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Formula 1: 'The Hairy Years', vote for your favourite driver

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Long hair, bushy sideburns and over-the-top sunglasses were trademark features of the star Grand Prix drivers of the 1970s. But who had the greatest style? And the most hair? You get the chance to vote...



Emerson Fittipaldi

A leading protagonist of massive sidies, the double World Champion liked a hat, too. And do check out the modern-looking shades. The red overalls date the photo to 1974, when Emmo won the Championship at the (tiny) wheel of a Marlboro-sponsored McLaren.



Jackie Stewart

This is the man who invented 'the look'. An early adopter of late-60s, early-70s style, 'JYS' was rarely without big chrome sunglasses (often with 'lightening holes' drilled in their arms), a cord cap and an over-the-ears cut he still sports today - a long way from the wee laddie with sports jacket and tie that made it down from Dunbartonshire less than 10 years earlier. A triple World Champion, don't forget, and one of the true greats.



Jacky Ickx

Master of F1 and long-distance races, baby-faced multiple Le Mans-winner Ickx wasn't too bad on the style front, as this photo from the 1974 Monaco Grand Prix shows. Dig those sunnies.



James Hunt

The ladies' favourite, English ex-public schoolboy Hunt's carefully blow-dried blond hair and blue eyes made him a paddock pin-up. Fiercely competitive on the track, he really did not give a damn about anything else and was often to be seen in T-shirt, jeans and tennis shoes - even at smart cocktail receptions.



Clay Regazzoni

Regga's magnificent moustache pre-dates Birmingham-born Nigel Mansell's by some years, although it was only a relatively recent addition in 1974. Photos of the Italian-speaking Swiss driver appearing for Ferrari in 1971 show him with a clean upper lip. Full marks here, though, for the 'Great Gatsby' oversized cap.

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