





Left: AJ Foyt, Mario Andretti, Peter Revson, Al Unser and the rest prepare for a briefing for the California 500 at the Ontario Speedway, 1972. Superfly. Above: Stefan Bellof in pensive mood, Brands Hatch 1983. Below: Carlo Chiti of Alfa Romeo at the Sebring 12 Hours in 1967



PRIVATE VIEW

A 'YOU WERE THERE' SPECIAL

Motor Sport reviewed Gasoline and Magic two months ago. Here's a broader look at some of the photographic bygones within

HIS IS NOT CUSTOMARY *PRIVATE VIEW* fare – and at the very least the title should be pluralised. The accompanying shots were culled from a wide variety of sources, all now part of Swiss archivist Thomas Horat's growing library – more than 70,000 images, at the last count. Horat's objective is to preserve an illustrated record of motor sport for the benefit of future generations.

The story began while Horat was working on a film about Jo Siffert. He met a man who had recently bought a large box of motor racing slides in a garage sale, but had no idea about the content. Horat agreed to catalogue everything in exchange for being able to use a few images. He then began to seek similar collections as the basis for his project. Most such archives are purely professional in terms of execution,



but in this instance content counts for more than technique. The book contains mostly the work of amateurs, but their work is ripe with more than enough charm to compensate what they might lack in composition.

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Left: Martin Newman's shot of the Ferrari paddock area ahead of the 1961 Belgian GP. Below: Hollywood star Paul Newman at Bonneville Salt Flats in 1974, when he drove two Ferraris - a 365GTB Daytona and a 512M





David Purley covets the spoils of victory at Thruxton in May 1976, after winning the fifth round of the ShellSport Group 8 Championship in his Chevron B3O. Photo: Tim Harrison. Bottom: poignant image of Tony Brise and Graham Hill in the Watkins Glen pits, 1975





