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# Moment in time: From the archives

Winter's icy grip



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It was late January, 1978. Snow and hurricane-force winds spawned by record-low barometric pressure roared into Ontario, dumping 41 centimetres of snow. The aftermath, to some, was pretty. Robert Glas of Oakville, Ont., decided to look at the waves stirred up by the blizzard, so he parked his Porsche 914 on the Toronto waterfront west of Ontario Place and went for a walk. Big mistake. He returned an hour later to discover freezing spray off the lake had entombed his five-year-old sports car in an ice sculpture, a picture captured by Globe photographer Dennis Robinson. Mr. Glas returned a few days later, and with the help of friends, used picks, scrapers and a propane heater to melt the ice. The car was free (although the steering was still frozen) but the parking lot hadn't yet been cleared of snow. Eventually, Mr. Glas finally drove away. The only visible damage to the Porsche was a bit of chipped paint and some minor scratches. *Philip King.*

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