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Dear Editor:

If the adage, "better late than never," is still true, then the following comments on an article in your June/July 1997 issue are still timely. The article, "OSCA the Grouch," by Harry Newton, featuring the very first OSCA, needs to be supplemented and clarified regarding the restoration of SN 1101.

The article implies that the entire restoration was carried out in my shop, Epifani Restoration of Berkeley, CA. In fact, our part of the process was to fabricate, provide, and fit several authentic components and details to properly complete the restoration. The major portion of the basic restoration, however, from chassis up, was accomplished over a period of several years by Captain Herbie Allemann in Switzerland.

Allemann, who chauffeurs Swiss-Air jumbo jets when he is not working on his cars, performed the tasks single-handedly in his home garage, mastering the skills required as needed. The high quality of his efforts is readily apparent and is attested to by the class award the car received at Pebble Beach, 1996. In addition, most recently, the car was awarded Best In Show at the Greenwich Concours d'Elegance this past May 31. Let's give Herbie the recognition he deserves for this amazing labor of love.

Sincerely,

Nino Epifani