

My introduction to motor racing



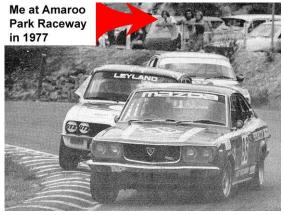
1964 Porsche 904 Carrera GTS



Bill Brown's 1974 Porsche 911 Carrera



Allan Moffat's Brut 33 Falcon Hardtop



Amaroo Park Raceway

My first plastic car model

- My first introduction to racing cars was my first model car, which was assembled for me by my father.
- The car is a Porsche 904/4 Carrera GTS, which finished 7th overall, and class winner, at the 1964 Le Mans 24 Hour.
- The car was designed by Butzi Porsche, who also designed the Porsche 911 (No; the person who designed the 911 did not design the VW Beetle).

Allan Moffat's Mustang vs Porsche 911s

- My earliest memories of watching telecast motor racing was the black & white TV viewing of Allan Moffat's TransAm Mustang baffling with the Porsche 911s of Leo Geoghegan, Jim McKeown and Bill Brown.
- I was a 'Holden' fan, so 'Ford' was the opposition, which meant that I was cheering for the 911s over the Ford.
- I was lucky enough to meet Bill Brown at a Christmas party in the late 1980s.

1974 Hardie Ferodo (Bathurst) 1000

- In 1974, my brother, his girlfriend, and myself, drove to Bathurst for the 1974 Hardie Ferodo 1000.
- This was the first time that I witnessed live motor racing.
- We saw the start of the race from the first corner.
- We then progressed up the hill, before the rain arrived.

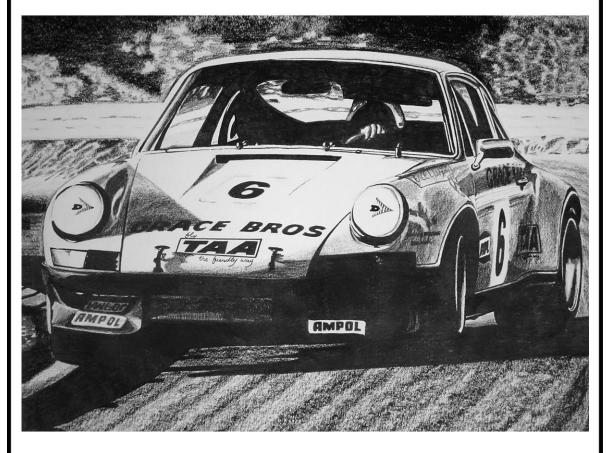
Amaroo Park Raceway

- In 1977 I had my driving licence, and my own car, so trips to motor races became more frequent.
- I attended the 1977 Australian Grand Prix at Oran Park, and watched the top-level driving of Alan Jones (it was not an international GP back then).
- Most of my time was spent at my local race track, Amaroo Park, Sydney.
- These days, both Amaroo Park and Oran Park are housing estates—sad!

My drawing of Bill Brown's Porsche 911 Carrera



Bill Brown at Warwick Farm Raceway (photo by Mark Goddard, 1974)



My pencil drawing of the same (drawn in 1990)

Arriving in London, England



Bergneustadt, West Germany, 1982

My first trip to Europe

- I left Sydney for Hamburg, West Germany on 4 March 1982.
- I was travelling with a university friend, John, a person with past European experience, and a good skier.
- In Hamburg we purchased a red VW diesel Golf for 425DM, and travelled through West Germany—Austria— Liechtenstein—Switzerland—Austria— Hungary—Yugoslavia—Italy—Austria— West Germany.



Our VW Golf the morning of 26/4/82

Flying into London

- In Yugoslavia our car was broken into, and all our camping gear was stolen, so we returned to 'home base' in Hamburg.
- In Hamburg I decided to part ways from John, and travel by myself to London (I just needed a change).
- I arrived in London on 3rd May 1982.
- I got accommodation in Eton Ave, Heston, and I proceeded to find my way around London.



