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In addition to the race spectators can enjoy a week of activities from Sunday 10th to Sunday 17th June. A raft of festive, convivial events will take place in addition to the race throughout the Le Mans 24-Hours week at the circuit, in the Le Mans town centre and in the neighbouring communes. Don't forget the test day, a kind of general rehearsal, that will be held on Sunday 3rd June. The Le Mans 24-Hours week is one big party for everybody without exception: fans, ordinary spectators, friends, families, etc. Everybody will find an activity or some form of entertainment to make the most iconic endurance race in the world a unique, magic experience!

In addition to the official Le Mans 24-Hours village with its many exhibitors, stands and boutiques, a new Fan Zone will be installed in a dedicated space above the village. It will host the children's village with its many activities including the young drivers' critérium as well as the connected pavilion in which several simulators will be installed.

In the Fan Zone and the Village



Activities in the fan zone

A new Fan zone with different activities: an island of entertainment and calm with some teaching and partying thrown in! This zone packed with activities that bring people together and entertain them is open to the general public and is not to be missed. Located to the north of the village it's accessible to everybody whatever their age.

You will learn about the motor car in a fun-filled playful ambience and leave the Fan Zone with many memories. And you will be ready to hand on the passion for the automobile and motor sport.

NEW in 2018: the staging of the highlights of the race in a dynamic and innovative fashion using an interactive experience to intensify the involvement of the spectators. Motor sport and its values are highlighted to help increase the understanding of the event and motor sport in general using a pedagogic approach aimed at the different spectators. The activities will take place on a big stage with two hosts and two giant screens. There will be daily rendezvous with guests, live interviews and information accessible to everybody on the race, the regulations, protocol, teams, marshals, the ACO Club and the results. Three music groups, Alpes N'Brass (Faverges music school), Fred Swing (rock, Jazz and Blues group), will perform and different activities will take place - Mr and Mrs 24H (role playing all day).

The Fan Zone will also include three specific zones:

- **La Kids Zone:** children from 3 to 12 years old, VIP Baby Zone, Kappla Zone, inflatable château, all-purpose trailer, young driver criterium, a make-up stand. Zone monitored by parents.

Zoom on the young driver criterium: it's a tool used to awaken an interest in driving in kids and is for children who are over seven years old. Its aims are to raise the awareness of future road users, train and educate them. This activity will take place in the village. On Friday 15th June it will be held on the pits straight between 10:00 and 19:00.

- **Experience Zone:** the Experience Zone is a leisure centre for all spectators over 12 years old. Fans can discover the world of the motor car from another angle. Race simulators, a pit stop in virtual reality, oculus headsets and a batac reaction challenge will provide additional fun and games.

Pit Stop Zone: chill out space, bar, food



Fan zone timetable:

- Wednesday 13th June from 16:00 to 00:00
- Thursday 14th June from 16:00 to 00:00
- Friday 15th June from 10:00 to 22:30
- Saturday 16th June from 10:00 to 4:00
- Sunday 17th June from 9:00 to 16:00

Activities in the village

Several official boutiques in the village sell our products, in particular the megastore (400m²) at the entrance.

World Cup matches shown live

Torn between supporting your team and watching Le Mans 24 Hours? Don't worry! You can do both. You won't miss any of the action, either on the pitch or on the track. You can even help the French crowd cheer on Les Bleus before the start of the 24 Hours of Le Mans on Saturday lunchtime. The Automobile Club de l'Ouest is happy to provide a little football fever. With fans from all over the world at the track, the atmosphere in the village will be even more festive than usual.

France won the World Cup in 1998, when Fabien Barthez was goalkeeper. He has since turned to endurance racing with his team Panis Barthez Compétition, which is on the grid of the 24 Hours of Le Mans again this year.

So there you have it – football and the 24 Hours of Le Mans make a perfect match!

