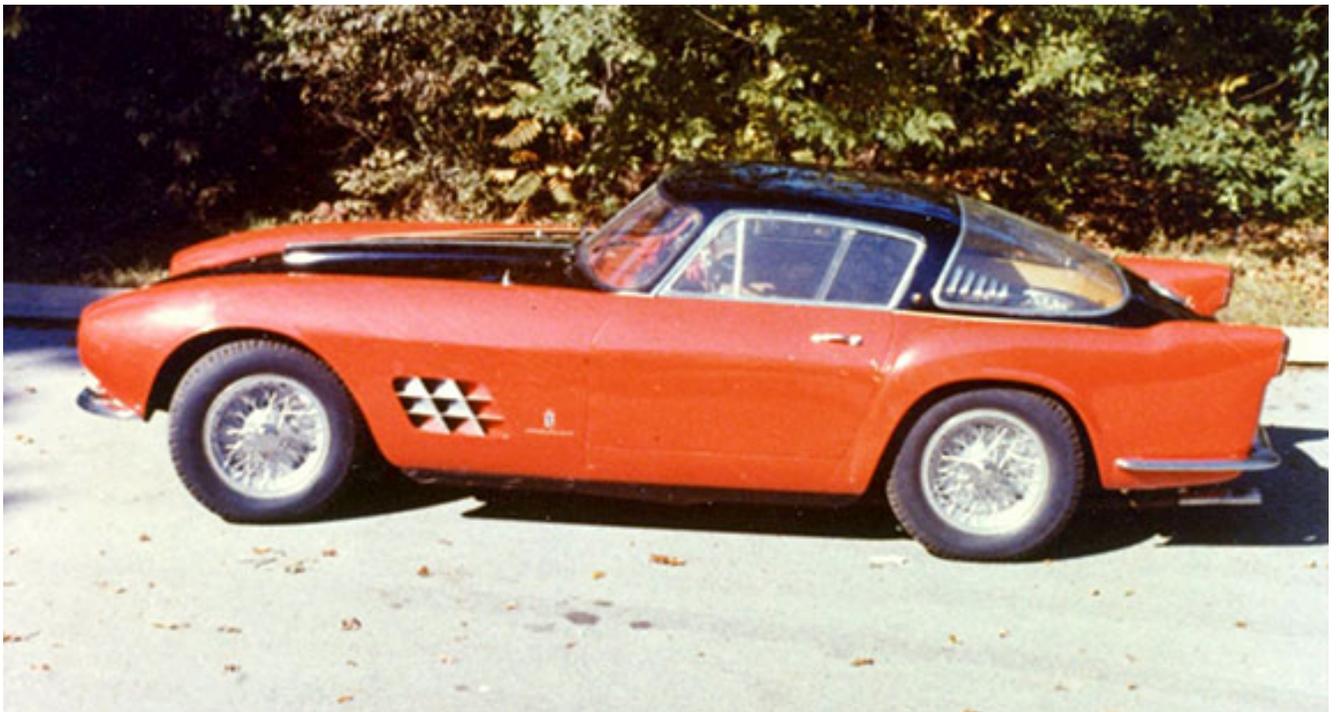


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My friend Carl de Bickero has owned some fifty-four Ferraris. That's right, 54. Additionally, he's owned five Mercedes 300SL Gullwings and six 300SL Roadsters, five Rolls Royce Corniche convertibles (he has one at the moment) and five or six Excaliburs. He is inordinately proud of having owned a BMW 507 as well.

Carl lives just a mile and a half from where Su and I live and we meet at least once every week for some very enjoyable conversations. Happily, he refuses to talk politics, so our discussions revolve around what particular hobby/craft/artwork he is currently creating, music, cars, word puzzles and then back to cars. He plays racket ball several times a week and is one of the fittest people I've ever met.

Carl hails from Chicago and most of his Ferrari owning period was spent there. He has never ending stories of how he bought and sold most of these cars and he lent me his collection of old photos to scan. What I love about these photos is the fact that they're snaps, taken long ago when the cars were desirable, yet still affordable to those enthusiasts who bought them well used. Some people restored them, some people just kept them well maintained. At that time, they were affordable to the keen amateur collector/racer. Not now though....

So here is Carl's photo collection, one by one. My thanks to him for the use of his wonderful old photos. I've put them in the order in which they were built and they (hopefully!) will be on this website week by week. Where possible, I've identified them but where I can't, can someone email me to tell me what they are? It's anorak time; here we go.

*"They're all rolling works of art and they just passed through my hands in their history."*  
That's how Carl views these cars today.