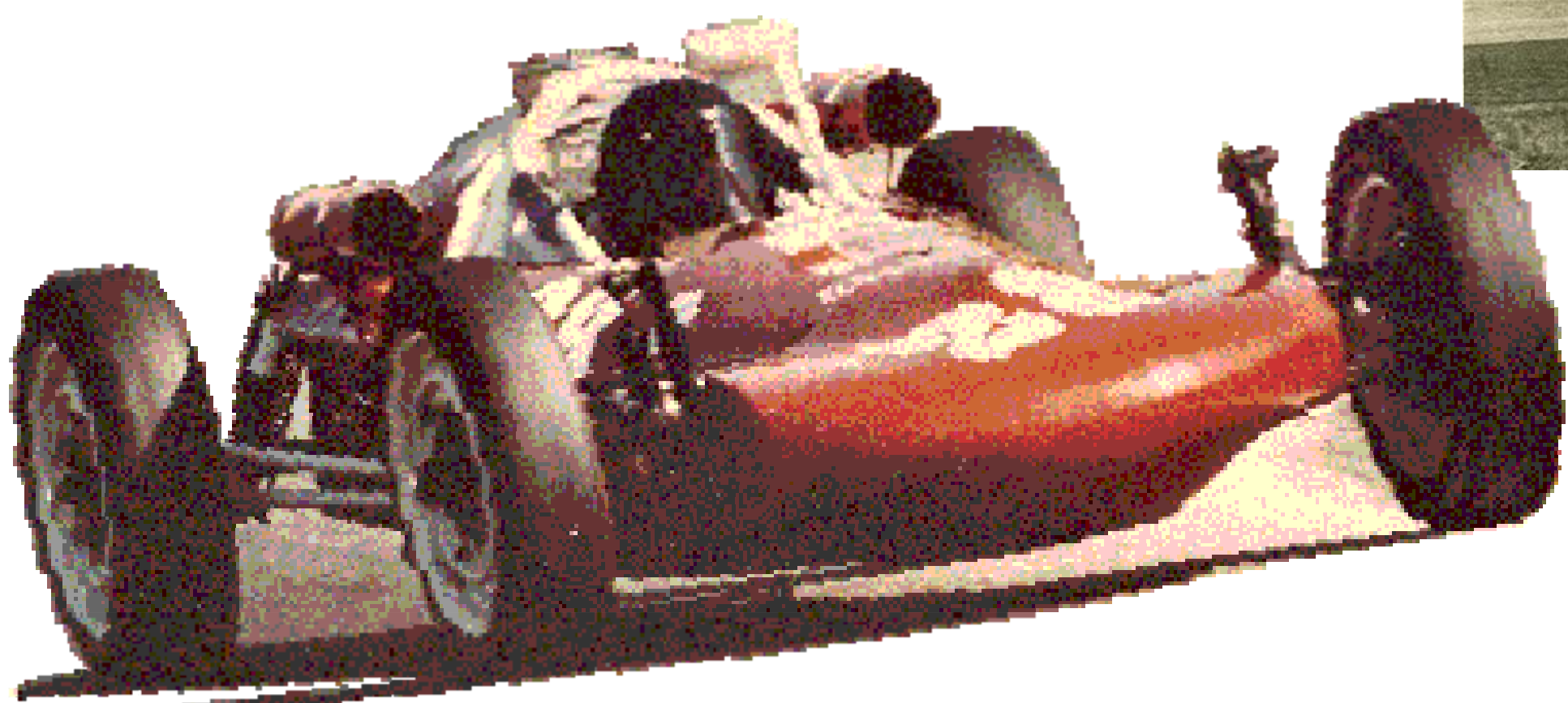
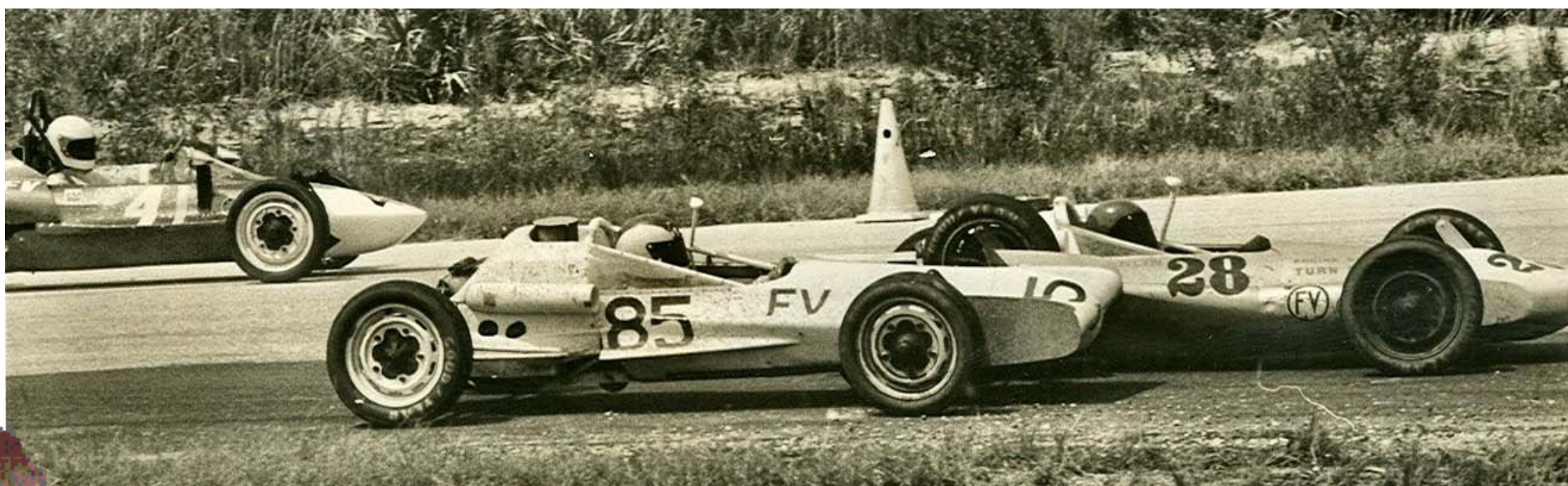
