against each other in a separate category of the 2013 Klausen Race, demonstrating the future individual mobility of forthcoming generations.

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