

CLASSIC DRIVER



Snapshot, 1955: Eugenio Castellotti prepares for the Mille Miglia

22 February 2015 | Jan Baedeker



It's 30 April, 1955 – and Ferrari Works driver Eugenio Castellotti is in high spirits. The sun is shining, a gaggle of women swarm around him, and his Ferrari 121 LM awaits him in the Piazza Vittoria in Brescia for the start of the Mille Miglia. His four-cylinder steed retires with engine failure shortly after the start – but Castellotti's career suffers no such damage. Ultimately, he participates in 14 World Championship Grands Prix, enters the Carrera Panamericana and 12 Hours of Sebring, and shares a cockpit at the 'Ring with Fangio. But Castellotti was perhaps just as famous for his lifestyle off the track: he bought his first Ferrari aged 20, wore impeccably tailored suits and wafer-thin watches, and was romantically attached to famous Italian ballerina Delia Scala.

Photo: Klemantaski Collection/Getty Images

<https://www.classicdriver.com/en/article/classic-life/snapshot-1955-eugenio-castellotti-prepares-mille-miglia>

© Classic Driver. All rights reserved.