

BOOKS REVIEW

La Targa Florio della Giulietta

Seconda Edizione Gino Giugno
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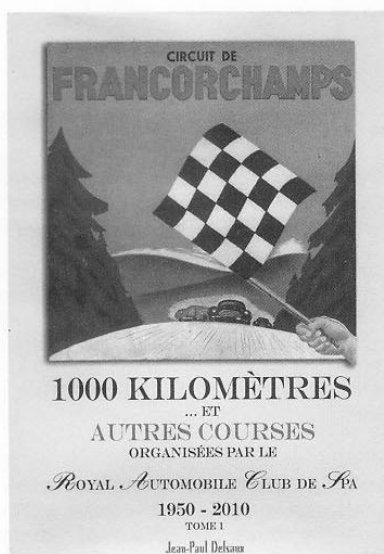
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**Circuit de Francorchamps
1000kms et Autres Courses Organisées par le
Royal Automobile Club de Spa 1950-2010**

At the recent Six Heures du Spa race meeting, parked next to our pit at the Circuit Francorchamps, was a guy selling a small selection of books from a trestle table and this particular title caught my eye.

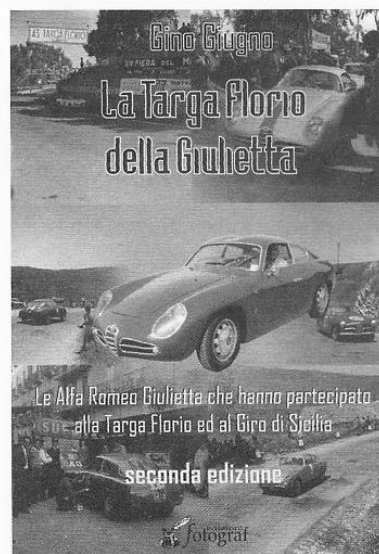
Flicking through the pages I was amazed at the number of pictures of Spa from the late 50's and 60's that included Alfas. There were hordes of TIs, early Sprints, SVZs, SZs and then on through Giulias, GTAs and TZs. Amongst the classic pictures are two famous views of Edgar Berney's SVZ climbing a telephone pole.

The vast majority of the pictures are in black and white and don't be put off by the 1950 - 2010 part of the title as three quarters of the book deal with 1950 -1970. The text is in French but most of this is captions and race results that are relatively easily understood.

The bookseller turned out to be the author himself, one Jean-Paul Delsaux who signed my copy with great aplomb. It's in slightly bigger than A4 format and has over 500 pages at a cost of 85€.

If you can't find a copy at your motor bookshop try e-mailing Jean Paul at j.p.d@skynet.be

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