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Re.: Your 1928 Riley Brooklands WK 6652

Dear Mr. Valseriati,

As previously told You in our recent telephone conversation, I bought the above car by Mr. Patrick Mc. Knight in Stoke on Trent, who supplied it to me as a restoration project, with a partially dismantled sports body (two seater).

As You know, the car was extensively raced in the fifties and the sixties with this body, that had a quite different tail, then destroyed, and long wings over the front wheels. In the year 2000, after being contacted by Mrs. Barbara Farquhar of the Riley Register, I was suggested to restore the car to its original specification. (1)

I was told by the Register that this car was an "ex-works" example, that was especially built for Mr. Percy Riley, who entered it in the 1928 and 1929 TT races; this means that the original bodywork created by Thomson and Taylor for the Riley Engine Company in 1928, some time in the fifties was changed into the model I bought by Mr. Mc. Knight in 1999.

The restoration made by Mr. D.Ricketts, who's a Riley specialist and an expert coachbuilder, took care of the Register suggestions, keeping the original chassis, engine, wheels, steering and instruments. The bodywork was entirely repanelled by him with the original "Brooklands" specifications sent to me by Mrs. Barbara Farquhar, who then inspected the car on 28/09/2003 for FBHVC related with the FIVA Identity card in Your hands.

The paintwork was done in respect of the original black and green livery, which was chosen by Mr. Riley in the thirties. We have no news about the dismantled body panels previously found on the car, that were, anyway, quite destroyed by time and usage.

I am sure these details will be useful to You and I hope my support will help You in the matter of historical research about the car, that, as You know, is registered on the interesting and important book written by Mr. David G. Styles in 1982; I am at Your full disposal for any further information and, wishing You a safe and sporty driving of this car, I remain (2)

Yours truly,

