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Monarch announcement for summer season

HUGE DEMAND PROMPTS EXTRA GIB FLIGHTS TO UK

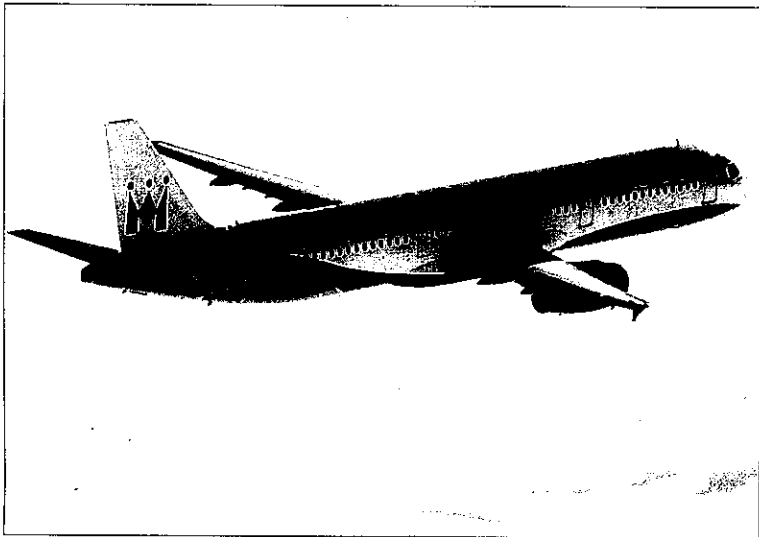
** New air terminal "significant factor" in expansion, says airline*

Monarch airlines yesterday announced increased flights from Gibraltar to London Luton and Manchester. There will be a total of 16 flights a week from Gibraltar to UK this summer.

In a statement to the Chronicle, Managing Director of Monarch Airlines Kevin George said the new terminal at Gibraltar, due to open in summer, "has been a significant factor in encouraging us to expand our operations from Gibraltar."

Monarch yesterday issued the following statement: "Due to soaring demand from customers, leading leisure airline Monarch is adding thousands of extra seats from Gibraltar to London Luton and Manchester this summer."

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POLICE CLAMP DOWN ON ILLEGAL TOBACCO ACTIVITY: RG Police yesterday executed search warrants under the Tobacco Act at Laguna Estate and other locations and seized 340 boxes of tobacco valued at approximately £300,000. Few details were available as this edition went to press but people in the area said plainclothes policemen filled at least four large vans with cases of cigarettes. A police spokesman said he was unable to comment because the operation was still in progress. It is understood that the operation focuses on illicit tobacco activity and breaches of the retail licence. Police are pictured above during the operation yesterday.

FIRST ZERO EMISSIONS RACE INCLUDES GIB IN WORLD TOUR

By Alice Mascarenhas

Mayor Tony Lombard yesterday welcomed members of the first zero emissions race of electric cars around the world. The Zero Race is the world's longest green race. An international race, it set off last August from Geneva where it is scheduled to end on February 24 with the three 100% electric cars running on renewable energy. The race began with four cars but is now down to three and had up to yesterday travelled some 26,000 kilometres across 16 countries. The cars are from Switzerland, Australia, Germany and South Korea. Yesterday they met outside the City Hall with the Mayor who made his own interest in the project known. And of course he was unable to resist trying out one of the vehicles. On a tight schedule the two cars arrived just after 9am escorted by a police motorcycle.

After a quick series of photographs in front of the City Hall and Parliament, the cars set off again in order to complete their journey on time and adhering to their tight schedule.

The idea of the project is to raise awareness about electric vehicles running on renewable energy.

They want to show the world that electric cars are reliable and efficient and that you can



Pic: Johnny Bugeja

Mayor Tony Lombard at the wheel, looking more like a Formula 1 driver.

go around the world in 80 days in them, and make it on time. Yesterday was day 74. That is the number of days that the vehicles have so far spent on the road. Each team had to produce renewable energy at home before the world tour, up to two megawatts of renewable energy.

"We are still on schedule, and we want to show the world that we can do this. We have come from Morocco in Rabat, then Gibraltar and now go off to Malaga and continue north up to France, and then on to Switzerland," said Juliana Priskin, the project's Sustainability Manager.

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THE SLOW ROAD TO PARLIAMENTARY REFORM (See page 2)

GIB to GB new route

Flights to London Gatwick

from **£26.99** single inc. taxes

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The team is expected to arrive at the United Nations Palace in Geneva on the 24 February. By the time the team gets to its destination they would have completed some 18 countries.

On average the team has done some 500 kilometres a day. Louis Palmer was the first man to go around the world in 2008 in a self-made solar powered car – Solartaxi, he is the co-director of this initiative. He drove some 50,000 kilometres around the world in over a year and a half – the first man to circumnavigate the planet in this type of vehicle.

It was his enthusiasm which gave birth to this race having met and inspired many people throughout his own trip. In fact all the people involved in this race he met during his own race – the Solartaxi tour. It took him 534 days to complete his circumnavigation and spread his message that renewable energies are reliable, affordable and ecologically responsible! This year he wanted to challenge the world to a race

via the Zero Emissions Race. The Zero Race also aims to make zero emission energy solutions accessible to a worldwide audience.

Louis Palmer said his own project around the world was a fantastic experience which showed that the whole world was interested in chance.

“Everyone I met wants to have this change. That is what has motivated me to keep on organising such events,” he said.

The Swiss team made up of Tobias Wulser and Frank Loaker said that the experience in these vehicles was like flying half a metre above the ground in comfort.

“They are really comfortable.”

The Team Trev has come all the way from Australia, and is made up of Cheristine Haydon and Alexandra Jones.

“We want to show the world that we can drive 30,000 kilometres around the world in an electric vehicle. We should all be driving them to and from the shops, and embracing a new opportunity to respect our planet,” they commented.



The team from Switzerland and Australia, and support team, co-ordinator Louis Palmer who was the first person to circumnavigate the world in a solar-powered vehicle, and Sustainability Manager Juliana Priskin, pictured in front of the City Hall with Mayor Tony Lombard.

Meanwhile Louis Palmer, obviously pleased with the way this second project had gone so far said he wanted to do this every year and continue to promote the idea of sustainable mobility. “My own experience was fantastic. Everyone was interested in what I was doing when I carried out my own project. I now want to carry on.”

More details are available at www.zero-race.com



Mayor Tony Lombard could not resist a picture inside the car with the Australian Tram Trev, Christine Haydon and Alexandra Jones.

ROCK AND A HARD PLACE



CELEBRATING FOUNDER'S DAY AND THINKING DAY

The annual Founder's Day/Thinking Day Celebrations takes place today with a parade by the Scouts and Guides at 10.30am from Casemates. The Scouts and Guides, together with Scouts and Guides throughout the world, will be parading and holding their "Scouts' and Guides' Own Service" today marking the births of both Lord Robert Baden-Powell and his wife Olave. The parade will depart from Casemates Square at 10.30am on and parade up to The Cathedral of The Holy Trinity where the service will be held.

First race of electric cars around the world



His Worship the Mayor meeting members of the 1st race of electric cars around the world, the ZERO RACE.

