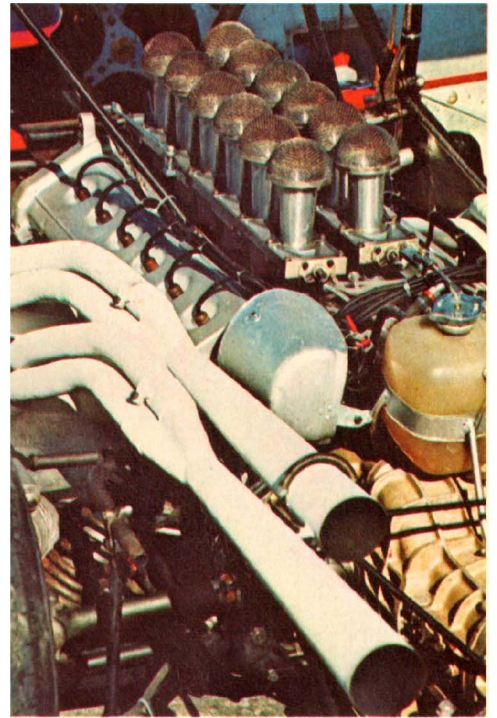
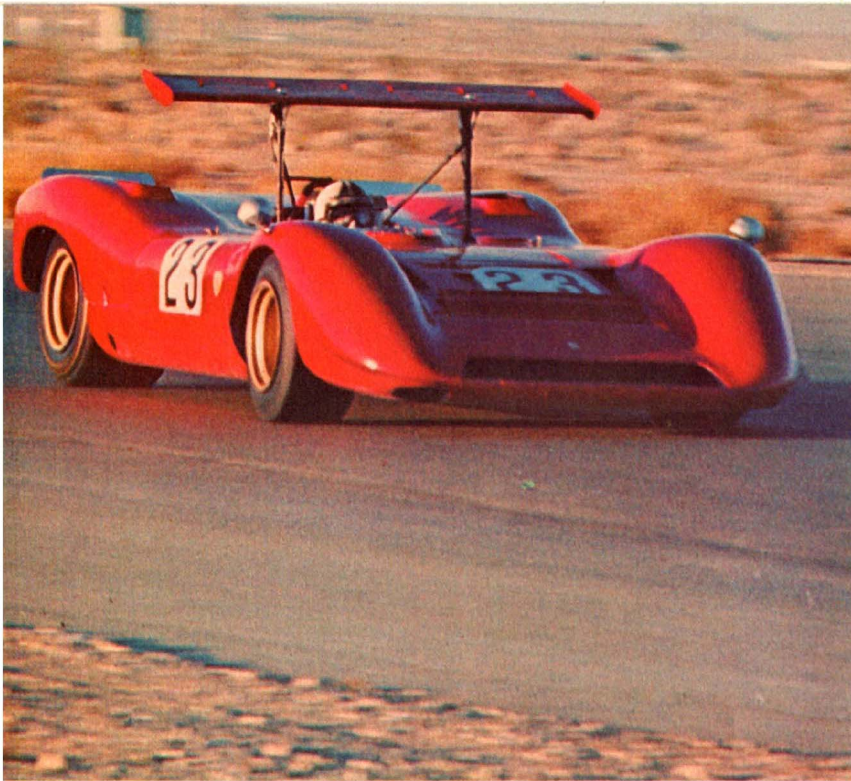
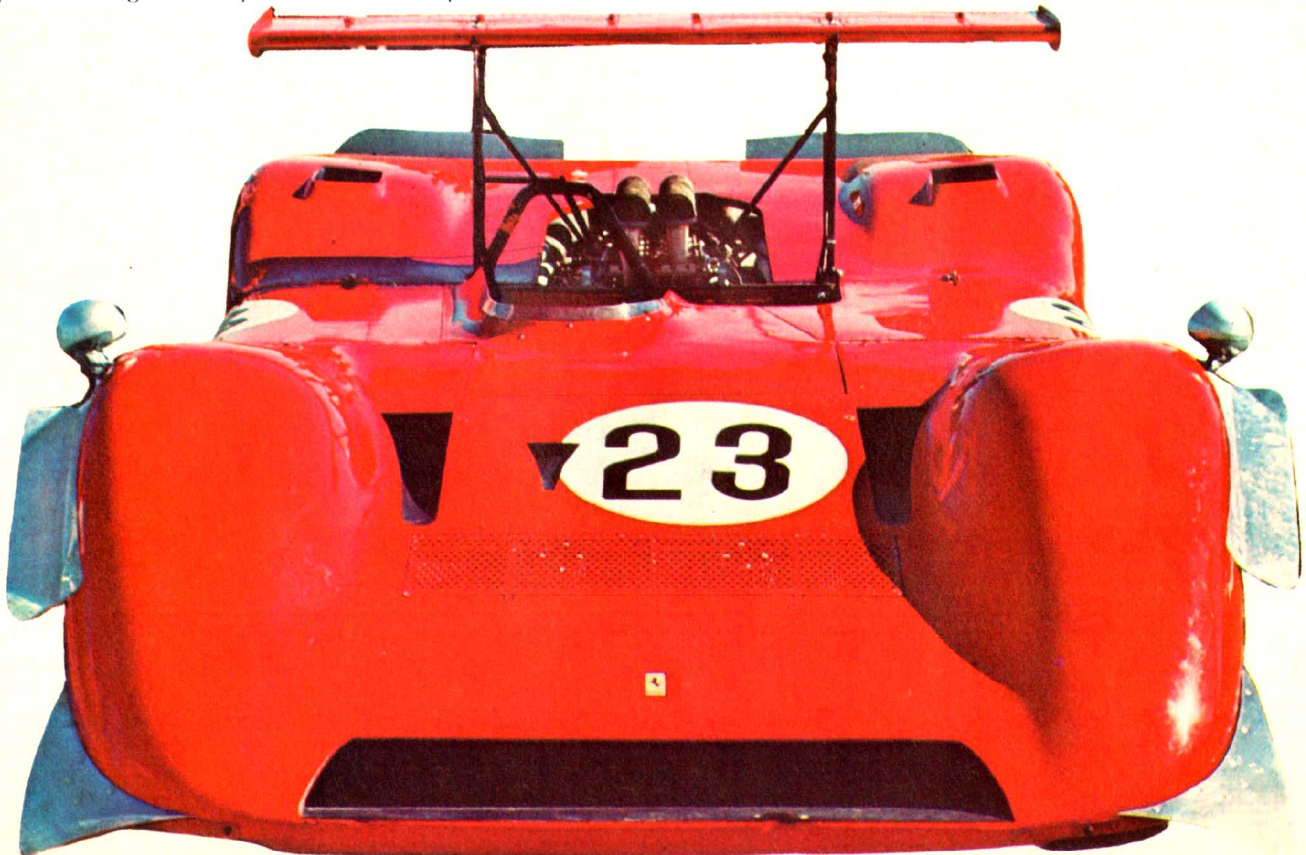


