

DISCOURS DE CLOTURE.

When I undertook the organization of the 5th RENAULT 16 outing, I knew that I would mobilize 3 sorts of persons.

There are those who would follow anybody and do anything, from the moment they hear the magic word RENAULT 16. You know, the kind of person who sends money before knowing the price of the participation. And they are some among you. To those who have recognized themselves, I say thank you for your enthusiasm and your positive energy. Do keep on spreading joy and good mood around you, be it talking about cars (with a big C) or anything else. You are good persons and people around you are lucky and need you.

Then they are those who trust the first ones and think: "What happened in Alsace in 2010 looked great. This meeting which drained 125 cars to a same place on the same day... We saw the MUST R 16 website, the photos, the report... We heard the friends who were there, talk about it. And let them convince us, sometimes with difficulty, but we came and here we are. To those who have recognized themselves, I say thank you for trusting the enthusiasts who managed to persuade you. If you have people like that in your circle of friends, keep them preciously. They've just given you another proof to show you how important you are to them. They would not have risked it if they had not been convinced themselves.

And finally, they are those who endure the event. Those persons who have to follow their spouse's passion, despite themselves. Those persons, who whatever take place, will have a bad time, just because they did not choose to be here. And they are some among you. To those who have recognized themselves goes my deepest gratitude. Thank you for putting up with the exuberance caused by a passion which leaves you cold or rather indifferent. You deserve a lot of credit for being among us because you certainly had a lot of concessions or sacrifices to make.

I believe that building a life together can become a daily challenge. Vibrating for a passion that is not shared may jeopardize to harmony in a couple. My message is not more addressed to the ladies than to the men, even if the car is said to be a man's think. In fact, one only needs to see the eagerness of some of the ladies to be certain of the contrary.

To close this week-end, I have chosen to pay tribute to the wives, those who often follow their husbands in their wild imaginings, those who do not put any obstacles to the realization of their passions, even if they often have to make sacrifices.

And I'm going to start with min, if you allow me.

(Derrière le pupitre de la sonorisation, Benoît enclenche la musique du générique de fin. Il se saisit d'un grand seau contenant des dizaines de roses emballées individuellement. Avec Christophe qui s'est proposé en aide, ils distribuent ensemble ces cadeaux. L'émotion atteint son paroxysme, quelques yeux se noient. La balade « When I'm sixty four » amplifie davantage cette atmosphère d'une rare intensité.)