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Derek Bell MBE to be reunited with his 1970 Ferrari 512M at the 74th Goodwood Members' Meeting, 19-20 March



Thanks to the team at Blackbird Automotive in Hong Kong, Derek Bell MBE will return to Goodwood once again for the 74th Members' Meeting, demonstrating the iconic Ferrari 512M Group 5 racer.

The Goodwood Members' Meeting takes place on the weekend of 19-20 March and recreates the atmosphere and camaraderie of the original BARC Race Meetings held at Goodwood throughout the 1950s and 1960s. The event features racing and demonstrations by the finest historic cars of the period as well as more modern machines never previously seen at the Motor Circuit.

Five-times Le Mans winner Derek Bell is delighted to be returning with Blackbird Automotive's #1030 Ferrari 512M - the yellow machine which he first raced during the Spa 1000km in 1970. "The car means a lot to me as it was the first sports car that I ever drove. Hardly anyone remembers my relationship with Ferrari; they all associate me with rivals Porsche, and the Porsche 956 Rothmans and 962 cars that I raced. I will always have a strong fondness for this car, as it's been a major part of my life", said Derek.

The Ferrari 512M began its life as a 512S, one of only 25 cars built to contest the Manufacturers' World Championship in 1970 and 1971. It was the first Sports Car Derek drove in an endurance race at the Spa 1000 Km, entered by the Belgium racing team Ecurie Francorchamps. Derek Bell shared it with Belgian driver Hughes de Fierlant. The car was designed by Giacomo Calari as both a berlinetta and a spider, features a 5.0 litre V12 engine, weighs only 840kg and has a top speed of over 212mph.

Derek Bell started the Spa 1000 Km in 7th place, and finished 8th overall. He then drove another red 512S at Le Mans, but this time it was a works entry with Ronnie Peterson as teammate. He drove again in the yellow #1030 512S in the 9hrs of Kyalami in November with the Ecurie Francorchamps team.

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