

Crash Murray totalled his car in a race in the Border Counties two years ago

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Send off Gordon Murray with the service crew after his last race











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achieve across his 14-year career.

On his career highlight, he said: "Winning the open championship in 2008, with a Subaru Impreza.

"I was just totally elated about it, I couldn't believe it.

"I had to win a lot of battles to get there.

"Being second last year in the 2WD Championship, that was something special as well.

"We always concentrated on driving in the Scots Rally Championship.

"Scotland's probably one of the biggest countries in Europe for rallying.

"The Scots are very good rally drivers.

"But my dream track to race would be the Monte Carlo.

"It's the first rally of the season for the World Rally Championship. It is probably the most iconic rally stage."

But the journey is now at an end.

Gordon promised his wife that at 65 he would retire and he has duly obliged, selling the Escort to Keith Robathan, with his daughter taking helm of his motorhome hire business too so that he and his wife can spend their retirement touring Europe before returning in April to help his daughter with the family business.

"My last rally was in October, so that's me now retired," he said.

"It has been a lot better than we hoped. I thought when we started it would be d just to enjoy doing a bit of rallying but it got a lot better than that.

"My thrill-seeking days are over.

"We own a motor home hire company in Inveralmond industrial estate and I have taken a back seat from that.

"We have got our own motor home and are touring Europe at the moment.

"We are just playing golf.

"Where the sun is, that's where we will end up, that's the best way to do it.

"I want to thank my family and the Scottish Tourer motor home hire, as they were the main sponsors.

"Also G&M rally services in Inveralmond, they looked after the cars and they did a great job."