

NAME: Rod Birley

RACE NUMBER: 44

Manufacturer and model: Ford Escort WRC

Colour: Black

Number of cylinders: 4

Cubic capacity: 2000T

Engine power in bhp: 500

Does your engine have forced induction? Yes

Date of manufacture: Put together in 1999

Is the car a replica or space frame silhouette? No

Your Team: Joe Stevens and Barry Reynolds

Sponsors you would like to mention: Cannons Motorspares and Accessories, Truck Align and Hart Power

Have you raced with us before: Yes every season

If yes, have you raced with the Super Saloons, Tin Tops or the Intermarques? Raced all three categories but only once in the Intermarque



ABOUT YOU

What is your day job? Director, Birley Engineering Supplies

Other hobbies or interests? Ice hockey

What are the circuits or events which really get you excited? Brands Hatch GP and Nurburgring

What other race cars have you had? Lots, started with a Hillman Imp and progressed through various Fords (Capris, Escorts, Anglia), plus a couple of BMWs

What other series have you raced in? Thundersaloons, modified saloons, production saloons

What is your greatest moment in racing? Finishing fifth out of 220 starters at the Nurburgring. Winning a hot rod race on ITV World of Sport at Northampton stadium

What is your worst moment in racing? Crashing at Brands Hatch on 5th November 2017 due to another driver

What is your greatest achievement in racing? Winning a European group N race at Brands Hatch on 26th May 1997. It was against the odds as BMW had been winning all the races for the previous three seasons