

The Betz and Peters Collection

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Dear Fred:

We have not been in touch for some time and I thought I would get you up to date on Horace Jeffrey. He was recently put in a nursing home. For some time, at least five or six years, he has had trouble making decisions. He has worried constantly about how all his decisions had been mistakes. I first noticed his indecision five or six years ago when his house had a problem with settling and he kept putting off doing something. Today it is in need of very extensive repair, perhaps even demolition. He reached a point where he was unable to care for himself or his financial affairs. He had stopped opening his mail. We called him, and tried to talk to him, as did other of his friends, but he wouldn't go out or accept visitors. On the rare occasion he would open his door he wouldn't let anyone in the house.

Bill Woods is his closest and oldest friend and the only person Jeff still trusts and will communicate with most of the time. Bill has taken over all of Jeff's financial affairs, with Jeff's approval, and got him into an excellent care facility. He has been in the care facility now about six weeks and they have him looking good and in good physical health. He still is not willing to go out with anyone or accept guests other than Bill and his wife. He is not interested in anything.

Bill and his wife have been working two or three days each week cleaning out his house so that it may be sold. We have tried to help them pick out the items that relate to Jeff's cars. The following items are used parts taken from the Ferrari 375 MM when it was restored and that relate to the history of the car.

- 9 used cylinder liners
- 3 partial sets of used pistons
- misc. used valve springs
- misc. used engine bearings
- misc. used engine studs
- Brass bowl, award as best Lampredi engined car at 1991 FCA Meet
- License plate from same event
- Misc. used valves and piston pin keepers
- flywheel (ring gear is worn out) and clutch cover end plate
- Pirelli Stelvio tire, worn out
- 2 Englebert racing tires
- 4 Jaguar knock offs drilled for trailer tie downs when transporting the car
- misc. spark plugs
- 3 used Lucas turn signal lenses
- misc. used nuts, bolts and hardware items
- misc. new rod and main bearings, water damaged
- Schedoni award plaque with 348 waterpump mounted

2 copies Dec. 1990 issue of Sports Car International with article on 0412
Signed and dated card from J. Stein thanking Jeff with print out of article
framed #235 identification number from Mille Miglia Historica

If you are interested in any, or all, of these items please let us know. While Jeff's financial situation is not desperate at this time, some modest payment to Horace Jeffrey, sent to Bill Woods, for the items selected would be much appreciated. You will be responsible for shipping costs but we will crate the items for you at no charge. If we find anything else we will let you know.

My impression was that Jeff still had about \$15,000 in the exchange account with you from the sale of the 375MM. Could you please confirm the amount with Bill Woods? Bill's address is:

Bill Woods
5830 Edmond
La Crescenta, CA 91214
818-248-9544

We hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy the 375MM. We are finally getting the engine for our 375MM ready to put together and hope to start on the body work late this year. To say we are excited about this is an understatement.

We would very much like to have your 375MM here to be digitized. Our metalcrafter, Steve Beckman, is a former employee of IDG (Ital Design Group, the USA office of Ital Design) and still helps them on various projects. They are slow right now and would do the digitizing quickly. Steve and one of us would be there while the work was being done. He already had them digitize a Cisitalia Coupe and made a buck and then a complete new body for a Cisitalia Cabriolet. Since we need to have all new sheet metal for the nose, fenders, and rear of our car this would be very helpful to us. From that data we would make a complete body buck that would allow any panel to your car to be duplicated just as it was originally if that was ever needed. The buck would be dismantled and preserved as would the digital record. We would pay all the costs of transporting your car and having the work done. It would be returned to you clean and serviced with fresh fluids at our expense.

Recently an article appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* about a Cobra Daytona Coupe in which you were mentioned. Included you will find a copy of the article. We hope things work out well for you on this situation.

Sincerely,



Charles Betz