

Stella Alpina

Seventy crews had the honour of opening the Italian regularity season after three months of lockdown on 26-28 June, visiting some of the most scenic passes of the Dolomites on the Stella Alpina rally, organised by Scuderia Trentina and Canossa Events.



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The wearing of facemasks when near other people is mandatory in Italy, and this is the new way to shake hands in greeting

With rally hospitality in the charming town of Madonna di Campiglio, a revised and specially constructed 500km route ended in victory for Mario and Roberto Crugnola and their 1971 Lancia Fulvia HF in the Classic Car category. Riccardo Roversi and Michele Bellini took second place in their 1954 Fiat 1100/103 and also won the Trofeo Stella Alpina reserved for pre-1957 cars. Michele Laforteza and Ilaria Carturan took third place in their Lancia Fulvia Coupé.

The tourism formula, which outnumbered the classic cars, was also a great success, with around 40 crews taking part, some in classic cars but most driving modern Ferraris, enjoying the sensation of freedom to soar down the mountain roads.



The last leg ended in the lovely courtyard of Villa Bortolazzi at Acquaviva di Trento, where the crews had lunch and the awards ceremony took place. While they were waiting for the results to be announced, the crews relaxed and chatted, trading stories about the trials and the route. Then the cups and prizes were brought out, the timekeepers handed out the rankings and the winners of the 35th edition of the Stella Alpina were announced to much applause and celebration.

"I would like to repeat my appreciation for the courage shown by the organisers in making something happen that nobody thought possible until last month. The Stella Alpina is the first event after the emergency, and so is a worthy bearer of a great message of positivity and hope, as well as testimony to Italian excellence and the importance of classic and modern motoring for our country," said Ermanno De Angelis, sharing the view of the majority of participants.

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Winners Mario and Roberto Crugnola finished well ahead of all rivals