

KIRK F. WHITE

June 8, 2000

Dear Dana,

My friendship with your Dad goes back to the summer of 1970 when he brought our Ferrari 512 to Philadelphia, and then went on to have a substantial hand in the building of the Penske / White 512M into what was arguably the greatest Group 5 Ferrari of all time.

As early as 1973 I began to seek out early significant hot rods and the people who were involved with them. It soon became apparent that your Dad was among the very top builders in the country. Since I was a teenager your Dad's '32 was (and still is!) the greatest '32 ever built. Also I had great interest in his T-Bird, as I had raced a '55 T-Bird successfully in 1956, and marvelled at what he'd accomplished.

In the early 80s I started visiting with your father 3-4 times a year and enjoyed many great afternoons & evenings with him. His knowledge and abilities were incredible!

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At some point in 1993 he mentioned that the T-Bird he built for Jim O'Mahoney might be for sale. I subsequently purchased the car and have enjoyed the car for many years. In April 1994 Rod & Custom magazine did an extensive feature on the car and presented it as the "Joane Spencer" T-Bird. This article was done when O'Mahoney owned the car. I have never represented the car as anything other than the "O'Mahoney bird". Instead I am most happy to just have a car that Joane built!

The point of all this is that I truly believe the very best engine your father built should be in a very special car.

Leaving aside what has already transpired, I would like to have the opportunity to purchase this final engine that Joane was building for me just prior to his passing.

As you probably know Pete Chaponis & Alex Xydias have teamed up to re-form the old So-Cal Speed Shop, and are building some world-class '32 roadsters. I've discussed with Pete Chaponis the prospect of building a truly special '32 around this engine. He would be thrilled to have the opportunity.

It would be sensational to have that motor in a sensational roadster built by a team of builders, all of whom held your dad in high esteem.

Let me know your thoughts.
P.S. Sorry for the 2 "sensationals" above!

Sincerely,
Tom West

6-27-00

Bill of Sale to Kirk F. White, for Doane Spencer
built race engine, 302 Ford - As is, and hand checked
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