

Ferrari 500 TR Spider Scaglietti 1956, Chassis# 0650 MDTR

The 15th of a total of 17 500 TRs built

Chassis type 518

Engine type 131

Gearbox type 518/131, internal #8 MD

Rear axle type 518/131, internal #25 MD

Two Weber carburetors DCOA3

Slit on the cowl in front of the windscreen

Oil filler intake on top of the left front fender

Vertical slit on the left side of the bodywork behind the air outlet

July 19, 1956

Factory completion date

July 20, 1956

Sold new to John Von Neumann, Ferrari Representatives of California in Los Angeles, CA/USA

December 1, 1956

Raced at Pomona/CA by Von Neumann, placed 5th

January 19, 1957

Raced at Pomona/CA by Von Neumann, race #11, placed 6th

January 28, 1957

Raced at Pomona in the main event by John Von Neumann, placed 18th OA, race #11

February 1957

Sold by Von Neumann to Bruce Kessler, CA/USA

Painted silver gray metallic with a blue stripe

March 9, 1957

Raced at Paramount/CA by Bruce Kessler on race #3, placed 5th (pictured page 13 of "Sports Car Journal", issue 4/57) (color pictured in Tony Adriaensens book "Weekend Heroes II", Volume 3)

March 10, 1957

Raced at Paramount/CA by Bruce Kessler on race #3, DNF due to a crash

(crash pictures in "Sports Car Journal", issue 6/57)

April 27, 1957

Raced at Lime Rock Park/CT by Bruce Kessler on race #105, placed 1st EM

May 19, 1957

Raced at Cumberland by George Arents on race #240, placed 9th

May 26, 1957

Raced at Cotati/CA by Von Neumann, race #11, placed 3rd

June 9, 1957

Raced at Lime Rock Park/CT by Bruce Kessler on race #103, placed 1st in race 4

June 9, 1957

Raced at Lime Rock Park/CT by Bruce Kessler on race #103, placed 5th in race 8

June 1957

Sold by Von Neumann to Howard Wheeler, Los Angeles/CA/USA

June 16, 1957

Raced at Paramount Ranch/CA by Howard Wheeler, race #7, placed 7th

July 14, 1957

Raced at Ellsberg by Pete Lovely, DNS due to a crash in practice, painted silver gray metallic

July 21, 1957

Raced at Abbotsford, placed 1st

July 28, 1957

Raced at Pomona/CA by Ginther, race #7, placed 3rd

Then

Raced at Paramount Ranch/CA by Bruce Kessler, race #3 c, still painted silver metallic grey

August 1957

Sold by Kessler to Fred Armbruster, USA, who had Pete Lovely of Tacoma/WA drive the car

Armbruster had the car repainted back to red

September 1/2,

Raced at the Redwood Empire sports car races at Arcata/CA by

1957 Pete Lovely, race #125 E, placed 2nd
(pictured page 36 of "Sports Car" magazine, issue 11/12-1957)

October 27, 1957 Raced at Pomona/CA by Wheeler, race #7, placed 3rd

November 3, 1957 Raced at Palm Springs/CA by Pete Lovely, race #125, placed 3rd
(pictured page 8 of "Sports Car Journal", issue 1/58)

November 9, 1957 Raced at the Pebble Beach Cup at Laguna Seca/CA by Pete
Lovely, race #125, placed 4th in the preliminary race

November 10, 1957 Raced at the Pebble Beach Cup at Laguna Seca/CA by Pete
Lovely, race #125, placed 1st
(pictured page 11 of "Sports Car Journal", issue 1/58)

November 17, 1957 Raced at Riverside/CA by Pete Lovely, race#125, placed 8th in the
preliminary event and then 7th in the main event

November 29, 1957 Advertised for sale in "MotoRacing" by Fred Armbruster, described
as having just won Laguna Seca by Pete Lovely, asking price US\$
6'500

January 12, 1958 Raced at the Masters Naval Air Station NAS (near Miami, FL) by
Lovely, DNF due to a bent valve, race #25
(pictured on the cover of "Sports Car" magazine, issue 3/4 of 1958)

January 1958 Lovely and Fred Armbruster then towed 0650 MDTR to Von
Neumann's shop FRC Ferrari Representatives of California for
repair

