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At the end of the European season 2005, Contrast Events invited to the first Off Road meeting beside the World Championship Rallye Catalunya in Spain. In all the years before it was the On Road event in Lloret de Mar, now changed to Salou, near Tarragona, south of Barcelona. The city of Salou is larger than Lloret, there is more space for the organisation of the whole Rally event. Like before, together with the stands selling Race wear, there is the track. Because there was not the space and a big step at the left in the track area it was decided to change to the Off Road. Also some palm trees gave problems to build up the drivers stand (not allowed to cut them away). But the whole weather average is much better here at this place, so very nice sunny weather here, a wonderful sand beach and all the restaurants (Sangria shops) full like in the high season in summer time and this at the end of October, the weekend of 29th/30th.



Underneath shown is the track, right hand is the sea with the beach, shown above (right hand after the 5th palm tree is the track). This was done by gravel at first to the granite stone floor plates, than sand as surface, like a real sand road is done. All in all 27 truck loads of material. The layout is similar to the old On Road track, like it was in Lloret last year. Than the whole thing real watered in and pressed to get a real good floor for the model cars. Sorry that the large Scale cars have to much torque and power, so this lot of work was destroyed in a short time and it gave a awful lot of work for the organisation to restore the track as often as possible. I was told that for the next race in spring 2006 the organisation is searching to get a better surface like a special grass carpet, supposed by the Belgian drivers. But this was the only point for criticism.



All the area was fenced and guarded, above is the drivers area with the tables, behind this area are the restaurants offering Sangria or other drinks and different food, including a

view to the beach or the track. Round the corner is the shopping road to get the bathing cloths if there is a need. It is the ground floor of the big apartment house you face at the picture of the track above.



The race director was Miquel Vives, well known from the Euros and the Worlds, his club from Igualada made the organisation, time keeping and the tech inspection. Two containers at the entrance of the track area are used for these organisation things, so it was done absolutely perfect.

Like always at this kind of events the spectators come by thousands, hanging around the track all the time and in the moment one car give noise, the whole spectators area was overfilled. It was funny to see the heads in move, as they got a sand shower, I was told that the sand (and stones) was detected in the ladys bra's, not only on the cloths, also in the cloths. To say, it was "bzz" fun, big fun "bzz, bzz".



The event began at Wednesday and Thursday with free practice and the first heat, at Friday evening was done a race of the day, it began at 9:00 p.m., see the picture of the track underneath, it was real fun and the spectators applauded after every run.



At Saturday the following heats, than in the evening the 1/4 B and A in the dark, everything was finished at 10:00 p.m. Than at Sunday morning it began at 9:00 am, the 1/2 final A and B, than the drivers presentation and at 11:30 am the start to the final to be finished in time to give the chance to the spectators to see the winners of the real big Rallye Catalunya.



The end !
but the next event there is at the weekend of March 25th./26th 2006, hope to meet you there.