# FERRARI 612



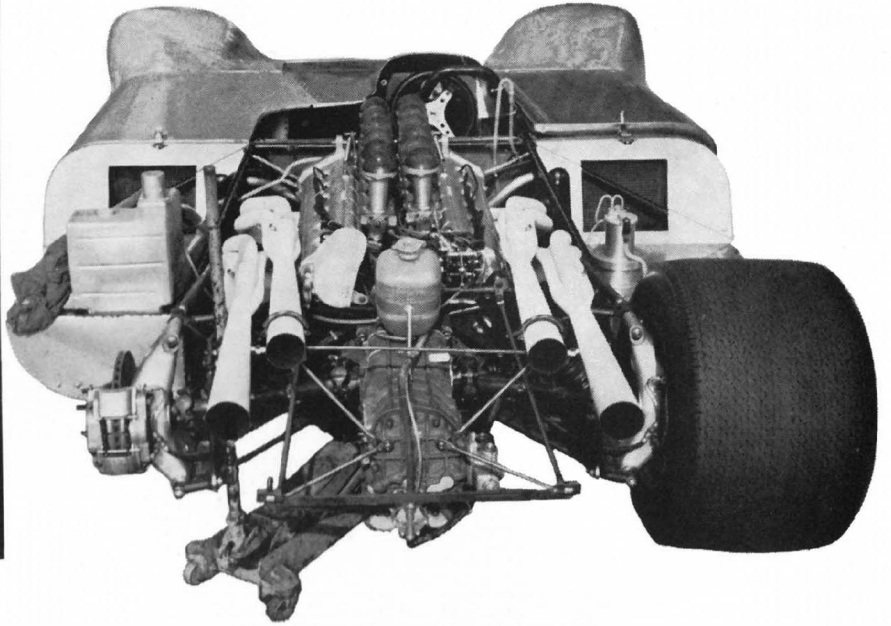
*They said it was going to be at Vegas but we'd heard that before. In fact, since the first Can-Am race at Elkhart Lake, the magical mystery Ferrari Group 7 dreadnaught had been lurking always just out of sight in some van on its way to the track. The van finally got to Las Vegas, the last race. Inside was the phantom Ferrari 612 (above) that Chris Amon qualified 9th slightly more than three mph off the McLaren's pace. Not all bad, considering it was 325 pounds heavier. Trick stuff (below) was foot-brake operated wing with "flaps" and additional perforated air-brake on nose.*







"One door" 612 (left) flips up for access to compartment. Notice square, sealed duct that routes air to rear coolers. Twelve-cylinder V-12 engine (below) is of common 60-degree, four-valves-per-cylinder Ferrari configuration, pumps 620-650 hp out of 380 inches (3.62 x 3.07 inches bore-stroke).



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612 construction uses aluminum skin (below left) over steel tube frame which they call semi-monocoque. So, it is very similar to the P4 with some suspension innovations of the Ferrari Formula 1, except that the brakes (below right) are out-board instead of in. Transmission: four-speed with reverse. Overall dimensions of the 612 (bottom) are: Wheelbase: 96.5 inches. Front track: 63 inches. Rear track: 62.5 inches. Width: 88.5 inches. Length: 166 inches. Height: 35 inches.

