



32nd GRAN PREMIO NUVOLARI – PREMIO MANTOVA 2022 **(15) – 16 – 17 – 18 September**

The event celebrating the myth of Tazio Nuvolari kicks off from Mantua with the record attendance of 312 crews from around the world and more than 100 pre-war cars

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The **32nd edition of the Gran Premio Nuvolari**, Italy's most technical international regularity event for historic cars, **kicked off today. Until Sept. 18**, it will bring together in **Mantua, the city from which the Grand Prix starts and ends**, the elite of classic enthusiasts along with cars of timeless appeal to pay tribute to the **myth of the "Great Nivola,"** a legendary sportsman who more than any other has marked the history of 20th-century motoring.

In the year in which the **130th anniversary of the birth of the "Flying Mantuan" is celebrated**, an important anniversary that will be celebrated thanks to the organizational efforts of Mantova Corse, the event registers a record number of presences: in fact, **312 crews coming from the five continents** and selected by a special commission will take part in the competition, testifying to the strong enthusiasm that surrounds what is considered one of the most beautiful races in the world.

After the classic pre-race scrutineering, the **"Premio Mantova 2022 - Nuvolari 130 Anni" took place, a 7.5 km night prologue that enlivened the streets of Mantua's historical centre yesterday evening, Thursday 15 September.** The winners were the Argentinean father and son duo **Zerbini - Zerbini (no. 158)**, who scored only 7 hundredths of a second of penalty in 5 timed trials, an extraordinary result.

First among the Italian crews were **Fontanella - Covelli (no. 4)**, second classified **Belometti - Vavassori (no. 36)** and third classified **Loperfido - Moretti (no. 85)**. Next in the number two position among the foreign crews was **Acevedo - Acevedo (no. 101)** and in third place crew number **54** made up of **Erejemovich - Giuggolini**.

Today at 10.45 a.m. on Friday 16 September the start will take place in the picturesque Piazza Sordello.

In keeping with the established **30-year tradition of the Gran Premio Nuvolari**, **number 1** will be symbolically reserved for the greatest driver of all time, **the legendary Tazio Nuvolari**. **Number 2** will be assigned to a car entered by the National Automobile Museum and driven by the De Angelis-Del Gaudio crew: **the superb Cisitalia 202 SMM Nuvolari, the first and only car ever named after a racing driver.**

Numerous countries representing all continents (Italy, Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United States, Lithuania, Great Britain, Russia, Austria, Belgium, Uruguay, Argentina, Japan, Colombia, Poland, Lebanon, Monte Carlo, San Marino) and **48 automakers competing**, from the Italian Alfa Romeo, Maserati, Lancia, Ferrari and Fiat, to the British Jaguar, Aston Martin, Bentley and Triumph, from the German Mercedes, BMW and Porsche to the French pursangs signed Ettore Bugatti. This year more than **100 pre-war cars (made from 1932 to 1939) will take part in the event.**



Also significant is the presence of **numerous cars from the 1950s**; 150 participants will run the Grand Prix with cars of the Ferrari, Jaguar and Porsche brands.

The Grand Prix represents a unique opportunity for gentlemen drivers and the general public to be able to appreciate up close the icons of world motoring, who again this year will gather as usual in Piazza Sordello, in the heart of the Gonzaga city, for what promises to be a special edition full of novelties.

The 32nd edition sees confirmed partners Red Bull, Tag Heuer and Finservice, along with the return of Banca Generali, thanks to which the "Nuvolari" will reaffirm some of its fundamental characteristics: sports competition, historical celebration and touring tourism.

Sensitive to issues concerning environmental protection, the "**Gran Premio Nuvolari Green**" initiative, an important greening action carried out under the patronage of the Municipality of Mantua, will be proposed again this year. The environmental impact caused by the circulation of the historic cars participating in the event will be offset by the planting, in selected areas, of a sufficient number of tall trees to balance the total CO2 emission.

Gran Premio Nuvolari 2022: details of the 32nd edition

Attendance: **312 confirmed crews** at the start, from countries around the world.

Period of admission of the cars: from 1919 until 1976.

Route: this 32nd edition offers a route of about **1,100 km among the beauty of central and northern Italy**, passing through striking landscapes of Lombardy, Emilia Romagna, Tuscany, Marche and Veneto.

Today **Friday, September 16, the first stage**. The historic cars will start from **Piazza Sordello**, the heart of the Lombard city. They will drive through the picturesque roads of Emilia, until they arrive at the **Modena Autodrome**: break for lunch and time trials. They will then continue over the Apennines **to Imola, at the famous "Enzo and Dino Ferrari Autodrome" of Formula 1**. Finally, over the hills of Romagna to the Adriatic Sea with arrival in Cesenatico. The charming location of the Grand Hotel da Vinci will open its doors to participants for the evening.

Saturday, **September 17**, the second stage, will see a brand new route: from Rimini to Florence, passing through the Passo dei Mandrioli, from Stia, to the Passo della Consuma, then the Chianti area and the break in Borgo Scopeto, among the tall, narrow cypresses of the Sienese hills. In the afternoon, crews will travel the Arezzo roads with stamp controls in Montevarchi and Pieve Santo Stefano, to the Viamaggio Pass.

San Marino will welcome GP Nuvolari with the last group of time trials of the day and the stamp control in Piazza della Libertà, in front of the Government Palace of the oldest Republic in the world.

The finish will be in Rimini, on the promenade of **Piazza Tre Martiri**. The traditional Gala Dinner in honor of **Tazio Nuvolari will close the evening, within the marvelous Fellini-like setting of Rimini's Grand Hotel**.

Sunday, September 18, the third and final stage. The crews will **return to Mantua**. The route will reserve them the last challenges, the decisive ones to decree the winner. Starting from Rimini, they will face the dreaded time trials in **Meldola, then in Faenza, guests of the Formula 1 Scuderia Alpha Tauri**, in front of the expert audience of Piazza del Popolo. The arena of **Piazza Ariostea will be the glimpse that Ferrara** will reserve for the participants. Then it will be time for the return to Mantuan soil, through the stamp controls of Bondeno Poggio Rusco and Revere. Lunch will be served at the millennial location of Castel d'Ario, the birthplace of Tazio Nuvolari, it could not be otherwise,



on the 130th anniversary of his birth. Finally, finally the arrival in **Mantua after 4 days and 1,100 km of racing**, and the prize-giving among the welcoming historic facades of Piazza Sordello.

The event, conceived and organized since 1991 by Mantova Corse, will take place under the auspices of the international federations F.I.A. and F.I.V.A., with A.C.I. Sport and Aci Storico.

The Gran Premio Nuvolari is the fourth round of the "ACI Sport Italian Major Events Championship," of which the Coppa delle Alpi, Coppa Milano Sanremo, Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti and Targa Florio Classica are also part.

Requirements and Deadlines

Cars manufactured from **1919 to 1976 with an F.I.V.A. passport, or F.I.A. Heritage sticker, or A.S.I. homologation, or ACI Sport /ACI Historic sticker, or A.A.V.S. Historic Register entry certificate**, are allowed to participate in the Gran Premio Nuvolari.

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