Matches shown live on a giant screen in the race village:

- Russia v. Saudi Arabia: Thursday 14 June 17:00
- Egypt v. Uruguay: Friday 15 June 14:00
- Portugal v. Spain: Friday 15 June 20:00
- France v. Australia: Saturday 16 June 12:00
- Peru v. Denmark: Saturday 16 June 18:00
- Argentina v. Iceland: Saturday 16 June 15:00
- Croatia v. Nigeria: Saturday 16 June 21:00

NEW: 24-Hours immersion venue: Access free.

The aim is to offer immersion in the 24h brand in a special venue. Become a part of the Le Mans circuit used all year round. Drive it, visit the museum, share experiences with the club. It takes place in a darkened environment where you can touch the real 24-Hours Trophy (under a protective cover), and have an up-close view of an LM P1 immersed in the circuit ambience. There will be meetings and autograph sessions with authors. Aim: touch the Holy Grail – the Trophy!

Tell its story, where it comes from, who designed it. Explain that the teams and drivers race to win it every year and that any manufacturer which wins it three years running can keep it. Which ones have already done so? The story of the 1955 trophy that wasn't awarded.

Officially removed under escort on Friday and on Sunday for the podium.

Authors' book signings

Information about the book signings and the authors.*

TEST DAY 3rd June

- Archimède during the test day on 3rd June 14:00-15:30 in the village boutique
- Guillaume Lopez with his strip comic book *Steeve McQueen in Le Mans* during the test day on 3rd June 14:00-17:00 in the village boutique
- SCRUTINEERING 10 – 11 June
 - Robert PAQUET and Christian Papazoglakis, the authors of GLENAT, during scrutineering on 10th June 13:00 – 18:00 and 11th June 10:00 - 17:00h

RACE 16 - 17 June

- Guillaume Lopez with his strip comic book *Steeve McQueen in Le Mans* on Saturday 16th June 10:00 – 12:00 in the village boutique
- Robert PAQUET and Christian Papazoglakis, the authors of GLENAT, and Denis Bernard Saturday 16th June 16:30 – 18:30 in the A.C.O members' venue (La Chapelle), and 17:00 – 19:00 in the village boutique
- Robert PAQUET and Christian Papazoglakis, the authors of GLENAT, and Denis Bernard on Sunday 17th June 10:00 to 12:00 in the A.C.O members' venue (La Chapelle), and 14:00 – 16:00 in the village boutique
- Archimède Sunday 17th June 10:00 – 12:00 in the Museum boutique

*And many other authors!



FIA Stand

Located in the heart of the village, the FIA stand aims to raise awareness on road safety, in partnership with the local Préfecture de la Sarthe. Showcasing key figures, it features the #3500LIVES global campaign, embodied by 15 famous ambassadors from the sport, music and film industries including Fernando Alonso, Patrick Dempsey, Rafael Nadal or Michael Fassbender among others. On the stand, fans are also invited to test their skills on a driving simulator and are warned of the dangers of distracted driving.

MOTUL activities

- A corner in the Lescot boutique
- Gibson engine on display
- A giant screen to show live images

TOYOTA activities

- TS050 Pit Stop
- TS050 Cockpit Experience
- Toyota Yaris WRC and photo in driver's suit
- Concept Car: GR Supra Racing Concept + simulator
- 2 WEC simulators
- Concept Car: GR Super Sport Concept on a podium
- The TOYOTA Hilux DAKAR on display
- Autograph sessions by the drivers in the Fan Zone:
 - Wednesday 13 :21:00
 - Thursday 14: 17:30
 - Saturday 17: 17:30

Army venue

The ACO and the different branches of the French army share numerous common values and once again this year they meet up in a specially dedicated venue. The French army will be present at the level of the Allée Georges Durand behind the village

The French army, navy and air force will be on display. Each force will have its own domain where it will organise different activities and exhibitions in its field of competence. In particular, equipment used in the operations of the French army will be on display.

This year the big draw is the display of a Leclerc tank on the army's stand. The air force will have a Cap 10 stunt plane giving spectators the opportunity to sample what it feels like to be a pilot. The navy will bring along personnel from the fleet to explain the different jobs on board a ship. This army venue will be open from Wednesday 13th to Sunday 17th June.

