

Cooper Monaco 1961, Chassis No. CM/3/61

RACE RESULTS

1961 (fitted with 2.7 Coventry Climax engine) Driven by Bruce McLaren

Riverside 2nd to Jack Brabham in similar car

Laguna Seca 4th in both heats

1962 (fitted with Buick V8 by Reventlow Automobiles Inc. For Briggs Cunningham. The Climax engine belonged to McLaren and was shipped for his use in a single seater Cooper in the Tasman Series)

Driven by Walt Hansgen

June 3rd Bridgehampton, 1st Overall SCCA National

September 22nd Watkins Glen Grand Prix, 1st Overall SCCA National

October 14th LA Times Grand Prix, DNF brake trouble

October 21st Pacific Grand Prix, Heat 1. 13th blown water hose

October 21st Pacific Grand Prix, Heat 2. 3rd.

1963 again driven by Walt Hansgen

May 12th Cumberland Md , 2nd Overall SCCA National (1st in class)

June 2nd Bridgehampton, 1st Overall SCCA National

September 15th Bridgehampton 500km (FIA) International, 1st

October 13th LA Times Grand Prix, Riverside, 1st

October 13th LA Times Grand Prix, Riverside, DNF (piston)

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Subsequent Race History

1965 Phoenix Grand Prix, Driver Chuck Parsons

1965 Riverside Times Grand Prix, 8th, Driver Dan Parkinson

1966 Monterey Grand Prix, 9th, Driver Ed Leslie

During 1967 the car was rebuilt for Richard Gamboni by Nate Bourgeault with a 327 Chevrolet engine, Huffaker transmission and trailing arm suspension.

The car survived in the above form until 1977 and was raced, but after that during the ownership of Steven Rapp it was stripped down, the body sold for scrap and a start was made to turn it into a Ferrari 512 look alike. The car was eventually returned to UK in bad condition as modified by Gamboni but without its body. It was rebuilt in UK to its 1962/63 form with Buick engine and Cooper C5 gearbox and a copy of its original body in Briggs Cunningham livery.

Whereas I have ownership details I have no more race history until it reached me since when it has twice raced at the Goodwood Revival.

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List of owners

1961 Peter Berry (UK)	driver Bruce McLaren (NZ)
1961 -1963 Briggs Cunningham (USA)	driver Walt Hansgen (USA)
1964-1966 Ernie Gravelle (USA)	drivers Chuck Parsons(USA) Dan Parkinson(USA) Ed Leslie (USA)
1966-1968 Richard Gamboni (USA)	driver Ed Leslie (USA)
1968-1971 William C Thompson (USA)	?
1971-1977 Lynn Behm (USA)	driver Lynn Behm
1977-1997 Steven Rapp (USA)	no longer driveable
1997-2000 Donald E Moriarty (USA)	
2000 Philip Walker (UK)	
2002 Adrian Rush (UK)	in restoration
2004 Danny Wright(UK)	driver Danny Wright
2009 Stephen Curtis(UK)	driver James Wood