24 hours of racing on a british island!

It is in the green part of Wales that have raced this year - August 30th & 31th - 24H 2 CV organized by the Classic 2 CV Racing Club. After eleven years at Snetterton, the racing 2 CV to British Standards came tease the bitumen from the Anglesey circuit on the island of the same name.

The 24H UK 2 CV race has existed since 1990, when took place the first edition in Mondello Park, Ireland. Less known than his Belgian counterpart that runs on the famous Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, it has kept its “deuchiste” soul, effectively limiting the technical development of twins. After 13 exciting years near Dublin, it’s at Snetterton, northeast of London, 24 hours were held from 2003 to 2013, always in a friendly spirit and fair play.

The year 2014 thus marks the installation of the endurance race at Anglesey, and that's saying that the drivers and their teams have enjoyed the site. Indeed, the “Coastal Drive” configuration of 2.5 km (1.55m) was chosen includes, among others, the shift said “Corkscrew”, spectacular downhill switchbacks. In addition, the two surrounding grassed straight lines allowed the 300 2 CV came to the National Meeting” to camp in peace.

Time trials took place on Friday, day and night, it is late in the morning of Saturday the “Deuche parade” participating in the meeting was held. The 2CV, Dyane and vans, but Ami 6, 8 and Mehari, could turn on the steep and pleasant circuit : if slightly bend statement “The Banking” promises epic battles, the following ""’Church” appears to be a nod to the notorious “La Chapelle” at Le Mans. The western part of track is broken into a series of technical turns on the upper part of the site, offering viewers a perfect view of the race in total security, all along the Irish Sea.

At 13 hours on the dot, the start is given, a flying start as is tradition in the UK. While the rain has made tentative forays Friday, dry weather accompanies the small Citroen cars throughout the race, much to the delight of drivers and photographers.

The 20 “UK Class” 2 CV are accompanied to the double clock by 7 twins “Euro”, that is to say, Improved, Protos and Hybrid that can be observed in the Belgian championship. Three “Mini Grande” are also in the game, the performance almost equivalent to UK class, which does not devalue the race.

Third on the grid, the #65 “Euro Class” GT Racing Team BNLL takes the overall lead just before the first hour and never leave until the checkered flag. In “Mini Class”, the Slarky Malarky team #15 will make a run at the top of their class. As for the “UK Class” twenty 2 CV will engage an epic battle and always correct, the lead changes taking place at multiple times during the night between teams Sealion (#97), Porky Boys (#43) and Happy Days (#90).

It is the dawn that Stinky team (#11) will have their efforts rewarded his 2 CV seeing access to third place in the morning, a few laps behind the #97 and #43 holding them in a few seconds. Unfortunately for Porky Boys, an incident on their fan will stop them equivalent time of two laps, an advance that the Sealion team will manage unabated until the finish.

At the end of the race, the 2CV are guided by the marshals to the “Parc Fermé”, which gives opportunities for control from the direction of the race, event of a claim. But sportsmanship that prevailed throughout the 24 hours, the general atmosphere and good weather finally make radiant good humor and smiles are unanimous around the podium for the presentation of the cups.

Participating teams as occasional or regular spectators, everyone left happy this weekend in a place totally adapted to the beautiful endurance race that are 24H 2 CV. The work of the Classic 2CV Racing Club like the 2CV GB, organizer of the 36th National Meeting has been effective, may they be warmly thanked and... see you next year !