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Rafael's Electrifying North American Journey

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USA and Canada Promotional Tour - A Short Overview and Future Plans

Rafael de Mestre and his 80edays project are once again making automotive history. On July 4, 2023, he embarked on a promotional tour to meet potential partners and supporters who would help organize the next edition of 80edays.

From the bustling streets of New York City to the serene landscapes of Oregon, Rafael's Roadster has been making waves, sparking conversations, and connecting with Tesla enthusiasts all along the way.

Thanks to our partners and friends, Gruber Motor Company, the electric vehicle was restored and brought back to life after a battery change at their Tesla Service Center. They were given the challenging task of making the ten-year-old electric vehicle fresh, technologically advanced, and capable of long-distance travel.

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A glimpse into the incredible events and destinations Rafael has visited so far

First, Rafael visited Arizona, where he reunited with his restored Roadster at the Gruber Motor factory on June 26, 2023. From there, he drove the electric vehicle to Miami and participated in the Independence Day Parade.

After the parade, Rafael drove over Orlando to Washington DC and stopped in Moorestown, NJ. Special thanks to Vivianna Van Deerlin, President of the Tesla Owners Club (TOC) of Delaware Valley, for hosting Rafael and organizing an event with the club members.

Next stop: New York City and West Lebanon, NH

After a quick photo session in New York City, Rafael drove to New Lebanon to meet his first Patron (please #SupportRafael here). Due to the extremely late hour of his arrival and the subsequent search for available hotels, he slept at his Patron's place. Thanks, Ted, for hosting Rafael!

Meeting with Henry Sharp

Henry Sharp was the only person in the US who could make a J1772 Roadster adapter. But when he didn't respond to phone calls and messages, Rafael came knocking on his door. Even though he is retired, he agreed to help Rafael. The adapter was produced in two weeks, and now Rafael will be able to charge faster. Thank you, Henry!

Trip across Canada

Lesson learned: Romanian cars can't be insured in Canada. To reach Canada and meet with the Tesla Owners Ontario in Toronto and Ottawa, Rafael rented a Tesla Model 3. Special thanks to John Dixon for coordinating this meeting!

He visited the Niagara Falls. This will be one of the stops of the 80edays trip in 2024. The largest waterfall with an incredible view! A hotel, restaurants and electric car charging stations are nearby. This will be one of the most spectacular stops on your trip.

Tesla Owners Club of New England Meetup

Driving to the West Coast

Rafael drove from the East Coast to the West Coast in 8 days. The drive from Massachusetts to Arizona was particularly challenging due to sleep deprivation, overheating of the phone, charge slow down in the heat of the day and a flat tire 50 miles before reaching the event location.

All these efforts were made to reach the Tesla Takeover event on July 27th and 28th. Special thanks to Kelvin Gee for the invitation and the entire TOC Silicon Valley team for organizing this monumental event.

Events on the West Coast

Rafael joined a lot of wonderful people along the West Coast including the following events:

- Thrilling participation in the Tesla Takeover 2023 event;

- Hybrid event with the Tesla Owners Club San Diego and EV Association (local chapter);

- Visit to Tesla facilities in Lathrop and a Roadster meetup with a fun drive to the beach;

- Meeting with Tesla Owners Oregon and Washington and a rendezvous with Ras Nielsen, an official 2024 80edays participant.

Warm thanks to everyone who was involved in coordinating the meetings with Rafael. We hope to see you again next year as well!

What's next?

The 80edays team is currently negotiating with the car transport company that will ship the Roadster overseas to Hong Kong. The transport is scheduled to take 20 days. After that, Rafael's journey will continue through China, Kazakhstan, Europe, and finally reach its final destination in Casablanca, Morocco. Rafael is scheduled to begin his journey in China on October 3 and 4, and will arrive in Kazakhstan in two weeks.

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You can play a crucial role in making this journey a resounding success! #SupportRafael on Patreon, and help continue this promotional tour. Every contribution counts!

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We invite you to join us!

More information about the rally and the participants can be found on the official website: https://80edays.com/24/route/tree-route/

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Short note:

#80edays — is a mission that breaks boundaries! We are proving that electric vehicle technology is poised to become the first choice for drivers because it is environmentally sustainable and has a well-developed infrastructure. The mission of 80edays is to accelerate the transition to sustainable mobility. It is

the largest rally of 100% electric vehicles in the world. Participants in the world race prove that electric vehicles have already become the choice of drivers. It is a conscious transition to quiet, clean and sustainable energy. The world electric car race is held every 4 years across three continents. In 2012 and 2016 participants crossed more than 20 countries, and covered more than 28 thousand kilometers in electric vehicles. Any team from any country in the world can represent its nation by taking part in a production electric car.

Tree route — in collaboration with Myclimate, the official eco-partner of 80edays, trees were planted along the route of the race in 2016, which today determines the route. The Myclimate project seeks to restore forests and offset carbon emissions. The 80edays project, which promotes clean air, is well complemented by the goals of our partner, and provides a joint opportunity to raise public awareness on environmental issues. Together, we highlight the critical social and climate issues arising from increased pollution and rapid deforestation. 80edays planted 10.000 trees to compensate for the CO2 footprint of 80edays.

Rafael de Mestre — is an ambassador of electric mobility and founder of the Eco Grand Prix SRL, the organizer of ecoGP, the 24h electric car races, winner of the first round-the-world race in 2012 and awarded by the Energy Globe Award Romania. He holds the record for solo trip around the world in a standard electric car, the fastest round-the-world trip in an electric car (80 days) together with the teams of 2016's 80edays Elduro and won several EV rallies in Europe.(Wikipedia)

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