Top Deck bus 'Scrote' at New Roc, France

Top Deck's Monaco Grand Prix tour

- I booked a Top Deck bus trip to Monaco for the Grand Prix £66 = \$A120.
- 'Top Deck' was a bus tour company that was started by the same person that later started the 'Flight Centre' chain.
- The company used old London doubledecker buses, with sleeping bunks installed on the top deck, and kitchen on the lower deck.



The camera I was using back in 1982

Travel agenda

- We got the vehicle ferry to Calais, France.
- We had tea in one of those restaurants that bridge over the highway.
- We bypassed Paris and drove through to our camp site at Antibes, France, just west of Cannes (A25-A1-Paris-A6-Lyon-A7-A8-Antibes).
- I discovered that the bus driver; 'Bruce', went to my old high school, Epping Boys High in Marsfield, Sydney.

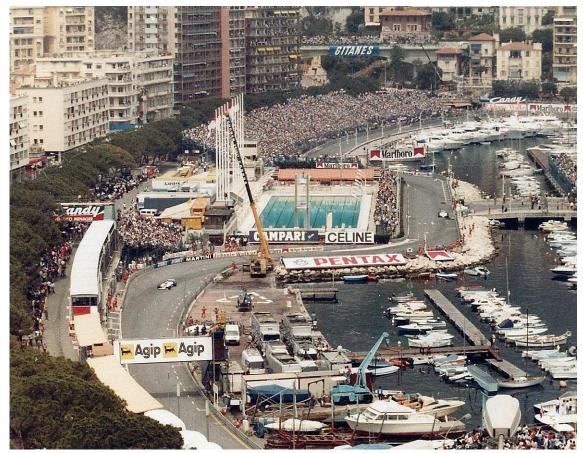
Saturday, 22 May 1982 - F1 Practice



Virage Noghes (Anthony Noghes) Saturday

22 May 1982 (Saturday)

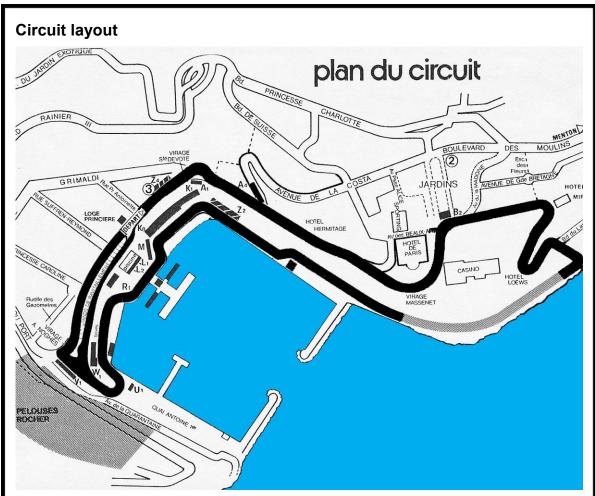
- Took the train to the city of Monte Carlo.
- On arrival, we could hear the F1 cars on the track for practice, but could not see them—what a sound.
- We were approached by two ladies that were selling tickets for a balcony suite on the first corner.
- The price was too high for the other members of our bus group, so we purchased tickets for the general admission area on the hill for 60 Francs.



The 'pool' section viewed from the hill



Monaco (Monte Carlo) skyline from the hill

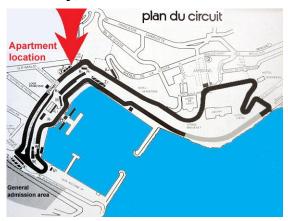


Circuit layout as of 1982



Looking at the general admission area above the final corner

Saturday, F1 Practice



Track layout (1982)

Sainte Devote

- I was disappointed with the view from the general admission area, so I decided to find the ladies with the balcony tickets.
- Balcony ticket cost 800 Frances for the two days (\$A130)—27, Boulevard Albert 1er, Monte Carlo.
- I was welcomed onto the balcony with a warm kiss from Annie, daughter of the flat's owners.
- Annie got to use the unit over the Grand Prix weekend with some of her university friends from Paris—nice parents!



