



OFFICIAL THOMAS FAMILY "CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY" FOR ORIGINAL CHEETAH

Hello Sam Goins,

I have known about your Cheetah since seeing it many years ago in the Automobile Quarterly publication. In 2013 I finally got to see it in person at the Nelson Ledges Cheetah event where it was the star of the event. At that event I was able to look over the exterior of your Cheetah and was impressed with the originality of all the body parts. You very rarely see, if ever, an original unaltered Cheetah body. I was also able to look into the interior of the car and saw that it too was original and complete.

September 2015, I was able to make it back to Ohio and you invited me down to your home. I was able to really look your car over giving it approximately 3 hours of inspection. I was accompanied by Bob Ruth and Fred Yeakle, who both have extensive experience and knowledge about Cheetahs. Fred also owns an original Cheetah. We all agreed that your Cheetah is one of the most complete and original examples, and it lives up to its reputation of looking like it was in a time capsule. It also has the appropriate patina that demonstrates its racing heritage.

Known to be Cheetah #4, your Cheetah has the distinction of being one of three that raced in the Daytona sports car race in February 1964 with original owner/driver Budd Clusserath at the wheel. I understand that you purchased it from Budd, making you only the second owner of this remarkable Cheetah. Sam, you have been such a good steward of this extremely rare (1 of only 11), 1st design original Cheetahs. You preserving its integrity, un-altered, un-refinished, and mostly un-restored. The fact that this Cheetah has an extensive racing history adds to the provenance and to the miraculous fact that it is a survivor!

This letter certifies that the undersigned, Bill Thomas III, has thoroughly inspected Sam Goins' Cheetah #4. The undersigned authorizes that this Cheetah meets the specifications of a Bill Thomas Race Cars/ Bill Thomas Motors Cheetah, produced at 510 E. Julianna St. Anaheim, California 92801. The undersigned authorizes that this Cheetah includes the following appropriate in period components: Chevrolet Corvette 327 Rochester fuel injected engine, Muncie M21 transmission, C2 Corvette rear differential, Chevrolet stock car drum brakes, and a Jones Motorola key reset tattle tell racing tachometer.

The undersigned believes that this Cheetah #4 is the Cheetah sold to Budd Clusserath, January 1964, by Bill Thomas Motors, a California corporation.

All the best,

March 11, 2018

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