



Ken Wharton

Here's an amusing anecdote taken from Classic and Sports car, April, 1995 about the late Ken Wharton.

But first, about the man himself. New Zealand born Ken was a well-known British racing, rally and trails driver in the fifties, participating in fifteen World Champion Grands Prix.

Some of his most notable achievements: He and Peter Whitehead won the Reims 12 hour race in a D-Type Jaguar, and three Tulip Rallies driving for Ford.

To this day he remains the only driver to have won four successive British Hill Climb Championships.

Ken was fatally injured when his Ferrari Monza crashed in a 1957 sports car race at the Ardmore circuit in New Zealand at age 40.

Anyway, during one event he went off the road and over a cliff. When he eventually came to halt, he clamoured out of the wreck only to find that his car was balancing delicately on the roof of a Citroen beneath.

Ken called out to find out if the driver was okay. The driver said he was fine but was worried about the occupants of the Renault beneath him!