Marlboro girls in the souvenir area (Avenue du Port)



Marlboro sticker from the Marlboro girls



My viewing location (Sainte Devote cnr.)

Saturday - The view from the balcony



Fellow spectators

Sainte Devote

- The balcony ticket included free beer, food, including my first taste of caviar (nice), cheese, apply cake, pizza, etc.
- This must be the BEST introduction to F1 racing.

Saturday's Program:

- 13:00 hrs F1 Qualifying
- 16:30 hrs Renault 5 Turbo race
- 18:00 hrs 24th Grand Prix Monaco F3.

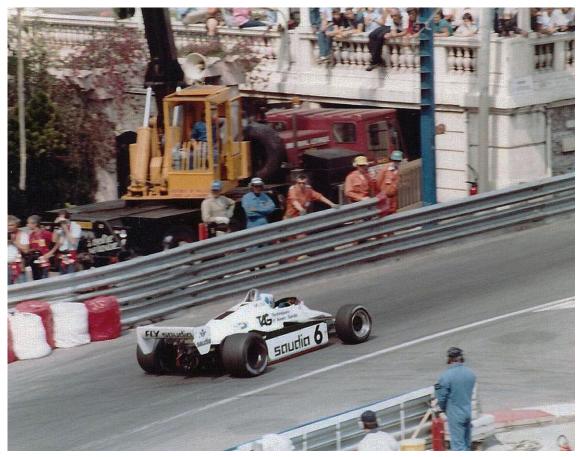


View from the balcony



View of the pool area from the balcony

Saturday, F1 Qualifying



Keke Rosberg in his Saudia Williams FW 08



Niki Lauda in his Marlboro McLaren MP4B

Entry list of Formula One Drivers



1. N. Piquet



2. R. Patrese



3. M. Alboreto



4. B. Henton



5. D. Daly



6. K. Rosberg



7. John Watson



8. Niki Lauda



9. Winkelhock



10. E. Salazar



11 E de Angelis



12. N. Mansell



14. R Guerrero



15. Alain Prost



16. R. Arnoux



22 A de Cesaris



23 B Giacomelli



25. E. Cheever



26. J. Laffite



28. D. Pironi



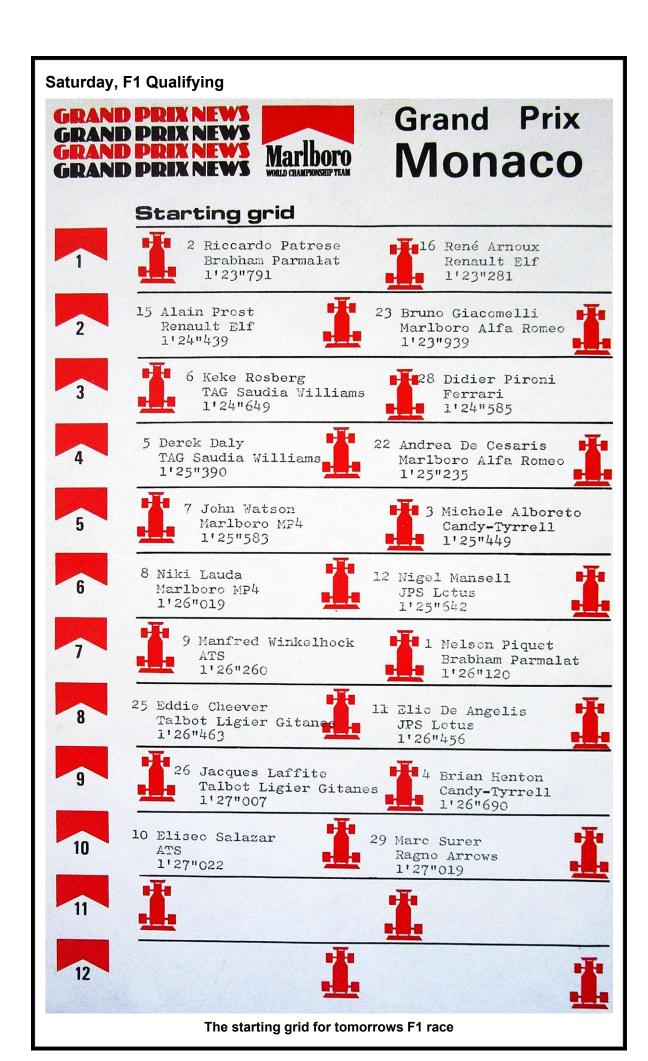
29. Marc Surer



30. Mauro Baldi



33. J. Lammers



Saturday, 24th Grand Prix Monaco F3





Start of the F3 race

Attacking the first corner



#3 Didier Theys; #25 Oscar Larrauri; #30 Paolo Giangrossi; #46 Roberto Moreno



F3 race

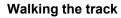


Post race (#12, Alain Ferte)

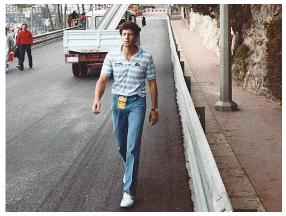
Walking the track



Walking the track



- At the end of the day I walked around the track and walked past Jody Sckeckter and Ken Tyrrell.
- I went to Rosies bar (up the hill), drank with the boys from the bus, then walked around the track again with David Ray.
- Saw the Lamborghini course cars outside the Loews Hotel.
