

A man with a beard and a blue jacket is leaning on the side of a bright yellow vintage car. The car has a large, round, chrome headlight in the foreground. The background shows a desert landscape with rocky hills under a clear blue sky.

About Peter

Pity the customs official who needs to deal with Peter when he crosses a border by car. His documents can be rather confusing, if not downright suspicious: his car has an Austrian license plate; he holds a Swiss passport, but it shows that his residence is in Hong Kong; as for his driving license, take your pick: two from China, one from the U.S., and several others; and his miniature laminated marriage certificate says that his Malaysian-Chinese wife is Australian.

When he was a lot younger, he raced automobiles in Europe – Formula 2, Formula 3, Formula Super-V and Renault Elf – for four years, on occasion even successfully.

He then entered the ‘dark years’ of his life during which he studied I.T. at M.I.T. and business at INSEAD. Painfully, he heaved himself up to become an associate partner in Accenture’s China practice. Then it was time to move on.

His passion for driving has never left him, however. In 2005, it resulted in a book the BBC Radio called a love letter to the pleasures of being on an open road: *On the Road – Driving Adventures, Pleasures and Discoveries* (See www.ontheroadeditions.com for.)

Having driven over the years a million-plus kilometres on roads in Europe, the U.S. and Asia, and loving every moment of it, he nowadays quenches his thirst for driving by taking to the roads of China. The upshot is www.ontheroadinchina.com, a company through which he offers driving holidays in China and wants to show the world just how beautiful China can be.

In 2007 Peter completed an incredible journey from the mouth to the source of the Yangtze (and on to Lhasa) and then from the source to the mouth of the Yellow River.... in a Caterham (a remake of the original 1950’s Lotus 7). See www.ontheroadinchina/nokiadiscoverchina.

Peter's Motor Racing Career

1980 Formula Super V European & German Championships



"A Star is born? 'A Star is born' is how the saying goes in Hollywood, but in Northampton last Sunday the name

buzzing around the paddock was that of 20-year-old Swiss driver Peter Schindler. Schindler, driving his ... Ralt RT5, smashed seven seconds off the lap record on his way to a devastating 18secs win in the Castrol Europe Cup race...."



1979 European & Austrian Renault Elf Cups



- Overall third in Austrian Cup;
- Competed in six European events (including Monaco, Hockenheim, Zolder) as one of four Austrian representatives;
- Photo at left: in the lead at international event at A1 Ring in Austria.

1981

Formula 3 European & German Championships



- Qualified as only German-speaking racer for the 1980 Monaco F3 race;
- Participated in and won three consecutive German F3 Championship races (Nürburgring, Zolder, and Salzburgring);



"Schindler Advancing The 5th race of the German Formula 3 Championship was marked by the duel between Franz Konrad and Peter Schindler. Already during timed practice they chased each other to repeated lap records; and during the race the two didn't give each other an inch. Konrad, who had a bad start, managed to take the lead briefly, but Schindler retook it with a spectacularly daring braking manoeuvre during which the two cars' wheels almost touched and then didn't relinquish the lead until the chequered flag.." (Motor Sport Aktuell is the most popular German-speaking weekly motor racing magazine.)

Peter's Incredible "Nokia Discover China" Adventure

After two years of preparation, Peter took off on May 9, 2007 to on a 100-day long road trip through China, not in a Land Rover or Porsche Cayenne or a Humvee, but in the granddaughter of a 1950s Lotus, a car made for British race tracks and Sunday morning leisure rides on the smooth-as-a-baby's-bottom country roads of England. Peter's 21,000km journey along China's two great rivers - the Yangtze and the Yellow River - took him from the artificial glitz of Shanghai to the natural splendour of the Tibetan Highlands, and from the terraced rice fields of Longsheng to the plains of Inner Mongolia.

At the end of the journey, Miss Daisy - as Peter's open-top mother of all sports came to be called - was auctioned off at a gala charity event hosted by Yao Ming. Nokia, the title sponsor of the adventure, donated the proceeds to the China Youth Development Foundation.

