

Fred K. Gamble papers, 1950-2015.

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Title: Fred K. Gamble papers, 1950-2015.

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Abstract: The Fred K. Gamble papers, 1950-2015 consist of magazine articles, newspaper clippings, personal writings, personal correspondence, photographs, and realia relating to the racing career of Fred Gamble. Included are autobiographical accounts of Gamble's career as well as news reports related to his career as a race car driver, member of the Camoradi USA racing team, and representative of Goodyear. These materials also include magazine articles and historical information related to the vehicles Gamble drove, including the Chevrolet Corvette, Maserati Tipo 61 "Birdcage," and Porsche-Behra.

Language: Materials are mostly in English.

Biography: Fred K. Gamble was born on March 17, 1932 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He is best known for his involvement in motorsports and international road racing during the 20th century. Gamble became interested in automobiles and racing as a teenager in Florida. After graduating from Fort Lauderdale High School in 1950, Gamble joined the Air Force and served as a radio operator during the Korean War. Upon leaving the military to attend college, Gamble became a motorsports journalist and contributed to several racing publications. He also ran his first national Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) race in 1958.

In 1959, Gamble teamed up with racing promoter and car dealer Lloyd "Lucky" Casner to form Camoradi USA. Camoradi's goal was to be a national, industry-supported, American racing organization capable of challenging Europe's top road racing teams. For the 1960 season, Camoradi would field Chevy Corvettes, Tipo 61 "Birdcage" Maseratis, and Porsches in international events. Piloting one of the Corvettes with co-driver Lee Lilley, Gamble finished 10th overall in the 1960 24 Hours of Le Mans. He also raced the Porsche-Behra in the 1960 Italian Grand Prix. The following season, Gamble left Camoradi to return to SCCA Racing in the United States.

Through his contacts in the motorsports industry, Gamble took a new job with Goodyear in 1963. He became the founding director of Goodyear's International Racing Tire Division, a branch of the company specifically for supporting Goodyear's international motorsports efforts. Under Gamble's direction from 1964-1967, Goodyear supplied tires for three winning teams at Le Mans and several Formula 1 Grand prix events.

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