- Then went to the English (Goose) hotel in Biot.



Jody Sckeckter (1979 World Champion)



Rosie's Bar



Spectator boats



The 'old' casino



The Lowes Hotel courtyard



The Lowes Hotel courtyard

Walking the track



Looking towards Sainte Devote



Looking toward the Hoews Hotel



Looking up from the Hoews Hotel



The Loews Hotel hairpin



Tunnel under the Loews Hotel



Harbour side after the esses

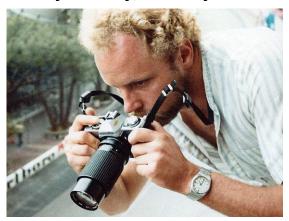


A fellow walker



Virage Noghes (Anthony Noghes)

Sunday race day, 23rd May 1982



David Ray, with a much better camera!

23 May 1982 (Sunday - race day)

- David (with a better camera) decided to join me on the balcony along with a couple of the girls from our bus tour.
- I got an extra warm welcome when I arrived at the flat with extra people.

Sunday's Program:

- 10:00 hrs Historic car race
- 13:15 hrs Renault 5 Turbo race
- 15:30 hrs 40th Grand Prix Automobile de Monaco F1.

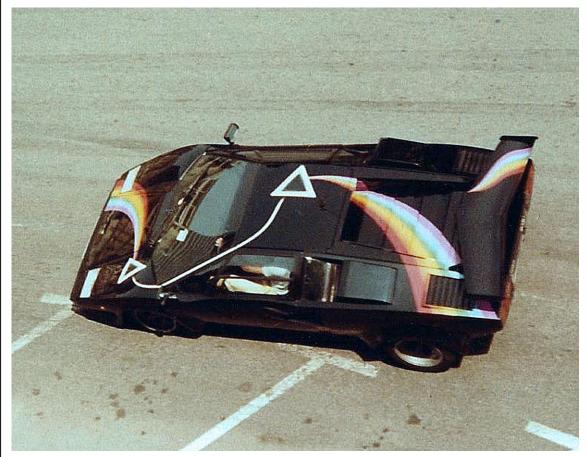


Official 1982 Monaco Course Race



Monte Carlo harbour (photographed on Monday)

One of the Lamborghini Course Cars



'Dark Side of the Moon' Lamborghini Countach



My Gran Turismo tribute to the 1982 Monaco Course Race

Sunday's Grand Prix des Voitures Anciennes (Historic race cars)



Murray Smith in a Porsche 1.5 litre



Dick Crosthwaite in an Alfa Romeo P3



Corrado Cuppelini in a Dino Ferrari F1



Paul Grist in a Talbot Lago



Bruce Halford in a Lotus 16 (1960)

Renault 5 Turbo race Start of race



art of race First corner



#2 Jean Ragnotti





First corner

#19 Knut Jaeger (post race)

Sunday, 23 May 1982 - F1 Race



Sunday's F1 race

- The day was the best.
- The end of the race was confusing and at first we didn't really know who had won the race—it was Ricardo Patrese in his Brabham.

