

Bill Thomas Cheetah - vin BTC003

**built February 1964 in Anaheim, CA
for Alan Green Chevrolet**

ACCUS FIA HTP Vehicle identity # 38383

Ownership History

As of: **06/27/2016**

Alan Green Chevrolet	March 1964	through	May 1966
Jerry Copley	May 1966	through	March 1967
Barrie Grant	March 1967	through	May 1972
Robert Pinkham	May 1972	through	May 1989
Fred Yeakel	May 1989	through	Present

I, Don Edmunds, was employed by Bill Thomas Race Cars in 1963 and early 1964. Bill Thomas decided that he could build and sell a fiberglass bodied sports car. Since the other builders were producing roadsters, Bill decided he wanted a coupe. I was assigned the project. It was my job to design and build the car which was christened the "Cheetah". I left Bill Thomas Race Cars employ after the first few cars were produced to start my own business Autoresearch.

After inspecting the Cheetah, identified by the number BTC003 on the front cross-member, and currently owned by Mr. Fred Yeakel, my opinion is that this car is one of the original Bill Thomas Cheetahs produced by Bill Thomas Race Cars in 1964.

Signed: _____

Don Edmunds


Don Edmunds

Date: _____

4/4/14

I, Allen R Grant, was the driver of the 1964 Bill Thomas Cheetah raced by Alan Green Chevrolet during the 1964 and 1965 racing seasons. As the driver, I participated in 10 races during the period from May 10, 1964 (USRRC at Pacific Raceways) through October 18, 1964 (Monterey Grand Prix at Laguna Seca). I was also involved in the preparation and maintenance of the Cheetah during that time period. Drum brakes were on the Cheetah when I was involved with the car.

After inspecting the Cheetah, identified by the number BTC003 on the front cross-member, and currently owned by Mr. Fred Yeakel, my opinion is that this is the same Bill Thomas Cheetah which I drove for Alan Green Chevrolet during the 1964 racing season and for which I was responsible as described above.

Signed: 
Allen R Grant

Date: 2/10/18

I, Larry Webb, was the chief mechanic for the 1964 Bill Thomas Cheetah racecar raced by Alan Green Chevrolet during the 1964 and 1965 racing seasons. As chief mechanic, I was responsible for the race preparation and maintenance of the Cheetah during the time that Alan Green Chevrolet raced the Cheetah. When Alan Green Chevrolet took delivery of the Cheetah, there was no serial number or vehicle identification number on the car. The Cheetah was delivered with drum brakes. Drum brakes were on the Cheetah during the time that Alan Green Chevrolet had the car.

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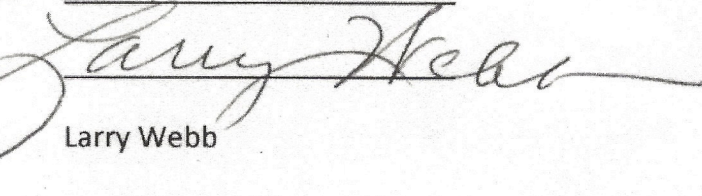
Larry Webb

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Date:

4-20-14

By:


Larry Webb

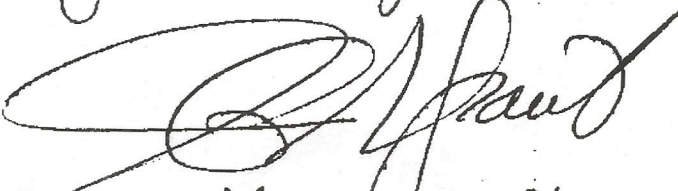
Barry M. Grant
Post Office Box 722
Medford, Oregon 97501

27 May 72

Received of Robert Pulkham

payment in full for one Bill Thomas Chevy GT. Coupe, also known as a "Cheetah," built in 1965 originally for Jerry Grant, subsequently owned by Alan Grant, Jerry Copley (Medford Ore) and from 1967 to 1972 by Barrington M. Grant, PO Box 722, Medford, Ore, 97501, (503) 779-1544; less engine and engine accessories. No license or registration. The Cheetah has been used solely as personal property, for road racing. One trailer is included. Receipt of above price is hereby acknowledged.

witnessed by:
Dodd Black


Barrington M. Grant

I, Jerry Copley, purchased in 1966 from Alan Green Chevrolet their 1964 Bill Thomas Cheetah racecar. In 1967, I sold the same Bill Thomas Cheetah to Barry Grant.

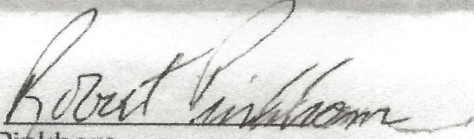
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By: Jerry Copley

Jerry Copley

To Whom It May Concern:

In May 1972 I purchased the ex Alan Green Chevrolet racing Cheetah, built by Bill Thomas Race Cars of Anaheim California, from Barrington M Grant. There was no serial number or ID number. Barrington Grant did not have a serial number. When the frame was stripped and powder coated, no ID # was found. In the 1970's and early 80's, I contacted who ever I could about the production number of the car. Bill Thomas did not respond to my inquiry. From the research I did, I had to surmise that Jerry Grant, driver for Alan Green Chevrolet, got the third car. Therefore, BTC003 was chosen as the ID # at that time and placed on the square front cross member.

Signed: 
Robert Pinkham

Date: 4-7-2014



Dear Mr. Yeakel,

I first saw your Cheetah in May 1990 when you had it at Dennis Lyman Racing in Costa Mesa, California. Because the body was removed for work on the rear end mount, I was able to inspect it in detail. Since then, I have seen it on numerous occasions, including watching it participate in historic car racing events. I always enjoy watching your car vintage race because it was so extensively raced in-period from 1964-1966 while owned by Alan Green Chevrolet. During that time, this car was driven by Allen Grant, Don Jensen and Gary Gove in events both in the USA and Canada. The documentation you have supporting the original race campaign and the subsequent ownership and vintage racing career of this car is outstanding.

Your Cheetah is marked with the number BTC003 on the front cross-member. As I understand it from inspecting your documentation, you have owned this car since 1989, when you purchased it from Rob Pinkham, who placed the number on the front cross-member in order to register the car with the California DMV. Rob Pinkham purchased the car from Barrington M Grant in 1972. Barrington M Grant purchased the car from Jerry Copley in 1967. Jerry Copley purchased the car from Alan Green Chevrolet in 1966.

This letter certifies that the undersigned, Bill Thomas III, has thoroughly inspected Fred Yeakel's Cheetah. 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/Bill Thomas dual air meter 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 is the Cheetah racecar sold to Alan Green Chevrolet, February 1964, by Bill Thomas Motors, a California corporation.

Signed: Bill Thomas III
Bill Thomas III

Date: 4-21-78

