

# COLLECTING Ferrari F1

## Part 1 - The Scalextric Years

In the 50 plus years I have been attending Grand Prix events, many teams have come and gone, including some very famous names. I have to say that even before I saw my first F1 race in 1969, I had become a big fan of Lotus - with Jimmy Clark and then Graham Hill becoming my hero's. Whilst Lotus and many of their contemporaries, and indeed teams since, are now relegated to the history books, one team has remained racing from the very first F1 World Championship GP.....that team is Ferrari.

It's no secret that I love American cars and their racing variants. In the past I have covered collecting, Corvette, Mustangs and Cobra's as well as features on slot versions of Can Am, Trans Am and Indy cars. But before I was into all that, as a child, F1 was my passion and still is to this day - regardless of anything else going on in my life. The first thing that goes into my diary each year is the F1 dates, followed by the Goodwood events, followed by.....well you get the picture? A major player in F1 has always been Ferrari, and in all my years of following the sport I have seen both the highs and lows that has come Maranello's way. This is their story as seen by Scalextric and its associated companies.

