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Title: Don Morley photographs, 1950-1990.

Creator: Morley, Don.

Call Number: Archival Collection 24

Quantity: 12 cubic feet (10 archival clamshell binder boxes)

Abstract: The collection consists of 5,668 slides and negatives, about 20 prints, a CD of a Rolls Royce factory visit in 2010, and several envelopes of film. The film type is Kodachrome color transparency slides and strips and black and white negative strip film. The film is of various sizes: 35 mm, 2 ¼, and 5x4 cm. The slides and negatives are of racing events, car portraits, tractors, ships, motorways, and space travel. The racing events include various professional and amateur racing events, such as Formula 1, rally racing, stock car racing, CART World Champs, World Endurance Racing, and others. The car portraits are of different marques and models, such as Aston Martin, Alldays and Onions, Austin, Bentley, BMW, Bugatti, Chevrolet, Citroen, Daimler, Dodge, Elva, Ferrari, Fiat, Ford, Frazer Nash, Locomobile, Panhard, and many more.

Of particular note are Don Morley's photographs of the London to Brighton veteran car run and desert racing in Nevada.

Language: Materials are in English.

Biography: Don Morley had a long, storied career in motor racing photography. He photographed both motorcycle and car racing. He got his start in photography in the 1950s as a photography student at Derby College of Art. His first photography job was as an Industrial Photographer for Rolls Royce in Derby. After this, he continued his career by working for various magazines and newspapers. Throughout his career, he has held several prestigious positions, such as being the Honda, Suzuki, and Marlboro Yamaha official team photographer. In addition, he spent eleven years as the chief photographer of the Grand Prix year book Motorcourse. Don Morley has authored twenty books, fourteen of which are about motorcycles and motorcycle sport. Over the years he has won many awards for his photography. He was also a founding member of several professional groups: The Professional Sports Photographers Association, The International Race Press Association, and the Classic Motorcycle Racing Club. Besides being an active racing photographer, Don Morley was a Trials rider for over fifty years at national and European levels. He was a national level road racer, grass track, and MX rider.

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