

LETTERS

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SOUTHERN SOLUTIONS...

Dear *Cavallino*,

In response to Jerry Brewster's request in the letter column of *Cavallino* 167: Although I can't vouch for the 212 Ferrari advertised by Phil Hill, the port-holed 250 MM, s/n 0260 MM, that Charlie Brown used to own was bought from Hill.

The car was on display at the 1953 New York Auto Show in 1953. Chinetti offered it to Hill at an advantageous price and it was the only competition car Phil ever bought new. After the 1953 season, he sold it to Brown. By May of 1957, it had changed ownership again, as it was raced by Ernie Miller of New Orleans in the Louisiana Grand Prix at Hammond, where it finished third overall.

Best,
Willem Oosthoek
Weddington, NC

Dear *Cavallino*,

I read with interest [the] letter "Monroe Mystery," in No. 167.

I have Mr. Brown associated with 340 America Touring Barchetta, s/n 0118 A, and the ex-Phil Hill 250 MM, s/n 0260 MM.

I do not have Mr. Brown associated with the Phil Hill 212 Export Touring Barchetta, s/n 0078 E.

The ex-Charlie Kemp and

Below: The 212 Export Touring Barchetta, s/n 0078 E, of Phil Hill's, seen in the ad.



Arnaud Blamfune Image

Above: Phil Hill in the 212 Export, s/n 0078 E, at the Albi circuit in 1995 during the Tour Auto. Car at the time was owned by Sherman Wolf.

Chevy Dealer in Covington, Louisiana (actually John Baldwin) Ferrari was almost certainly the 500 TR, s/n 0652 MDTR. I have been told that it now has an original-type four cylinder engine.

Best wishes,
Gerald Roush
Ferrari Market Letter
Stone Mountain, GA

Dear *Cavallino*,

I saw the new *Cavallino* and merely spotted the photo on page 35 of the Phil Hill 250 MM Spyder that I first saw race at Pebble Beach in 1953. The car sold at the end of the year

Below: Is this really a 212 Export Touring Barchetta, or a 340 America? Note windscreens.

(October, Reno, NV) to Charlie Brown, who then entered it for Bill Jarnigan to drive at the Bergstrom, Texas event in March of 1954; it had a fourth place in the main event. Hill offered this for \$8750 in *Road and Track* (chassis s/n 0260 MM).

Hill's 212 car sold at the end of 1952 to Howard Wheeler of Van Nuys, California, a good friend to Ernie McAfee. At the time, I saw Wheeler drive on a very hot day in March of 1953 at Palm Springs.

Charlie Brown of Louisiana previously drove a 340 Ferrari, with no sign of a 212 and started with a Siata 750 and later raced a D-type Jaguar.

Brown, I believe, sold that 250 MM Vignale to a Mr. L. McMillan of Texas but no doubt you have experts who can verify that.

Jim Sitz
Pasadena, CA

Dear *Cavallino*,

I went back to your photo of Charlie Brown's Barchetta on page 35. I would like to suggest this is really the 340 America previously owned by Bill Spear rather than the 212 model.

Looking at the photography carefully, you can see how the windcreens rest on a metal bracket that fits to the cowl rather than directly to the body as on the Hill 212. Mr. Brown bought this car from Spear in October of 1953.

There were only two other cars of this type – the Kimberly one which was sold to Califor-

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