

BERT DOLK DRIVER (Netherlands)

Bert Dolk's early rally career blossomed when he got a drive with the factory DAF team in 1968 driving their latest model, the DAF 55 with an 1,100cc Renault engine and the famous Variomatic drive. These were not the fastest cars on the rally scene but they handled well and were competitive in their class. Bert finished second in class with one on the 1970 Monte Carlo Rally. He won the Tulip Rally in 1973 and the same year was again second in class on the Monte Carlo. Just as it looked as if his rally career was



going to take off, the "petrol crisis" of 1974 came along, an entry in a Kadett GT/E on the Safari Rally had to be cancelled and the Dutch Opel team shut their doors.

Bert took a long holiday from rallying and concentrated on his business. Then in the early 1990s with a little more time on his hands he took up classic rallying, firstly with a Jaguar XK 150. Gradually an Alfa Romeo Sprint 1600, a Porsche 911 and a Mk 1 Escort were added to his stable. He has been remarkably successful with these and has won many times. He has just finished the 2007 East African Safari Classic Rally in his Volvo 122S with Peter Van Egmond and is returning to the 2009 Classic Safari to take up the challenge again!

PETER VAN EGMOND CO-DRIVER



Peter has a vast experience as a navigator. He returns to the 2009 Event with Bert, more experience and a perfect combination of the young and old!



Ford Escort

Car Details

Bert drove in a Volvo 122S in the 2007 KQ East African Safari Classic Rally event. He has however indicated that he will be driving a Ford Escort in the 2009 Event prepared by John O'Connor. This car model has proved popular in the classic rally event and with O'Connor's experience might be very competitive.