



This sequence of images shows the extent of Riley's crash and the selflessness of Abresch for helping extricate his rival

# Riley hails rival for heroic rescue

## Mosler man escapes injury in Assen shunt

By Matt James

**Mosler racer Kevin Riley says he could have been killed if a rival from the Dutch Supercar series hadn't hauled him from his burning car.**

Rick Abresch and Riley, 64, collided during a race at Assen two weeks ago. The winded Riley was motionless in the car, which burst into flames. Abresch pulled

Riley out of the supercar and dragged him to safety.

"What a hero Rick was," said Riley. "I would have been in real trouble without him. I couldn't move. I was winded and my shoulder was dislocated, and I couldn't get out of the car. He reached in and grabbed me, and that saved me from being fried."

Abresch said his actions were instinctive. "I climbed out of my

Corvette and looked around but I couldn't see Kevin anywhere," said the 43-year-old.

"I ran to his car and looked inside, and there he was. I was worried that he was hurt, so I grabbed his arm and pulled him out."

"At the time, I just didn't think about it because it was a natural thing to do. A few days later when you look at photographs,

you realise that it was a pretty brave thing to do. At the time, I just wanted to get my friend out of a bad situation.

"I had a nice present from Kevin this week," added the Rotterdam man. "He sent me a magnum of champagne."