➤ Concerts

2018 Le Mans 24 Hours - Concert line-up announced

As usual, the Automobile Club de l'Ouest treats fans to three free concerts at the circuit during the Le Mans 24 Hours. This year Texas, emblematic British pop group, Arcadian and Black Minou head the line-up. Rendezvous on 13-14-15-16 June on the big stage at the foot of the Dunlop Footbridge.

The programme in detail

Wednesday 13th June 2018



20:00 Concert first part

21:00 ARCADIAN came to the fore in the 5th series of the French version of The Voice. Both "Folie Arcadienne" and "Ton combat" were hits en 2017. Yoann, Florentin and Jérôme form an inseparable trio, three likeable Millennials emblematic of their carefree, spirited, digital-native generation. The group do pop with a vigorous rock attitude and their "basement band" camaraderie transpires on stage. Arcadian delivers an energetic performance of radiant melodies with their voices mingling and unravelling in perfect harmony.

Thursday 14th June 2018

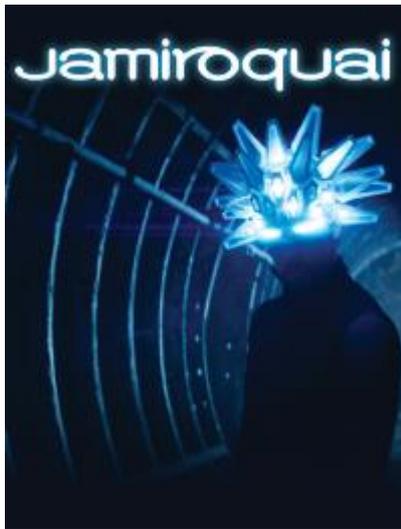


20h00 – Concert first part

21h00 – Dr FEELGOOD, marked by the strong personalities of guitarist Wilko Johnson and singer Lee Brilleaux, was formed in 1971 on Canvey Island. From 1975 onwards the group imposed its style, a retro sober Rhythm'n'Blues that evoked the early years of the Rolling Stones. Dr Feelgood dressed in tight-fitting

black suits and ties gives a well-rehearsed performance on stage brimming with energy, and their cutting-edge songs like "Roxette" and "Back In the Night" have made them a decisive contributor to the flowering of the British pub rock scene.

The inheritors or direct descendants of this group are Bijou, Téléphone, les Dogs de Rouen and Starshooter de Lyon without forgetting the faithful Little Bob.



Friday 15th June 2018

20h00 – HER: Their hit “Five minutes” racked up 13 million views. Her was founded in 2015 by Simon Carpentier and Victor Solf from Rennes, two young men who are resolutely feminist. The group’s musical compositions are inspired by soul, pop and electro.

21h00 – Jamiroquai: The British Group led by the charismatic Jay Kay has stamped its style on the music world selling more than 35 million albums in a career lasting almost 25 years. Who does not remember hits like “Cosmic Girl,” “You Give Me Something” as well as “Virtual Insanity?” After a hiatus of almost seven years, Jamiroquai is making his big comeback to centre stage with a new studio album, *Automaton*, released in 2017.

Saturday 16th June 2018

21:20 – YAROL & BLACK MINOU: Yarol & Black Minou has always treaded a fine line between different imaginary worlds in total freedom. With his natural instinct for aesthetics he has always fed his insatiable appetite for different musical universes ranging from Rock to Blues to Punk, Hip-hop, Afrobeat, Funk, Soul and Electro – he loves it all provided it gets you dancing and sweating. Johnny Hallyday’s former guitarist surfs different styles with one single aim – feverish excitement!