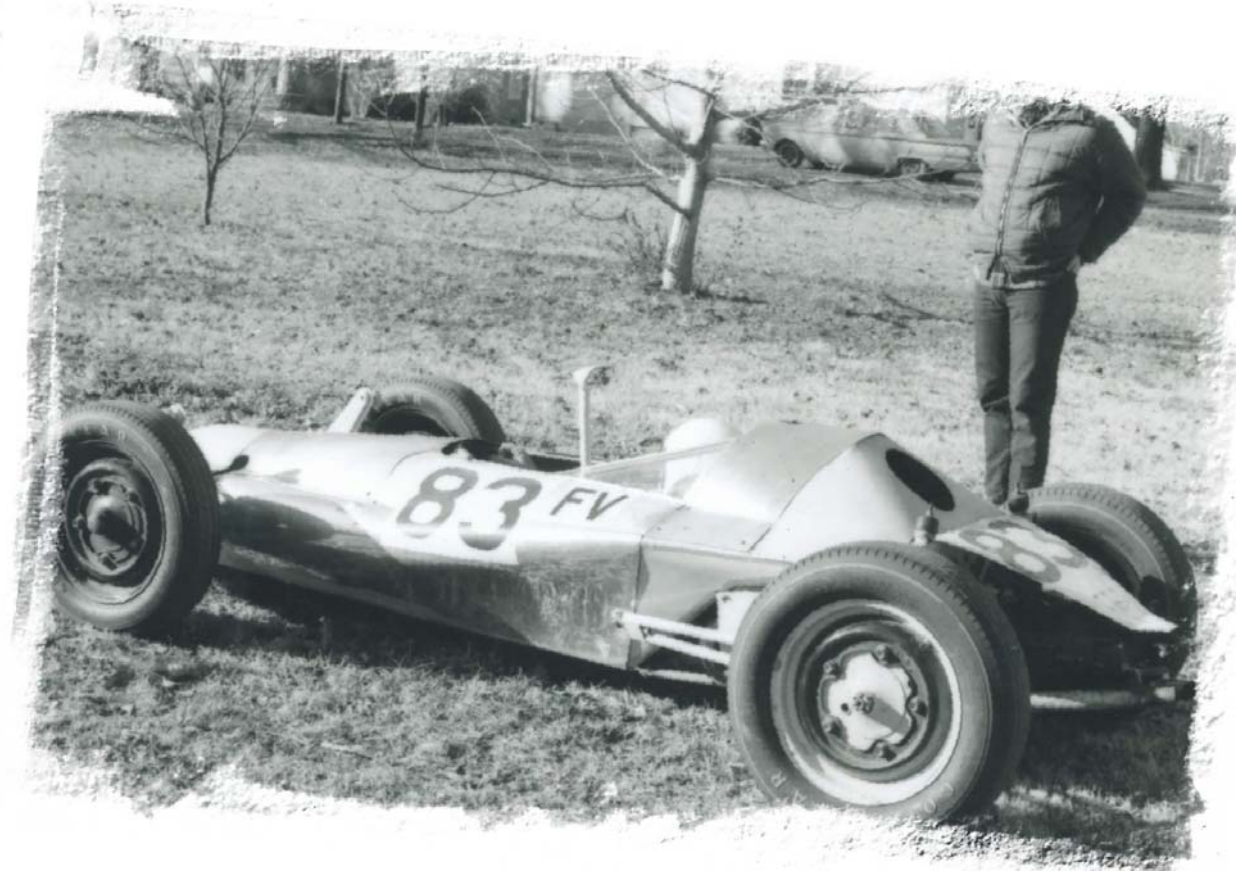
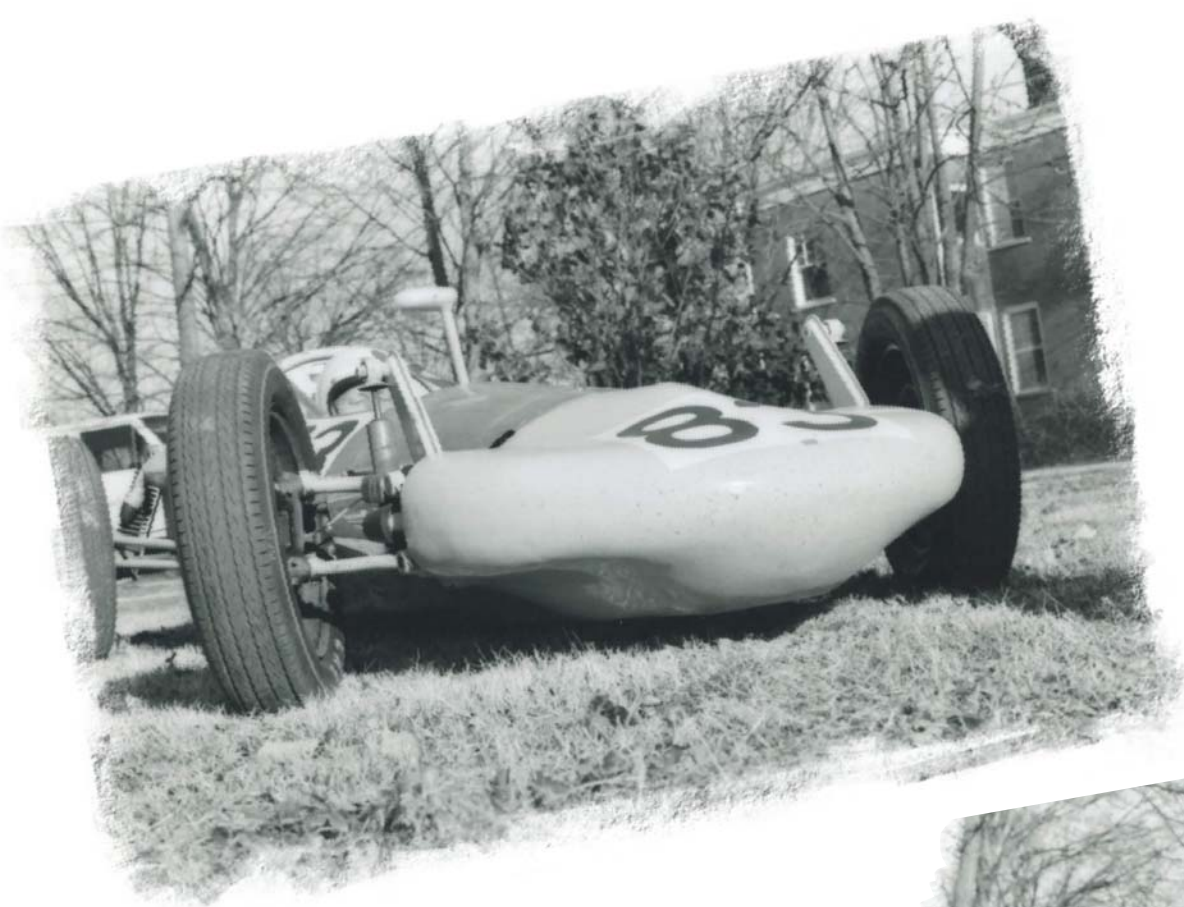


