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OUR NEW 4L IS

GETTING GUSSIED UP!

For the 6th time, ERI is participating in the 4L Trophy humanitarian rally and is entrusting the wheel to two students who will represent ERI on the roads of Morocco:

**AYMERIC GUEYDAN, 26 YEARS OLD
AND LOUIS MASQUÉFA, 22 YEARS OLD**

Both are athletes and active members of the Toulouse veterinary school (VRC) rugby club. They took inspiration from their club's name in calling their crew:

VÉTO RUGBY CAR

The 4L is a 1983 F6 van model in yellow that has previously run in the 4L Trophy.

Here's some news direct from our drivers, who have started the mechanical upgrades and general preparation:

«The old air filter has been changed, and the carburettor adjusted, including the starter and idle so that the 4L can start up and stay running without any problems.

It took a full day to remove all the old stickers from the car and completely clean the body with acetone to get rid of the glue residue.

The car is primed and ready for a coat of shiny red ERI paint.

We are currently dismantling the dashboard to fix some electronic problems with the sensors, including the speedometer and engine temperature gauge.

We will also take a short mechanics class with professional mechanics who are former participants in the 4L Trophy, so that we are ready to deal with any problems we encounter.

Next, we need to dismantle the tank to service it, drain it and then change the tires.»

More to follow soon...



T U E S D A Y
18.02.20



Race day is finally here!

After a week of fine tuning and a few days playing Tetris to load the car, we're on our way to Biarritz.

We had lunch with a few Toulouse teams today to start getting to know each other, and then wasted no time hitting the road.

Thanks to ERI for the chance to take part in this adventure!

THURSDAY

20.02.20



Today we set off and headed for Spain at 1 p.m.!

After a little stop a few kilometres in to adjust the contact points, we crossed the Spanish border and hopped on the motorway to Salamanca, the first stop of the Trophy.

More and more 4L cars are breaking down, but for the moment we've been spared...

Let's hope it stays that way!



SATURDAY
22.02.20



After a long day on the road yesterday and a short stopover in Seville to visit the city a bit and give the car a rest, we finally arrived in Algeciras!

We had our first briefing today, and some of the teams have already left on the boat for Morocco. We spent the day shopping in Algeciras and had a great time watching a

rugby match that ended in a thrilling victory for the French team!

We'll get on the road at 4 a.m. tomorrow to catch the ferry to Morocco.

After that, around 490 kilometres await us before we get to Boulajoul, where we'll experience our first bivouac in Morocco!

SUNDAY

23.02.20

We made it and are waiting in line for the ferry!



MONDAY

24.02.20



We've arrived in Tangiers! It was a short night and we have a long day of driving ahead of us. We'll try not to waste any time so we can get to the bivouac on schedule this evening!

T U E S D A Y

25.02.20

Hello ERI!

We spent our first night (a chilly one!) in a Moroccan bivouac at 1700 metres altitude in Boulajoul. in the afternoon. For the moment, we still don't have any major mechanical problems, and we hope it stays that way!

Today we're headed for the Merzouga dunes and we'll distribute our gifts to the children



WEDNESDAY

26.02.20

Sorry for the break in news, but we were at the bivouac in Merzouga and unfortunately didn't have an internet connection! Today was complicated - we had electrical problems and couldn't tell if they came from the battery or the alternator. We also broke

a steering tie rod in the desert. With a little tinkering, we were able to repair the tie rod and spent part of the evening trying to fix our electrical problems.



THURSDAY

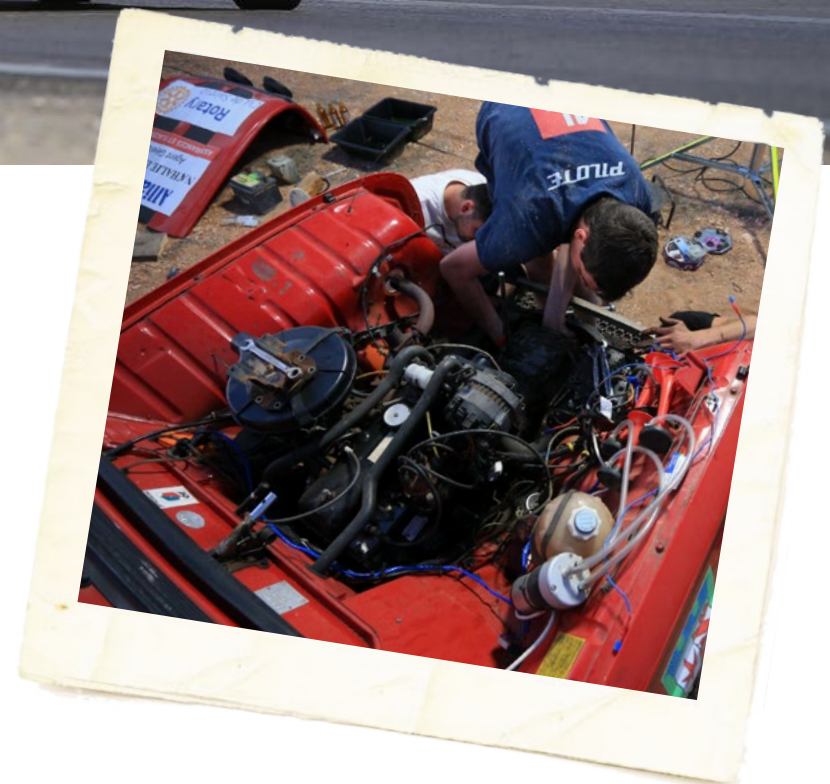
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This morning we got on the road thinking that everything was fixed, but we were forced to return to the mechanical station after just a few kilometres!

We found an alternator from other Trophy participants and changed it.

Then we set off for the two-day marathon stage.



F R I D A Y

28.02.20

We completed the trails this morning, and are on our way to Marrakesh, which we should reach this evening.

For the time being, we don't know what our final ranking is, but it probably won't be amazing - we did the marathon alongside many teams, and even added in a few extra kilometres to take advantage of seeing the country!



SATURDAY
29.02.20



Greetings to everyone at ERI!
We successfully arrived in Marrakesh and are spending the day in the souks.
Yesterday was tough - we spent a long time on the road, but we arrived with the 4L in good condition.

We finished 273rd in the final ranking, despite tinkering together some mechanical repairs, which we learned a lot from!
We couldn't be happier with this adventure full of discovery, sharing and learning!

SUNDAY

01.03.20

We only slept about an hour tonight after the closing ceremony and we jumped on the road early this morning. We're leaving the boat at Algeciras now and are about to tackle the drive up to Spain, the last stage before returning home.

We wish you all a wonderful day, and want to say THANK YOU again to ERI for allowing us to experience this great adventure!





The 2020 adventure is over !

Ranking of our team n° 1292 :

263^e Boulajoul to Merzouga leg

239^e Erg Chebbi leg

144^e Oued Ziz leg

775^e Marathon leg

273^e in the final standings

At the end of this 4L Trophy, we wanted to write you to say . . .

Now that we're back in Toulouse, nostalgia is gently settling in.

In the same way that we remember everything we were able to see, share and discover with the other participants in this year's rally, we also remember just how much your support was more than important! Without you, we could not have imagined taking part in this incredible adventure. It is with deep gratitude that we say THANK YOU again for all that ERI has done for us.

You are an integral part of our participation in the 23rd 4L Trophy, and that's something we will carry with us forever.

Louis & Aymeric