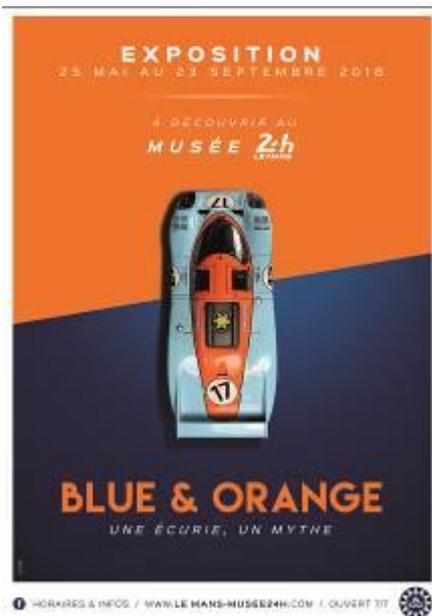
22:40 – TEXAS: “Life's too short, let's work it out” is the visionary all-too-relevant chorus of the first single of *Jump on Board*, the brilliant new studio album of British Group, Texas. This album is the sound of a band perfectly at ease with itself, comfortable in its skin, packed with songs influenced by Northern Soul, Disco, British founding groups like the Bee-Gees or Orange Juice. Texas has never been afraid to do its own thing. The Group has been around for one hell of

a long time and their latest offering is characteristic of their style with flourishes that hark back to well-loved hits like: “Say what you want,” “Halo,” “Black Eyed Boy,” “Summer Son,” milestones on a career of almost 30 years during which they have sold 40 million albums. In 2017, the Group has never seemed so alive.

It's an amazing British success story that still has a long road ahead of it. "We feel reinvigorated," smiles Sharleen.

00:15 – DJ LORAN (RTL2 POP-ROCK LIVE) from RTL2 will get behind the turntables to keep the show going late into the night with his live Pop-Rock mix.

➤ The Museum



Free access to the 24-Hours museum on 16 – 17 June!

In 2017, the Automobile Club de l'Ouest, owner of the Le Mans 24-Hours museums since February of the same year, allowed all general enclosure ticket holders to access the museum free of charge so they could immerse themselves in the history of this iconic race. The same conditions will apply in 2018.

Visitors can discover the temporary exhibition *Blue & Orange, a team, a legend* that retraces the incredible history of John Wyer. In just under two decades this team manager built a formidable race team which won the Le Mans 24 Hours on three occasions making his partner, the Gulf Oil Company and its famous blue and orange colours, a motor racing icon. Wyer was a visionary when it came to choosing drivers and he helped some of

the greatest to victory including Lucien Bianchi, Pédro Rodriguez, Jackie Oliver, and Jacky Ickx who were responsible for his three successes in the Sarthe in 1968, 1969 and 1975.

About the museum

Throughout the year, the ACO's Le Mans 24-Hours museum tells the story of the saga of the motor car in the Sarthe and the success of its international event through 120 vehicles. Bentley, Ferrari, Jaguar, Ford, Porsche, Matra, Audi, etc. all the great names are represented by their iconic models. Contemplating them the visitor is immersed in the greatest endurance race in the world.

➤ Le Karting

The Karting at the circuit is open throughout the whole week of the event from Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 20:00.

Prices

20€: 10-minute kart session

20€: 12-minute session on the simulator

30€: 20-minute session on the simulator



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➤ **Supporting races**



**Aston Martin Racing Le Mans Festival:
10:15 to 11:00 on Saturday 16th June.**

In addition to Road To Le Mans, there will be another supporting race as a curtain-raiser to the 86th Le Mans 24 Hours: the Aston Martin Racing Le Mans Festival, which is back after a three-year hiatus.

Between 40 and 45 Aston Martins including LM P1s, GT1s, GT2s, GT3s and GT4s are expected to enter. Owners of racing Aston Martins backed up by team-mates will go pedal to the metal and put on a thrilling spectacle for 45 minutes on Saturday morning. Thus, spectators will see several cars that shone in the past on the iconic Sarthe circuit.

**ROAD TO
LE MANS**

Since 2015 Road To Le Mans has been one of the curtain-raisers to the Le Mans 24 Hours.

