

California Auto Racing photographs, 1946-1961.

Archival Collection 98

**Title:** California Auto Racing photographs, 1946-1961.

**Creator:** Moss, Al, 1927-2012.

**Call Number:** Archival Collection 98

**Quantity:** 1 linear foot (1 custom box)

**Abstract:** The California Auto Racing photographs, 1946-1961, consists of 77 black-and-white photographic prints, four postcards, and 6 spiral bound binders of miscellaneous images. The photographs are of various cars, motorcycles, car parts, racing events, and motorways. The racing events include the Santa Barbara Sports Car Road Races, The Grand Prix Riverside, and the Jalopy Races at Carrell Speedway in Gardena, California. The cars are of different marques and models such as MG, Ferrari, Maserati, Porsche, and many more. There are also numerous photographs of car crashes and wreckage. In addition, the collection includes a photograph of Al Moss in his MGTC.

**Language:** Materials are in English.

**Biography:** E. Alan Moss, better known as Al Moss (1927-2012) was born in Cleveland, Ohio and emigrated to Southern California with his family in 1933. He graduated from Los Angeles High School in 1945 and opened his own mechanic shop in 1948 specializing in MGs. Moss was also interested in racing and organized the first rally in Southern California. His racing career ended in 1951 when he crashed his Allard at the Carrell Speedway, avoiding major injury. Moss did stay involved in racing however by becoming an active member in the California Sports Car Club from its inception through the 1960s. Moss was a Cal Club Official in 1950, a Pit Marshal at races during 1951 and 1952, a race judge, and later a Chief Judge in 1956. During this time, he expanded Moss Motors, a company that became the largest supplier of British classic and sports car parts. Al sold Moss Motors in 1977 and retired to Sedona, Arizona. He often drove from Sedona to California to participate in Steve Earl's Monterey Historics at Laguna Seca. Moss also wrote his biography titled *The Other Moss, My Life with Cars and Horses*.

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