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Last October, we sold a Lola continuation T70 Mk. IIIB Coupe to Toni Seiler, a congenial Swiss man, who had previously bought a MK. III T70 Coupe from us that he races in Classic Endurance Racing in Europe.

Toni decided that he would like to come over to the US and take part in the Classic Daytona 24 Hours in November. This seemed like a very tall order to Mac McClendon and his boys, as the car, having been restored, had not been set up or tested at this point; however, Toni brought his own mechanics over, and together with Mac's boys, they performed the herculean task of setup and testing on the Wednesday before the actual 24 Hours began.



When qualifying started, it was immediately obvious that Mac had restored, and the mechanics had set up, a very fast Lola T70. Toni won the first two races going away, as they say, but retired from the next with a loose dry sump oil pump. What a start!

This last weekend, Toni and his crew returned to Florida, this time to take part in two support races for the Sebring 12 Hours. By now the crew were in the groove, so Toni easily won the first 45 minute race held on the Thursday evening and then elected to take part, with more modern machinery, in the second race held on the Friday evening, where he placed an excellent 3rd overall, beaten only by two much more modern cars.

There are plans afoot to take the Lola to Monterey for the reunion race there at Laguna Seca in August. Watch this space!









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