This race organised by the Automobile Club de l'Ouest with Le Mans Endurance Management is reserved for cars from the GT3 and LM P3 categories. It is the second round of the Michelin Le Mans Cup, which is part of the European Le Mans Series. Drivers in the Road To Le Mans, based on the regulations of the Michelin Le Mans Cup, have to learn the specific features of the Sarthe circuit and abide by its safety regulations, in particular those governing the slow zone procedure. So it's a great way of finding their feet before taking part in the Le Mans 24 Hours. This is the aim of this event whose vocation is to highlight the Endurance Pyramid conceived and put in place by the ACO. The two races (Thursday and Saturday) will be run to the same format: 55-minutes duration with an obligatory pit stop lasting at least two minutes between the 22nd and 32nd minutes of the event. The first heat will start at 17:30 on Thursday 14th June and the second will take place on Saturday morning at 11:30 shortly before the start of the Le Mans 24 Hours.

➤ **Events outside the circuit**

PRE-RACE EVENTS

In the run-up to the start of the Le Mans 24 Hours several events will take place in the vicinity of the circuit during the week:

- Sunday 10th (14:30 - 19h00 and Monday 11th June (10h00 - 18h00): scrutineering and administrative checks of cars and drivers, Place de la République.
- Monday 11th June, Henri Pescarolo's print laid in the presence of the driver himself organised by the town of Le Mans, Place de la République at 18:00.
- Tuesday 12th June in Ruaudin: The R'Hunaudières, the Ford GT saga Place François Mitterrand 15:00 – 23:00.
- Thursday 14th June at Arnage: Arnage in the Race, Porsche at Le Mans. Place de la Mairie 9:00 – 17:00.
- Friday 15th June: Gérard Larousse's imprint laid place de la République at 15:30
- Friday 15th June: The Le Mans 24-Hours Parade in the Le Mans town centre starting at 17:00.
- Friday 15th June at Mulsanne 9:00 - 22:00: Mulsanne corner: Theme Corvette.
- Friday 15th June at Saint-Saturnin 9:00 – 17:00: Classic British Welcome: Theme BMW.

WEIGH-IN IN THE TOWN CENTRE: scrutineering and administrative checks

Sunday 10th June: 14:30 – 19:00

Monday 11th June: 10:00 – 18:00

As has been the case since 2012 scrutineering and admin checks (Pésage in French, a term used in the early days of motor sport) will be held on Place de la République in the heart of the town. Over a day and a half the 60 cars and the 180 drivers in the 86th Le Mans 24 Hours will present themselves one by one to the scrutineers to see if the cars comply and the men/women are fit to drive them.

Spectators love this free spectacle. The position of the scrutineering bay means they can see all that's going on. They are right in the heart of the action and always turn up in large numbers to get near the drivers who sign autographs or have their photos taken.

At scrutineering the cars follow a precise route with three posts. The first one is where the measurements of the car's main dimensions (width, length, overhangs, wheelbase, height of the wing, of the fin, and dimensions of the holes cut in the upper part of the wings, etc) are taken. Then the underbody is checked

and finally the bodywork is partially dismantled to allow the inspection of safety elements like the adhesives and the timing devices.

While this is going on the drivers, fully kitted out, go through administrative checks where their licences, helmets, driver suits, and all their equipment, which must comply with the FIA standards, are controlled. They are also weighed to define the average weight of the driver line-up to respect the current sporting regulations. They then take part in various communications operations (individual photos, team photos with the cars, press interviews, etc.).

It all happens in a friendly, laid-back ambience based on passion and sharing and gives the Le Mans 24-Hours week a joyful kick-off!

In addition to the free grandstands installed around the scrutineering bay 2 giant screens show what's happening.

Numerous events will take place at scrutineering in the different stalls in the village which is set up around the installations in which the various checks take place.

More information on the ACO internet site or the Le Mans Circuit 24 app.

THE DRIVERS' PARADE

Friday 15th June in the Le Mans town centre

The Drivers' Parade, a not-to-be-missed rendezvous between the drivers and the public on the day before the start of the race, will celebrate its 24th staging this year. In the late afternoon all the drivers entered for the Le Mans 24 Hours parade in the town centre in historic cars. The organiser, Classic Automotive in partnership with the Automobile Club de l'Ouest, will bend over backwards to give the public an unforgettable festive spectacle on the specially laid-out route that winds its way along the town's streets.