Race start



Agip — A

First lap



First lap



Didier Pironi, Ferrari 126C2



Alain Prost, Renault RE30B

Mid-race battle



End of race: Patrese gives a lift to Pironi

F1 teams and drivers



#1. Nelson Piquet, Brabham BT49D



#2. Riccardo Patrese, Brabham BT49D



#5. Derek Daly, Saudia Williams FW08



#6. Keke Rosberg, Saudia Williams FW08



#7. John Watson, Marlboro MP4B



#8. Niki Lauda, Marlboro MP4B



#11. Elio de Angelis, JPS Lotus 91



#12. Nigel Mansell, JPS Lotus 91

F1 teams and drivers



#15. Alain Prost, Renault RE30B



#16. Rene Arnoux, Renault RE30B



#22. Andrea de Cesaris, Alfa Romeo 182



#23. Bruno Giacomelli, Alfa Romeo 182



#25. Eddie Cheever, Talbot Ligier JS17



#26. Jacques Laffite, Talbot Ligier JS17



#28. Didier Pironi, Ferrari 126C2



#29. Marc Surer, Ragno Arrows A4

After the race



Marlboro McLaren without nose

After the race

- After the race, David and I went to the pits and watched the drivers being interviewed.
- I saw Murray Walker, Jacky Ickx, Rene Arnoux, Keke Rosberg (who was initially refused entry into the roped area because he was not recognised) and Ricardo Patrese.



Andrea de Cesaris' Alfa Romeo



Post race quarantine



Jacky Ickx



Ricardo Patrese's winning Brabham



Post race driver interviews



BBC commentator, Murray Walker

David's photos



David Ray of New Zealand

David's photos

- That night, David and some of the girls went to the Casino.
- They also attended the driver's presentation and watched the fireworks.
- They then drove to the TipTop club and danced next to Princes Caroline, and saw Prince Albert.
- They finally arrived back at the Antibes camp site at 6 am without sleeping.



Ricardo Patrese being interviewed



Keke Rosberg (championship leader)



Rene Arnoux (Renault F1 driver)



Ford Cosworth V8



Jacky Ickx



Spare wheels

Monday, 24th May 1982



Monaco harbour side

Monday, 24th May 1982

- On Monday I got the train back to Monaco to pick up my mail from the American Express office (which was on the track).
- I saw Jackie Stewart leaving the Hotel Paris—how could you not recognise that voice.



Jackie Stewart (with sun glasses) leaving the Hotel Paris



Jackie Stewart leaving the Hotel Paris

Paris



Jimmy in Paris with his new friend

Wednesday, 26 May 1982

- We took the bus into Paris.
- I visited the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame, and the Louvre to see the Mona Lisa.
- I got my bum pinched on the Eiffel Tower's upper deck (I figured it was someone trying to pick my pocket).
- We visited the red-light district of Moulin Rouge, Boulevard de Clichy, Montmartre.
- Jimmy found someone (something) special at one of our bus stops.



Pat, David and our bus in Paris



Red light district of Paris



Paris

Paris to London



Arc de Triomphe from Eiffel Tower

Wednesday, 26 May 1982

- We had a BBQ and drove to Montmartre to see the artists.
- A group of us had our silhouettes cut-out in paper.
- We then drove over night to Calais.
- Arrived in Calais in the morning and got the ferry across the Channel to Ramsgate, then on to London.





View from the Eiffel Tower



Notre-Dame



View from the Eiffel Tower

Tribute to my fellow passengers: Stewart (the courier) Bruce (the driver) David Ray (New Zealand) Jimmy (Melbourne) Brett (Melbourne) Sandra (New Zealand) Pat (Melbourne) Joeanne (Melbourne)

Trace (Adelaide)

Judie (Queensland)

Lindsie (Queensland)

Bert (Melbourne)

Peter (Sydney)

John

Paddy (Ireland)

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