February 1958 Sold by Armbruster and Lovely back to John Von Neumann (FRC)
(Armbruster bought from Von Neumann a 500 TRC Spider with
chassis #0662 MDTR)

February 8, 1958 Raced at Pomona/CA by Richie Ginther, race #211, placed 1st

February 9, 1958 Raced at Pomona/CA by Richie Ginther, race #211. placed 2nd

May 10, 1958 Raced at Dillingham Field/Hawaii, preliminary event, by Richie
Ginther, race #211, placed 2nd

May 11, 1958 Raced at Dillingham Field/Hawaii, main event, by Richie Ginther,
race #211, placed 3rd

May 1958 Sold to Sam Weiss of Sacramento/CA

May 11, 1958 Raced at Tracy/CA by Weiss

June 15, 1958 Raced at Laguna Seca/CA by Weiss

July 6, 1958 Raced at Vaca Valley Inaugural race by Gordon Glycer, race #33,
placed 5th

August 2, 1958 Raced at Minden by Gordon Glycer on race #26, DNF

August 3, 1958 Raced at Minden by Gordon Glycer on race #26, DNF

October 5, 1958 Raced at Vaca Valley by Gordon Glycer, race #26, placed 7th in the
main event

October 12, 1958 Raced at the Los Angeles Times USAC Grand Prix at Riverside/CA
by Gordon Glycer, race #155 or #26 (??)

October 26, 1958 Raced at Minden by Gordon Glycer on race #26, placed 7th OA EM2

November 2, 1958 Raced at Palm Springs/CA by Weiss

November 8, 1958 Raced at Laguna Seca by Gordon Glycer, race #26, placed 5th in
the preliminary event

November 9, 1958 Raced at Laguna Seca by Gordon Glycer, race #26, placed 5th OA
in race number 16 EM4

Then Traded by Weiss back to John Von Neumann (FRC)

January 4, 1959 Sold by Von Neumann to George Harms for the sum of US\$ 10
(ten) for Chuck Cornet

January 31, 1959 Fitted by Harms with 500 TR engine #0614 MDTR
Raced at Pomona by Gordon Glycer, race #20, placed 3rd

March 8, 1959 Raced at the Pomona USAC event by Gordon Glycer on race #16 or #28, placed 3rd U2 preliminary
 March 9, 1959 Raced at the Pomona USAC event by Gordon Glycer on race #16, placed 6th
 April 18, 1959 Raced at Stockton by Gordon Glycer, DNF due rear axle failure in the preliminary event, race #26
 April 19, 1959 Raced at Stockton by Gordon Glycer on race #26, placed 3rd in the main event
 May 31, 1959 Raced at Santa Barbara by Gordon Glycer (?) on race #179
 June 7, 1959 Raced at Laguna Seca by Gordon Glycer on race #26, placed 3rd in the preliminary race
 July 25, 1959 Advertised for sale on page 7 of "Competition Press" magazine by Glycer, described as being ex-Pete Lovely, ex-Bruce Kessler, 3 hours on engine
 August 2, 1959 Raced at Shelton by Gordon Glycer (?) on race #26, placed 3rd
 September 6, 1959 Raced at Santa Barbara by Denver Cornett on race #143, DNF due to blown engine
 September 27, 1959 Raced at Vaca Valley by Denver Cornett on race #143
 October 10, 1959 Raced at Riverside by Denver Cornett on race #143, placed 10th
 October 25, 1959 Raced at Laguna Seca by Denver Cornett on race #143
 November 8, 1959 Raced at Hourglass by Denver Cornett, placed 4th OA in class EM1
 November 10, 1959 Entered for the USAC race at Riverside to be driven by Denver Cornett on race #143 but DNF
 January 8, 1960 Advertised for sale in "Moto Racing" magazine by Von Housen Motors
 March 6, 1960 Raced at Pomona/CA by Denver Cornett on race #143, placed 7th
 March 8, 1960 Raced at Pomona/CA by Gail Liebaert on race #143, placed 3rd in the ladies race
 April 2, 1960 Raced at Riverside by Harms, race #143
 April 13, 1960 Raced at Willow Springs by Denver Cornett, race #143, placed 2nd in the preliminary event
 April 14, 1960 Raced at Willow Springs by Mrs Liebart in the Ladies Race, race #143, placed 1st
 April 14, 1960 Raced at Willow Springs by Denver Cornett, placed 3rd in the main event, race #143
 September 5, 1964 Raced at Santa Barbara by Richard Smith, race #7, preliminary event
 September 6, 1964 Raced at Santa Barbara by Richard Smith, race #7
 November 14, 1967 Harms issues power of attorney to Richard Erickson, resident in El Segundo, CA/USA
 November 14, 1967 Sold through Erickson to Phil Henny, Hermosa Beach/CA/USA, who paid US\$ 800, rear end highly modified (cut), Henny co-owned it with Gordon Chance
 See also pages 109-111 of Phil Henny's book "...Just call me Carroll...!"
 March 15, 1968 Sold by Henny to Rudolf F. Van Daalen Wetters, resident in Burbank, CA/USA, who paid US\$ 150 (one hundred and fifty)

