

DRIVING AMBITION

AN ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

A unique insight of how businessman and motoring novice Barry Weir drove into the world record books at the wheel of his wife's 1954 Aston Martin DB2/4

He became the first person to drive an historic sports car around the world in 80 days...a new world record.

Crossing four continents and driving through 22 countries, it was the longest ever rally in the history of the car and the first ever timed circumnavigation of the globe for a magnificent collection of 40 classic, historic and vintage cars.

The story begins almost two years before the rally itself when Barry bought the car for his wife at auction. But just a couple of weeks later after hearing about the rally he casually asked permission to "borrow" it.

Driving Ambition is an inspirational account of what it is like to prepare for and take part in such an event - the frustrations, the personal, mechanical and driving challenges and the sheer joy of arriving home after 80 days on the road.



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34,500 KM
22 COUNTRIES
CROSSING 4 CONTINENTS
IN A 1954 ASTON MARTIN DB 2/4 MK1

Foreword by Sir Stirling Moss

BARRY WEIR



Barry Weir (50) spent the first seven years of his life in Accra, Ghana, where his father was Chief Superintendent in the Colonial Police Force, before moving to England in 1957 to start his education.

He left school at 16 without any qualifications and took up an apprenticeship with the Gas Board, before starting a small hotel, which he sold in 1979. Subsequently, he restored a Grade I castle in Scotland and now runs a successful property business in the South of England.

Barry and Roma married in 1971 and have three daughters Donna, Charlotte and Helena.

Barry's passion for sports cars began when his family gave him a Mercedes SL for his 40th birthday, and really took hold with his 45th birthday present, an Aston Martin DB7. He has since become the first person to race a DB7 in a track event anywhere in the world.