

Dear friends of the JIM CLARK-REVIVAL,

Today I have the sad duty to inform you that the

International Historic Grand Prix, JIM CLARK-REVIVAL,

cannot take place at the Hockenheimring in 2009.

Since we already had to give up our traditional JCR date (the last weekend in April) to the DTM in October 2008, we were now “chased away” from our second possible JCR date, 14.05. – 17.05.2009 once again because of the DTM.

You can all imagine the immense kind of workload, costs and time which involves the postponement of an event of this size – not to mention the essential “goodwill” of all participating race series, automobile clubs, traders and exhibitors, sponsors, hotels, Guinness World Record office, etc, etc.

I even negotiated with the Royal Motor Union of Liege to postpone the RMU Classic in Spa-Francorchamps from 15.05.–17.05.2009 to 24.04.– 26.04.2009. Anybody who knows how erratic the weather is like in April in Spa, will understand all too well how high the risk is for the local Organiser to change the dates for the benefit of the JCR.

A renewed JCR postponement to the original date end of April, as suggested now once again by the Hockenheimring, is unfortunately not longer possible since our top-class “regular race series” have already concluded agreements with other event organisers. Without the participation of such attractive race series like the FiA - F 1, FiA - Lurani, Formula Ford, F 2, Supersports, Group C, GTC-TC, the ATS Formel 3 Cup, the Formula Renault, etc., the JCR would unfortunately mutate to that of an average event.



All other dates which I had proposed after consulting the race series, were not available for the JCR 2009 from the Hockenheimring due to a variety of reasons. Therefore the sad but the only consequence is the cancellation of the JCR 2009 at the Hockenheimring !

I will not voice my personal opinion in written form about this unbelievable course of action at this point (this page would not be long enough). For now my point of view – “I feel this is” therefore just “without words”. How a person feels when 5 years of intensive work is destroyed with such a “surprise coup” – I do not think I have to comment on this any further.

In spite of all this or should I say, particularly because of this, after more than 20 years of motor sports organisation, I will absolutely not permit the “big fishes always eat small fishes” mentality or respectively that 500 race drivers and their teams, numerous traders and exhibitors, umpteen number of owners of classic automobiles, several automobile clubs and above all thousands of fans have to be deprived of their pleasure at the JCR 2009.

In the next few days, I will try my utmost to inform all of you whereto the JCR 2009 will be held and when exactly this date will be. Due to the Christmas holidays and because of the absence of several of the decision makers, this will unfortunately only be possible during the second week in January.

Naturally I will spare no effort to organise the JCR once again at the Hockenheimring in 2010 – in the end the name “Jim Clark” is forever associated with the Hockenheimring. Nevertheless a certain planning guarantee must be involved beforehand since we are all not interested in experiencing such a fiasco once again.



Now I wish to appeal to all friends of the JCR – please inform me of your opinion of this matter in written form – the best would be per email – so that I can forward these all to Hockenheim.

I thank you all for your friendly support – no matter in whatever form. You would help the JCR 2009 greatly if you would express your solidarity by visiting the JCR 2009 in spite of all the “to and fro”. I promise you that I will give all my very best to present you a really special automobile experience (as in the past 4 years of JCR) once again.

I wish you all a very relaxing and Merry Christmas and a successful and Happy New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you all

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