

R Smith Esq.
6621 Peters Rd
Plantation
Florida. 33317

36 Brancote Rd
Oxton
Burkenhead
Cheshire
England

Speedwell Sprite G.T. 1960 6/12/76

Dear Mr Smith

051-652-5298

Following our telephone conversation I enclose some photographs of the Sprite. I bought the car about six months ago intending to use it for historic sports car events next year, but I have decided to do some travelling next year visiting friends in the States and Australia therefore I will not really be able to make much use of it.

I do not know much about the cars early history but in England it is extremely rare, about ten cars remaining. The Specification is basically as for a Mk1. Sprite with some

modifications. The rear suspension has a Panhard rod fitted. The chassis has some alloy floor panels, it is fitted with front disc brakes and wider than standard wire wheels (165x13) tyres. The engine is 948cc bored out .0040, Thon; and fitted with special pistons Weber 40 DCOE carb, oil cooler etc, and the car is fitted with a roll bar. The bodyshell is alloy with the original glassfibre Sebring bonnet (Hood?). Also has woodrim steering wheel.

The condition of this car is externally - Very good - recently resprayed in the correct shade of British racing green with gold stripe practically dent free.

Chassis - very sound - interior and engine compartment reasonable but could do with detailed improvement

Price would be £850 firm

The Austin Mealey Club who have shown considerable interest in the car, thought it would be worth much more fully restored.

I hope this will have been of some use to
you and confirm that I will hold the car
for 1 week from the date of this letter
Unfortunately I cannot extend this period
as there are other parties interested.

Yours Sincerely
David Taylor.

36 Brancote Rd
Oxton
Birkenhead
England
7/1/77

Dear Mr Donley,

Thank you very much for your letter which I have only just received. I would also like to thank you for the trouble you have taken as regards the account etc.

I will make every effort to ensure that the car arrives safely, and will put some notices on it about the very fragile body. As I think you know I have not used the car on the road myself, since purchase, so I decided to have the car tuned before dispatch (I enclose the bill to show what has been done). It made me regret my decision to sell!! It had apparently been suffering from bad petrol (gas) due to standing.

I think it will be a very interesting car especially if a bit of work is done as mentioned in my original letter.

I have today spoken to Mr Parsons and we have provisionally booked shipment on the "Atlantic Song" leaving Liverpool about the 17/1 -> Portsmouth about 25/1/77.

Mr Parson will make an inventory and inspection before departure and these will be included on the shipping documents which will give you legal entitlement to the car.

As I have many contacts in the historic/classic car scene in this country I would be only too happy to help if you are looking for any bits and pieces etc (or cars for that matter). In the past I have owned many interesting cars including Lagonda V12 Le Mans (1938) which is a story in itself.

Finally I would like to thank you for your kind invitation if I am in the Florida area. I would hope to take a vacation about June/July of this year. Hope the car arrives safely, any problems let me know.

Yours truly David B. Taylor.