1968 to 1997 Stored by Van Daalen Wetters during the next 29 years in the desert suburb of Palmdale, CA, near the Lockheed's headquarters

August 15/16, 1997 Sold on behalf of Wetters at the Rick Cole Auction in Monterey/CA to Roger Willbanks, Denver/CO, for US\$ 455'800, totally unrestored

Late 1997 Rear end reconstructed to original configuration but otherwise kept very original and not restored

January 31, 1998 Shown by Willbanks during the VII Annual Cavallino Classic Concours held at The Breakers hotel in Palm Beach/FL

August 1, 1999 Shown by Willbanks during the 21st Annual Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elégance at Oakland University in Rochester, MI/USA

June 2000 Sold by Willbanks to Symbolic Motors/RM Auctions/Talacrest Ltd. who re-sold it to Stan Zagorski, Mount Tremper/NJ/USA

Mid-2000 Advertised for sale by Rudy Pas, Classic Car Associates in Belgium

January 20, 2001 Offered at the Bonhams & Brooks auction during the X Cavallino Classic in Palm Beach/FL/USA, withdrawn before the sale

August 18, 2001 Offered at the Bonhams & Brooks auction in Quail Lodge/CA, Lot #241, estimated price US\$ 900'000 to 1'000'000, hammer price was US\$ 720'000 but it was not sold

September 22, 2002 Shown by Zagorski during the Castle Hill Concours at Ipswich/MA, still fitted with engine #0614 MDTR

2006 Still owned by Zagorski, stored at Wayne Carini's shop in CT for Zagorski

2007 Sold to Larry Alderson's Family Classic Cars of San Juan Capistrano, CA/USA

2007 Shown by Marc Pizzirri (owner of Family Classic Cars) of San Juan Capistrano/CA during the Radnor Hunt Concours

August 17-19, 2007 Displayed in the Rolex tent during the 34th Annual Rolex Monterey Historic Automobile Races at Laguna Seca/CA

Late 2007 Sold by Family Classic Cars to Thomas Rhein, a Chevrolet Corvette collector resident in Tulsa, OK/USA, price paid was apparently US\$ 3'000'000

February 2008 Offered for sale on ebay, not sold

August 2008 For sale by Champion Motor Group, Inc., in Long Island/NY, USA

August 15, 2008 Shown at the Concorso Italiano, Ferrari Club of America Pacific Region Vintage Concours, by Thomas Rhein of Tulsa/OK, USA, silver award in Class 1A

July 2011 Still owned by Rhein

Fall 2011 Sold by Rhein through broker Thomas Hamann to Dennis Nicotra, Olympia Properties LLC, domiciled in New Haven, CT/USA, who paid US\$ 2'000'000

January 21/22, 2012 For sale at the Gooding auction at Scottsdale, AZ/USA, estimated price US\$ 2'100'000 to US\$ 2'500'000, NOT available, WITHDRAWN shortly before publication of the auction catalogue

August 2013 Sold by Tom Davidson to Les Wexner, New Albany, OH/USA

August, 17-20, 2017 Displayed in the Rolex tent during the Monterey Motorsports Reunion at Laguna Seca, CA/USA

May 2023 Still in the Wexner Collection

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