

### The Mugello Circuit, Yesterday and Nowadays



Originally the Mugello racetrack was of a different style: it was a road circuit.

In 1914, the first motor race was held on this famous road circuit. Conceived at the beginning as a regularity race, the Mugello road race was interrupted at the outbreak of the World War I. The challenging and selective competition knew its golden years in the postwar period, when best drivers challenged one another on the 66 km. Dusty track, which went from Scarperia uphill to Firenzuola, and then through the Futa Pass downhill San Piero and Scarperia. The legendary names linked to this historical race still echo today: Campari, Brilli Peri, Enzo Ferrari (who won in 1921 on an Alfa Romeo class 4.500), Ascari, Borzacchini and perhaps, most importantly, Emilio Materassi, the local idol.

The prestige of the "Mille Miglia" dimmed the Mugello road race after its 1929 event and even the competitions held after 1955 on the reduced 19 km. Track were not favorable. In 1960' s due to the disappearance of the "Mille Miglia" and the increasing popularity of road races, sportfriendly managers, such as Pasquale Borracci and Amos Pampaloni, were convinced to repropose the Mugello competition on the classical track of 66 km. The new events were quite successful even though they suffer from the absence of the most prestigious Italian mark, the Cavallino, which officially took part only in

