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Dear Mr. Kelly,  
may I briefly introduce myself? My name is Juergen Strutz; I'm the author of the historical novel

„Jean Bugatti 1937 – from Triumph to Tragedy“.

Before I retired I was an ENT and skull base surgeon and the medical director of the ENT University Clinic in Regensburg, Bavaria, Germany.

The 2 Bugatti winning cars of the Le Mans races 1937 and 1939 (T57 G Tank and T57 C Tank) are at the center of this novel. Only one Le Mans winning car survived the World War II, namely the ex Jean-Pierre Wimille Tank from 1937 (chassis #57455) – and this car is in your museum, the world famous Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This racing car had several owners in Europe and America until it was finally purchased by Frederick A. Simeone. Since then it has been the hero of your unique museum for historic racing cars.

For a new Bugatti book project I am researching this ex Wimille T57 G Tank (chassis#57455). This car was previously restored (and modified) at least 3 times: in 1969 by Jean de Dobbeleer and 1981 by Uwe Hucke (with the help of André Blanchard, a former Bugatti works mechanic). I contacted Angela, the daughter of Uwe Hucke (and curator of the Bugatti Trust).

I asked Angela whether she still has private documents from her father regarding the restoration in 1981 – documents that are not archived in the Bugatti Trust Archives.

Angela informed me that all documents relating to the restoration had been handed over to the new owner of the T57 G, Klaus Werner in 1989.

Angela gave me the advice to contact you as the Curator at the Simeone Foundation Museum in Philadelphia.

May I politely ask you to provide me with technical documents and photos of the final restoration at the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum in 2013.

I am particularly interested in the structure of the chassis and body (alloy of magnesium). Have you been able to install a “G” – specification cylinder block?

In order to limit my query I would like to inform you that I am member of the Bugatti Trust and aware of the documents from the Bugatti Trust Archives and the relevant literature.

Many thanks in advance

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jürgen Strutz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the name.

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