

MARZIO KRAVOS DRIVER



Marzio is a motor garage owner in Nairobi and also a former leading national navigator-now-turned driver. Marzio Kravos was sponsored in the 2007 event by the Italian restaurant, Osteria Del Chianti, in Nairobi.

Kravos was one of the leading Kenya National Rally Championship navigators during the early 80's when he partnered the late Greg Criticos in a Lancia Rallye 037. The car was regarded as among the most powerful machines to ever grace the local scene.

Though they won many rounds of the KNRC over a span of two years starting in 1985, they missed out on the overall title in 1986 after losing by a single point to the late Johnny Hellier in a similar car.

The Zimbabwe Rally victory in 1986 was among the major achievements for the crew outside Kenya.

Marzio was also very lucky to recover from a serious accident in the Ivory Coast while driving a chase car for the Nissan team driven by Jim Heather-Hayes.

RENZO BERNARDI CO-DRIVER



Renzo, a Nairobi based businessman is a keen motorsportsman in Kenya. He is an all rounder driving a buggy in the Autocross series and his son Davide is both a Motocross and Karting champion. Both his daughters, Martina and Nikita are also keen Autocross drivers.

Renzo co-drove Marzio Kravos in the all East African Safari Classic Rallies since the first one and always in a Mercedes make. In 2003 finished 26th overall they finished in 18th place overall in 2005 after they were forced to repair the engine in the Mercedes 450SLC while lying in the 10th place. Renzo is also a former Chairman of the Kenya Motor Sports Federation which is the controlling body of motorsport in Kenya.

CAR DETAILS



The massive Mercedes 450 SLC to be used in 2009 is built as a replica of the famous Mercedes driven in the late 70's and early 80's by the Mercedes team from Stuttgart under the prolific Team manager Mr. Waxenberger. This Mercedes is very specially built with suspension and reinforcements like a 'tank' to withstand all that Africa can throw at it.

Being a 'good' Italian Marzio has expressed a desire to drive a Ferrari for the next Classic Safari and this will happen if they can sell the Mercedes.