

GERARD MARCY DRIVER (Belgium)



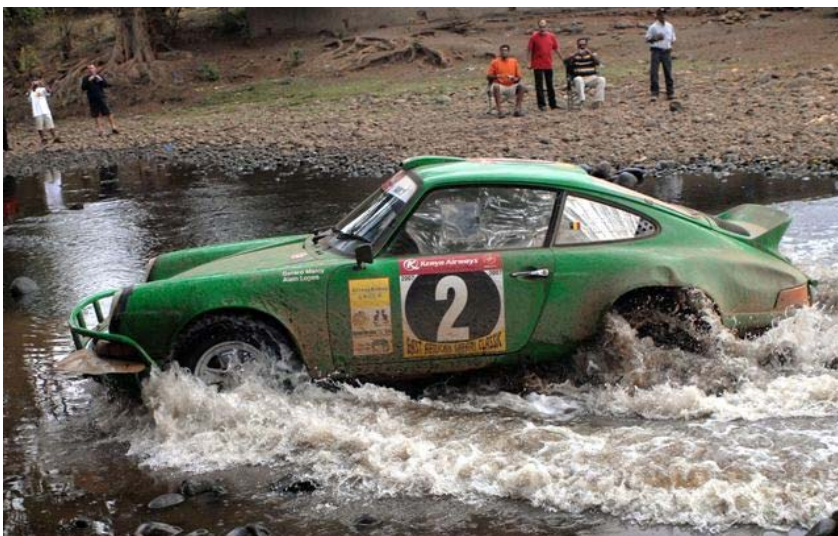
Gérard Marcy, a former Lada factory driver and teammate to Jacky Ickx and Pierre Lartigue in the 1980s, will be using years of cross country rally experience to stand him in good stead for the 2009 Kenya Airways East African Safari Rally. The Belgian has previously competed in East Africa, finishing 4th overall after an action-packed 2007 Classic Safari Rally. Gerard Marcy, managed to set many fastest stage times in the 2007 event. He describes the 9th Day of the rally as follow "Our problem today came out of the blue on an uphill left-hander at not much more than 50 or 60 kph. The car slid a little and I corrected and suddenly it turned sharp right and hit the rock. We tried to drive out of the section but after about 8km we realized that

we were doing too much damage. The service crew came in when they could and found that we had broken the outer control arm joint so that the strut was completely free. They fixed it and we continued and did the last section where we did fastest time, as we had done on the first section. I'm very happy to have finished. This Porsche is fantastic and I've really enjoyed driving it on these roads". Gérard Marcy's experience in the sport spans nearly 20 years and the Belgian has contested no fewer than nine Paris-Dakar rallies, his highest finish being an impressive sixth overall and first privateer in a Range Rover in 1985. He has also contested a number of rounds of the Baja Trophy and FIA World Cup for Cross Country Rallies and won the Rally of Egypt outright in 1999.

"It will be great to be off-road racing again at the steering wheel of a competitive car," commented Gérard. "I still want to participate at one more Paris Dakar; The Safari is a good opportunity to have the same kind of fun and racing."

"One thing we are not afraid of is the length of the stages, because an average Paris-Dakar stage is between 400-600 kilometres flat-out," commented Dan. "We are pure amateurs, but we are both really enthusiastic about this format of historic rallying; just like a Dakar but with pre-1971 two-wheel drive cars. It looks great and we really cannot wait..."

Co-Driver (To be advised soon)



Car Details

The Porsche 911 seems to be the popular choice in the 2009 Event. Gerard returns to this event in his Porsche, having driven the car to a thrilling 4th. Overall position. In the 2007 K.Q East African Safari Classic Rally. This car is prepared by the Tuthill Porsche and is powered by a 3 litre engine fueled by 4 down draft carburettors. The suspension is special Donier shock absorbers from France similar to those used by the Citroen WRC car. Porsche was never as successful when they came to the Safari in 1973 and 1974 as a works team. Weak components from those times are now fabricated in special steels like drive shafts