Legendary Rally News bulletins return for one-off edition at Killarney Historic Rally

KILLARNEY, CO. KERRY - In a major nostalgia boost for motorsport fans, the world-famous Rally News bulletins made famous by the late Brian Patterson and his wife Liz Patterson are set to return for a special one-off appearance at the 30th anniversary Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally.

The hard-copy bulletins were a staple of Irish rally service parks for decades. Following the arrival of online timing systems, the final printed edition was produced at the 2018 West Cork Rally. However, the landmark 30th anniversary of the Killarney Historic Rally presented a fitting opportunity to bring the iconic service back to life.

Michael Patterson, son of Brian and Liz, alongside his partner Zoe and Sean Moriarty of Kerry Motorsport News, are reviving the operation for the weekend. The production completes a full circle, with sponsorship provided by Finol Oils and ELF Lubricants, the original sponsors of the inaugural Killarney Historic Rally 30 years ago.

Photocopying and printing equipment has been kindly supplied by well-known rally driver Barry Meade of Munster Business Equipment, with prepared news sheets provided by KC Print.

Highlighting the full-circle sponsorship and shared history, Sean Holland, Managing Director of Finol Oils, said:

> *"Thirty years is a significant milestone for the Killarney Historic Rally. It's a pleasure to renew Finol's association with the event and to see RallyNews return for the occasion."*

Reflecting on the return of the iconic publication, Michael Patterson said:

> *"It was quite an honour to be asked to revive the RallyNews service for the 30th anniversary of the Killarney Historic Rally. I believe the success and longevity of the event are truly remarkable, and I feel privileged to have been involved since its early days.*
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> *"Alongside my father, it was always a pleasure to meet up with the event's founder, the late Maurice Nagle, in the lead-up to the rally to prepare the safety notes before putting together the RallyNews coverage. Those are memories I will always treasure.*
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> *"Sean Moriarty of Kerry Motorsport News has been the driving force behind bringing everything together for this special 30th anniversary event, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to him and to all the associate sponsors who are supporting us in bringing a little RallyNews nostalgia back to Killarney."*

Highlighting the spirit of the initiative, Sean Moriarty added:

> *"This rally is all about nostalgia and taking a step back in time, so what better way to celebrate than bringing back the main news source of the era? There are many young rally fans who will have never heard of this service, let alone enjoyed what it is like to hold one in your hand. Even better, if you were a competitor and got a mention, you knew you were doing something right... or maybe wrong!"*

Bulletins will be distributed at Saturday night's ceremonial start, offering up-to-the-minute updates on entries and starters.

On Sunday, Moriarty will position himself at the end of Moll's Gap across all three runs, relaying stage-end news back to Patterson at the central service park at Liebherr Container Cranes in Fossa. Patterson will print fresh copies for immediate distribution to drivers, fans, and service crews. A mid-event bulletin will be produced as crews exit service, with a final edition printed in time for distribution at the ceremonial finish ramp on College Street around 4:45 pm.

More news later...

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Photos of Liz and the late Brian Patterson by RallyRetro