

Martin Ingall's sebringsprite.com review of "Lucky John"

I feel privileged to have been asked by **John Sprinzel** to review his soon-to-be-released autobiography, '**Lucky John**'. Anyone who has heard John speak at a motoring function will know how good he is at telling a story, his detailed recollections always delivered with a great sense of fun and humour. His book is no different. Beginning with his boyhood in North London, he then tells of his years in sailing before becoming heavily involved with cars and motorsport. There is a myriad of photos throughout the book, some familiar while many are new to me, and of course a heavy smattering of Sprites among them. Many well-known names and faces appear and I found I was able to place these people and their relationships to each other more accurately than before. There are fascinating chapters on each of the major international rallies – I particularly enjoyed the one about the Liège. While the book's title suggests an element of 'luck' in John's many exploits he has clearly been skilled at steering a very successful path through life, knowing instinctively just when it was time to move on to the next stage. I read his book on PDFs over a weekend being unable to put it down and can't wait to get my hands on a hard copy. Whether you're a fan of 'the man', of Sebring Sprites or of 60's and 70's rallying in general you will certainly enjoy reading it. If "Spritely Years" was on your must-have list then this book surely will be. Well done, John, and thank you.

I noticed a tiny picture of Tom Coulthard appearing "Hitchcocklike" somewhere in the book and I believe it is he who has been responsible for the slightly unusual but most successful layout of the pages.

The book is dedicated to Caryl, John's wife of forty years, and is published by: The Coulthard Press, of Oxford, with design-work by Jonathan Whitehouse-Bird.

Priced at £40.00 (US\$60.00) signed copies will be available after the first of October from the Bugeye Barn or through [luckyjohn@hawaii.rr.com]