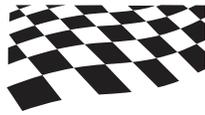


Drive for Deirdre



PEKING TO PARIS 2019



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Drive for Deirdre Campaign Progress

As we near departure time, we are extremely pleased to report that we have reached about 75% of our fund-raising goal of \$50,000. We would like to thank all our donors and while we are reluctant to single anyone out, we do acknowledge the support of the South Island Branch of the Old English Car Club of BC. We have been members of the OECC for many years and were delighted when the club chose to make the Arthritis Society its charitable cause for 2019.

For those who would like to make a donation to the Arthritis Society it can be done at:

<http://arthritis.ca/hostyourown/DriveForDeirdre>

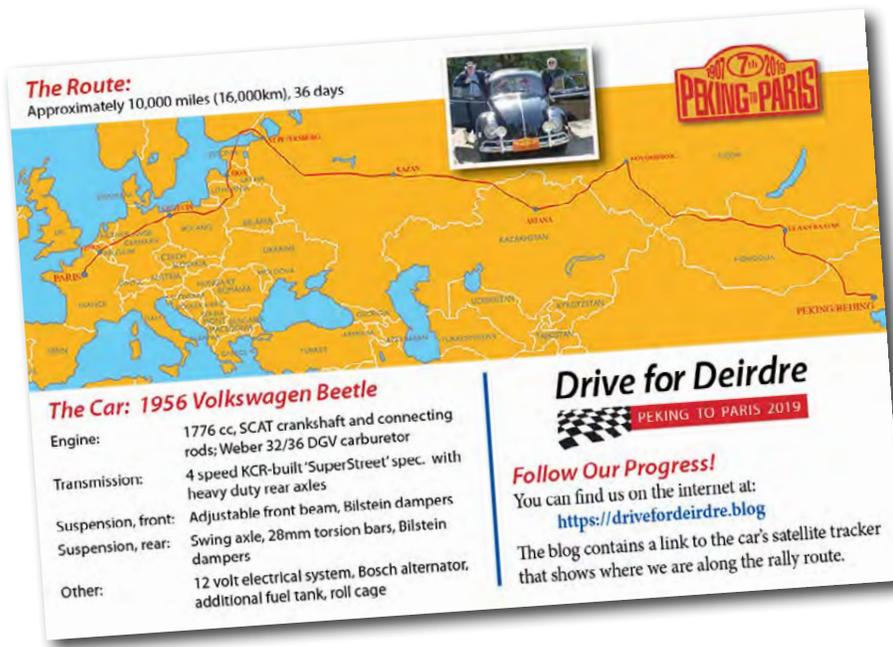
Thank You!

We have not sought commercial support or sponsorship in connection with our entry in the 2019 Peking to Paris Motor Challenge. But several individuals have offered assistance in a variety of ways. We would like to thank the Brammer family and especially Shelly for the contribution of T-shirts and screen printing the Drive for Deirdre logo on a variety of garments. Another car club member, Valerie, has donated her handmade necklaces to give out along the way.

And a last word of thanks to Pete and the crew at Island Graphics for printing the postcards we will provide to those interested in the car and the Drive for Deirdre campaign as we journey from Beijing to Paris.

Car Number 42
1956 Volkswagen Beetle
This car has been entered by Canadians John and Chris Beresford from Victoria, British Columbia.
The 2019 Peking to Paris Motor Challenge is our first rally of this magnitude. While we hope to be competitive, the goal is to reach Paris and have fun along the way! Follow us at: <https://drivefordeirdre.blog>
We are supporting a charity, The Arthritis Society, which helps people of all ages who suffer from this debilitating disease. Patient care is one of the Society's priorities, while research into the causes and treatment of the disease is another. Your donation will help the Arthritis Society meet its goals. More information can be found at: <https://arthritis.ca>
To make a donation, please visit: <http://arthritis.ca/hostyourown/DriveForDeirdre>

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Last Minute Preparations

We are now in possession of Chinese and Russian visas (the only ones we require). Vaccinations have been completed and hotel reservations made for the extra days in Beijing before the rally begins and for a few days after its conclusion in Paris. We look forward to meeting family and friends upon our arrival there.

A few items of clothing remain to be packed and then we will be done.

In China

On our arrival in Beijing on May 29 we will have some time to purchase a few car maintenance items that could not be shipped with the VW, such as brake cleaner and aerosol lubricants. On Thursday we will be required to attend a police briefing on Chinese traffic rules. On Friday, May 31 the car can be collected from the storage warehouse and on Saturday, scrutineering will take place. Early on Sunday morning we will begin the rally at the official start location at the Great Wall. Car No. 1 will leave at 7:31am and Car No. 42 will depart 42 minutes later!

Follow Us Along the Way

We have created a Blog, accessible at:

<https://drivefordeirdre.blog>

We will update the Blog whenever possible. Within the Blog, there will be a link to the tracking device in the VW, so you will be able to see where we are at any time during the rally. The link will become live when we are reunited with the car in Beijing.

The Endurance Rally Association will also be providing daily updates throughout the event. Log on to:

www.endurorally.com/events/the-7th-pekings-to-paris-motor-challenge/

When the rally begins there will be a link on that page for daily updates.

Thank you to all who have provided us with advice and encouragement as we prepared for this 'once in a lifetime' event. Special thanks to those who are planning to greet us on our arrival in Paris.

We will be in touch along the way!

John & Chris Beresford
Drive for Deirdre Car No. 42