

**Tema: TRIALS LEGENDS PARTY IN BARCELONA**

Dear Pertti,

I am Pedro Pi (Montesa 1960/1970, hope you remember me)

It is a pleasure to contact you regarding the gathering of the 'Legends of Trial' that we are organizing later this year. This is for those who started riding Trials from 1964 to 1985. Thats years you ride trials this time.

On Friday 16th November we plan to meet near Barcelona and have lunch, celebrations and recognition to World, European, Spanish and Catalan Champions.

Unfortunately, World Champions Martin Lampkin and Ulf Karlsson, and Spanish Champion Fernando Muñoz are no longer with us, and we will pay tribute to them.

I spoke some weeks ago with Yrjö Vesterinen and Bernie Schreiber who confirmed their attendance. We expect also to have Jordi Tarrés, Charles Coutard, Eric Lejeune, Malcolm Rathmell and some other British riders, Ignacio Bultó, Manuel Soler, Toni Gorgot and many other Spanish old time riders. The Lampkin family, confirmed that come with 25 persons.

It will be a great party with about 500 'Legends of Trial' attending. I am sure that we all will enjoy a lot meeting again and remembering those wonderful old times...

We plan to offer to the foreign riders: lunch, one night hotel and breakfast, transfer from the airport to the hotel-restaurant and return to the airport.

The Organizing Committee: Oriol Puig Bultó, Estanis Soler, Pere Mas, Joan Font and me,

This is on Friday 16th November, and on 17th-18th there will be the "2 Days Trial Clàssic Costa Brava" in Sant Feliu de Guíxols ([www.trialcostabrava.com](http://www.trialcostabrava.com)).

Looking forward to your confirmation to the Legends of Trial meeting,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, best regards, Pedro Pi (now I am Pere Pi)

## THE BEGINNINGS OF TRIAL

Like in all the beginnings there are some doubts about the origin of Trial, the exact place where it started and by whom. On one hand, it is known that there was an event in Scotland, on the other hand there was the Scott Trial on an unspecified date, and in 1914 a similar competition of skills named "Liton Slack", with the participation of 132 riders, that feat was important as the motorcycles did not have a clutch, they had a single gear, pedals and belt transmission, and climbing a normal hill was already an accomplishment.

In 1909, in Scotland, after having the idea of organizing a tough competition through the mountains of the Highlands, a group of young people created the Moto Club Edinburg to organize the first Five Days of Trial. The course was about 1000 miles long (1.600 Km) with the participation also of cars and motorcycles with sidecar. In 1911, it already turned into the well known Six Days SSDT up to the present times, although with a halt from 1914 to 1918 during the First World War. In similar dates, Mr. Scott, who had a company under his name, organized the "Scott Trial" only for his employees, with start and arrival at the factory's own door. In the first edition, 14 riders participated and 9 finished.

During the first few years there was only British participation in the SSDT, because travelling to a foreign country was too expensive and the prizes were a medal and a piece of Scottish fabric hand embroidered. From 1940 to 1945 there was another halt due to the Second World War.

It wasn't until 1955 that the British brands took a real interest in Trials. The BSA factory prepared its Moto Cross rider Jeff Smith to run the SSDT and he won. In 1956, Gordon Jackson set the unbeaten record of losing only one mark in all 6 days. It would have been nice to have Gordon Jackson here with us today. The companies that showed interest were: BSA, Rudge, Ariel, Norton, Velocette, Triumph, AJS, Matchless and Royal Enfield. Almost all of those won the SSDT until the arrival of the light Bultaco motorcycles in 1965 at the hands of Sammy Miller.

At the end of the Second World War, Trial started in Belgium and from there expanded to the rest of Europe. It was November 1962 when Joan Soler Bultó and Oriol Puig Bultó decided to go to Saint Cucufa (France) to participate in a new modality called "Trial" with Bultaco motorcycles that had been modified according to what they had seen in British, French and Spanish motorcycling magazines. When they returned they decided to introduce this new modality into Spain, organizing an experimental competition in the estate of Sant Antonio owned by Don Paco Bultó. It was beginning of 1963, and that would be the first initiation Trial in Spain (Catalonia). There is also information about "Trial" competitions in 1961, one in Viladrau (Barcelona) won by Oriol Puig Bultó, and another in Sant Vicenç de Castellet, both with regulations that rewarded the speed and the ability to negotiate the sections.