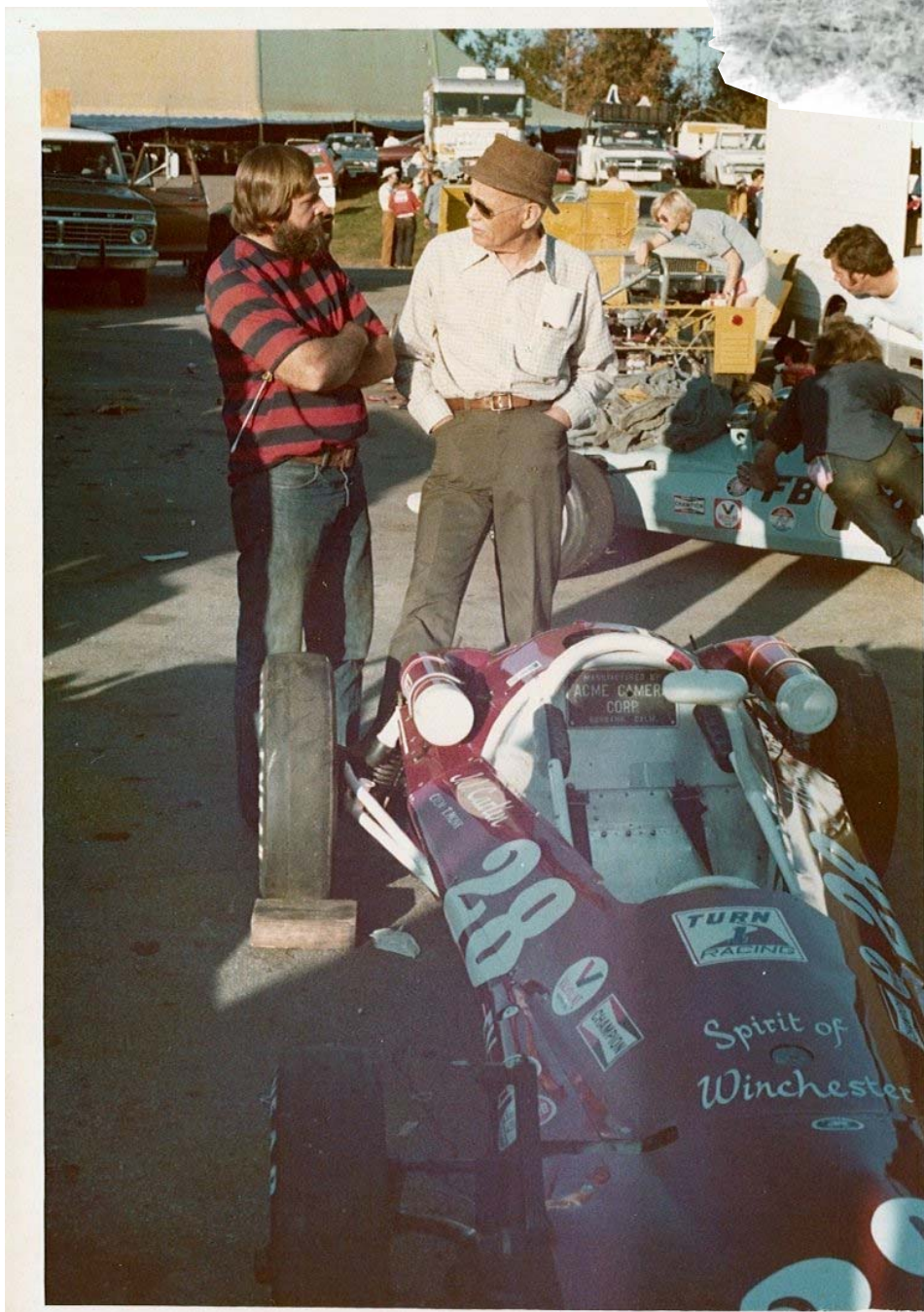
In 1968 Ed Zink told Harvey Templeton that the way to go faster in a Vee would be to design a no-roll resistance rear end. The Ringwraith was Harvey's first attempt to engineer such a thing.



