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Appearance for two of the stars of DTM history: Between 17 and 19 July 2015 Roland Asch will be driving the Mercedes-Benz works racing car 190 E 2.5-16 Evolution II when he enters the Youngtimer Trophy in Spa, Belgium. 25 years ago the car, christened EVO II for short, celebrated its premiere in the then DTM. The touring car based on the W 201 quickly established itself as a superb DTM vehicle and clocked up no less than 25 wins. Mercedes-Benz Brand Ambassador Roland Asch is recalling this glittering era at the wheel of the 190 E 2.5-16 EVO II, fitted by Mercedes-Benz Classic as a works racing car, at the Spa Youngtimer Festival.
At the Spa Youngtimer Festival from 17 to 19 July 2015 on the legendary Belgian race track Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Mercedes-Benz Classic is continuing its commitment to historic motorsport. The former DTM racing driver and Mercedes-Benz Brand Ambassador Roland Asch is lining up on the starting grid in Spa with the Mercedes-Benz 190 E 2.5-16 Evolution II works racing car in the Youngtimer Trophy race.
The Spa Youngtimer Festival is being held for the first time this year. It evolved from the Spa Race Festival and offers the young classics among the competing vehicles a spectacular backdrop. On 17 July (Friday) the Youngtimer Festival will begin with qualifiers. Qualifying for the two Youngtimer Trophy races takes place on this day between 4.55 p.m. and 5.20 p.m. (1st qualifying) and on 18 July (Saturday) between 1.15 p.m. and 2.05 p.m. (2nd qualifying). The one-hour race starts at 11.20 a.m. on 19 July (Sunday).
Shining star in the DTM firmament of the 1990s
In 2013 Mercedes-Benz Classic fitted the 190 E 2.5-16 Evolution II racing touring car specifically for use in historic motorsport, and it is the ideal ambassador from the first DTM era. The highlight of its age was the triple Mercedes-Benz victory with the EVO II in the 1992 DTM season. Today the EVO II is delighting the fans by entering the Youngtimer Trophy as a Mercedes-Benz Classic works racing car.
"With our commitment to historic motorsport we are cultivating the unique racing legacy of our brand" says Michael Bock, Head of Mercedes-Benz Classic and Customer Centre. "Roland Asch, two-times DTM Runner-Up for Mercedes-Benz, at the wheel of our 190 E 2.5-16 Evolution II works racing car fitted with great authenticity - this duo is bringing a spectacular epoch in DTM history back to the track at the Spa Youngtimer Festival."
Participants in the Youngtimer Trophy include vehicles dating from 1966 to 1991 which comply with Appendix J to the International Sporting Code of the FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile), as well as with the homologation standards of their respective eras. This ensures maximum authenticity and a full-blown historic motor racing experience.
The 190 E 2.5-16 Evolution II from Mercedes-Benz Classic is taking part in Class 56 of Division 10 of the Youngtimer Trophy for vehicles based on the Group A technical standard which held a valid FIA homologation during the period from 1989 to 1991.
The fourth race of the Youngtimer Trophy this season is being held as part of the Spa Youngtimer Festival. For the Mercedes-Benz Classic works racing car it is the second appearance at the natural race track in the Belgian Ardennes after the 2014 Spa Race Festival.
The Mercedes-Benz Classic vehicle at the Spa Youngtimer Festival. Mercedes-Benz 190 E 2.5-16 Evolution II, Group A (W 201, 1990)
Work on the second development stage of a DTM racing car based on the compact-class W 201 started in August 1989. The vehicles were developed by the in-house Mercedes-Benz sport technology (st) department. The racing touring car was created on the basis of the EVO II built in a small series, which was further optimised for use in racing. It acquired body components such as the bonnet, boot lid and spoiler made of extremely light and resilient plastic. At the same time, thanks to some tweaking by the engineers at AMG, the output of the engine grew from 173 kW (235 hp) to 274 kW (373 hp). The 190 E 2.5-16 Evolution II made its racing debut on 16 June 1990 on the Nordschleife of the Nürburgring.
Technical data - Mercedes-Benz 190 E 2.5-16 Evolution II, Group A (W 201)
Production period: 1990
Cylinders: 4
Displacement: 2490 cubic centimetres (series 2463 cubic centimetres)
Output: 274 kW (373 hp) at 7200 rpm (series version: 173 kW/235 hp)
Top speed: approx 300 km/h (series version: approx. 250 km/h)
The Mercedes-Benz Brand Ambassador at the Spa Youngtimer Festival: Roland Asch
Born on 12 October 1950 in Altingen
Trained as a master automotive mechanic, Roland Asch began his motor racing career as a hobby but achieved victories like a true professional: after winning the German Hill-Racing Championship in 1981 and the German Motor Racing Trophy in 1983, he made his debut in the German Touring Car Championship (DTM) in 1985. He became Runner-Up in 1988 in his own Mercedes-Benz 190 E 2.3-16. In the late 1980s he won the overall rankings in the Porsche 944 Turbo Cup three times, and in 1991 took the championship title in the Porsche Carrera Cup. In the early 1990s he achieved a total of five wins and various good placings in the DTM for Mercedes-Benz. In 1993 he became DTM Runner-Up for the second time, and in 1995 moved to Ford in the Super Touring Car Cup. As a Brand Ambassador Roland Asch enjoys close links with Mercedes-Benz to this day and from time to time he can be seen at events when he takes the wheel of important racing cars from the Mercedes-Benz Classic collection.
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