In 1964 the FIM created the first international Trial championship, the "Challenge Henry Groutards, won by Don Smith on a Greeves. In 1968 there was the first "European Championship" won by Sammy Miller on a Bultaco, and in 1975 the first "World Championship" won by Martin Lampkin on a Bultaco.

In order to promote Trials in the European southern countries, the FIM favored a Trial short course in Laffrey (Grenoble) directed by the French rider Claude Peugeot on 10-11 October 1964 for riders from France, Spain, Switzerland and Italy.

Few weeks later, on 2nd of November 1964 the Real Moto Club de Cataluña organized the 'Trial del Tibidabo' near Barcelona, being the first official Trial in Spain. It was won by Joan Soler Bultó on a Bultaco. In 1965 there was the first "Catalonia Championship" won by Joan Soler Bultó on a Bultaco, and in 1968 the first "Spanish Championship" won by Pere Pi on a Montesa.

# TRIAL LEGENDS

(BARCELONA)

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## PROGRAMA

Identificación de pilotos Legendarios y acompañantes

Firma Lámina de los Legendarios

Exposición de una selección de motos legendarias de Trial  
Photocall

Foto, con un drone, con el abrazo más grande del Mundo con los legendarios

Entrada al restaurante con recogida de la revista MotoCiclismo Clásico  
y el programa de actividades

Comida

Presentación de la Fiesta a cargo del Legendario Xavier Foj

Libro de Honor: Todos los Legendarios tendrán la oportunidad de hacer una dedicatoria

Lectura de "Los inicios del trial" en castellano y en inglés (con sorpresa)

Presentación de los pilotos de la historia moderna del Trial

Toni Bou dará las gracias a los Legendarios de Trial

Se construirá el podio con más títulos de  
"Campeones del Mundo en todos los deportes" (43/56).

Homenaje a los Campeones que nos han dejado  
y entrega del trofeo "TRIAL LEGENDS" a sus familiares

Reconocimiento a los pilotos participantes en el primer trial oficial de España,  
celebrado en Cataluña

MotoCiclismo Clásico abre una cuenta para rehacer el monumento a Ramón Torras

Reconocimientos al Motor Club Terrassa, Cingles de Bertí y Santigosa

Reconocimiento a los representantes de las marcas de motos legendarias

Reconocimiento a los promotores del primer Trial Indoor Solo-Moto

Reconocimiento a las señoras Legendarias del Trial

Sorpresa: "You are the Trial Champions"

Reconocimiento a los primeros campeones de Cataluña de Trial

Las azafatas entregarán el brazalete "TRIAL LEGENDS" de la concordia  
y el tríptico "Los inicios del trial"

Reconocimiento a los campeones de España, de Europa y del Mundo de Trial

Entrega de las Láminas a todos los Legendarios

Entrega de la foto con el abrazo más grande del Mundo

Despedida. Andrea Bocelli canta "Time to say goodbye"

## PROGRAM

Identification of the Legendary riders and accompanying persons

Signature of the Legendary Sheet

Exhibition of a selection of Legendary Trial Motorcycles  
Photocall

Drone photo of the world's widest hug of the Legendaries

Entrance to the restaurant. Collection of the magazine MotoCiclismo Clásico  
and the program of activities

Lunch

Presentation of the party by the Legendario Xavier Foj

Book of Honor: All Legendaries will have the opportunity to make a dedication

Reading of "The beginnings of trial" in Spanish and English (with surprise)

Presentation of the riders of the modern history of the Trial

Toni Bou will thank the Legendaries of the Trial

We will build the podium with the most titles of  
"World Champions in all sports" (43/56)

Tribute to the "Champions who have left us"

Presentation of the trophy "TRIAL LEGENDS" to the relatives of the Champions  
who have left us

Recognition of the riders present, participants in the first official Trial in Spain (Catalonia)

MotoCiclismo Clásico opens an account to rebuild the monument to Ramón Torras

Awards to Motor Club Terrassa, Moto Club Cingles de Bertí and Moto Club Santigosa

Recognition of the representatives of the Legendary Motorcycle Brands

Recognition of the first Trial Indoor Solo-Moto

Recognition of the Legendary Women of Trial

Surprise: "You are the Trial Champions"

Recognition of the first Catalan Trial Champions

The hostesses will hand the bracelet "TRIAL LEGENDS" of concord  
and the text: "The beginnings of trial"

Recognition of the Spanish, European and World Trial Champions

Delivery of the sheets to all Legendaries

Delivery of the photo of the world's widest hug

Farewell. Andrea Bocelli sings "Time to say goodbye"