Harvey Templeton's **RINGWRAITH** *The spirit of Winchester*



Unsatisfied with its handling, Harvey soon commenced design and construction of its successor, The Shadowfax. He sold the Ringwraith to Jeff Carlin, and they raced the two cars side-by-side, event after event in the early 1970's.



Jeff Carlin's memories of the Ringwraith and the details he provided were very important in the restoration of the car. For many years, fans of the Vee marque just assumed that the car had been destroyed. When Grant Reynolds found the car in Shelby, NC, in the late 1990's, it was literally a basket case. Mike Jackson bought what was left of the car, but much was missing both from the remnants he got and from the information available about the original configuration. To undo modifications that had been made to the frame and bodywork and to restore the car to its original configuration became a full time project.

The frame tubes had been crushed, twisted and generally had been inadequately repaired from what must have been fairly nasty crashes so the frame had to be reconstructed from the pictures, Carlin could provide. Jackson not only had to remove air ducts and restore the generator and fan shroud assembly, he also had to fabricate new body panels for the car. At times he felt as if the car was fighting him every step of the way.



The name "Ringwraith" comes from J.R.R. Tolkein's Lord of the Rings trilogy. The Ring wraiths were dark lords who were in thrall to the one enchanted ring Sauron forged to gain unlimited power over Middle Earth.

Harvey Templeton displayed a sign in his garage, a quotation, in the original Italian, from Dante's *Inferno*:
"Abandon hope, all ye who enter here."

