

Squire SS-100 Registry

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CONCORSO ITALIANO '99

was held at the Quail Lodge Country Club outside of Carmel, CA on Friday, August 27th and was an impressive display of just about every Italian marque ever made from the 1920s to present. Most current Italian auto manufacturers were represented as were the independent auto design firms. For an auto lover this was like a trip to the candy shop. You simply wanted to take home one of everything. Weather was beautiful and the entire day was perfect.

Intermeccanica was represented by three Italia convertibles and one Apollo coupe, all nicely tricked out, and one lonely Squire SS-100 that got a lot of attention throughout the day. Frank and Henry Reisner from Intermeccanica were supposed to attend but were no-shows without even an apologetic phone call as far as we know.

Our Squire SS-100 Registry was represented by Bill Lieske, Bob Murray, Terry Becker, Ed Spielman and myself. From Phoenix we pulled my Squire on Terry's tow-dolly using Bill's Suburban and picked up Ed on the way. (Bob flew in). I'd spent the better part of two weeks getting my Squire almost letter-perfect clean and as we left Los Angeles it started to rain and did so most of the way but on arrival we all pitched in and got it reasonably clean.

The Intermeccanica Owner's Registry was represented by Tim Marriott out of Denver and the Intermeccanica Enthusiasts Club was also represented by John Wilkens from Philadelphia. The entire Intermeccanica group joined for dinner in downtown Monterey on Saturday night and decided that we should all be represented again next year. Later, our Squire members agreed we should attend again but with a different Squire SS-100 showing our marque each year.

Our Squire SS-100 Registry members attended the Laguna Seca races on Saturday and the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance meet on Sunday before heading home. Jay Leno was present for this and was usually surrounded by a huge crowd. I guess we must have seen a bazillion dollars worth of classic cars in the three days but by golly - one of our Squires was there.

CHASSIS #20 CHANGES HANDS

Last issue I reported that Member Bill Simms had passed away and his family had asked us to help put his Squire in friendly hands. This car has now been purchased by Members George and Erika Breckel of Hereford, AZ. They had recently also bought #33 out of Texas and now own two Squires. George plans to drive and enjoy #20 while he restores #33 which will consume a goodly amount of time.

THE GREAT SIDE CURTAIN MYSTERY

In the process of getting one of his Squires restored here in Phoenix, Member Bill Freeman shipped out both sets of side curtains for his two Squires and they've just sat here for a few months. The car is now ready for upholstery and in the setup I've discovered something interesting. His four curtains consist of three left side and one right side curtain. We'll never know when or where that mixup occurred but it's reasonable to assume that one of you out there has two right side curtains and have been wondering for years how in hell THAT happened? If you'll contact Bill Freeman or me, I'm sure we can work out an immediate swap.

THE LUCAS WINDSHIELD WIPER MOTORS

that Intermeccanica furnished with our Squires have a disconcerting habit of throwing craps just when you need them most as mine did on the recent trip to California. In the past we've haunted the bone yards trying to find used ones but now I've just discovered the happy news that we can buy new ones from Victoria British, Ltd in Lenexa, KS (800+255-0088). You just have to use the main drive gear from your old motor. Price = \$119.95 plus freight. Part #0-404

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER PLATE

Another owner gripe is the fact that when Intermeccanica shipped our cars to this country the VIN tag was printed on paper then glued to a piece of tin and affixed to either the firewall or mounted on the sidewall just behind the drivers seat. Over the years many of them have become obliterated or lost completely as mine and Bill Freeman's was. So, I've had a set made up for us, (See sample below) in engraved plastic and if you would like one for your Squire, send me your check for \$25 and I'll ship it with the next newsletter.



CHASSIS #16 - BEN CUNNINGHAM, ST.PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

Ben has been working on this Squire for over five years, converting it from a MacGregor conversion back to a straight Squire with some modifications that make it look more like the parent Jaguar SS-100.

Ben writes that he reduced the wheelbase from 111" to 108", installed a Mustang II front end, front fenders reinforced and radiused to wheel centers, '31 Hupmobile 11" headlights and 30s tail lights installed, Motolita steering wheel and Lockar shifter, folding windshield fabricated from original parts, windshield rake and proportion changed, seats reshaped, new carpet and leather on doors and dash. dash reshaped with one of much refined shape, headers on exhaust system, all new wiring, new top, side curtains and tonneau cover and louvers made functional on portion of the hood. Ben sent along some photos which appear on the next page.

He would also like to sell the following original parts at these prices: One pair headlights & stone guards-\$30. 1 Fusina steering wheel-\$30. 1 rearview mirror & bracket-\$20, 1 side view mirror-\$20. 1 pair defroster vents-\$5. 1 complete heater unit-\$25. 1 hood prop rod-\$5. 1 pair tail lights-\$25. 1 hood release lever-\$5. 4 each bulb receptacles-\$5. 1 set of top latches-\$20. Front bumper and brackets-\$50. Rear bumpers and brackets-\$50. 4 each dash warning lights-\$20 and 1 each fuse panel & cover-\$20.

These are offered at the above prices + UPS charges. You can write to Ben at 156 22nd Avenue NE, St. Pete, FL 33704-4543 or you can call him directly at Area 727+896-6123. HELP CLEAN BEN'S GARAGE!

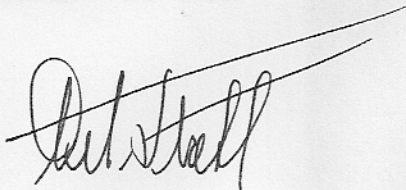
CHASSIS #23 IS UP FOR SALE

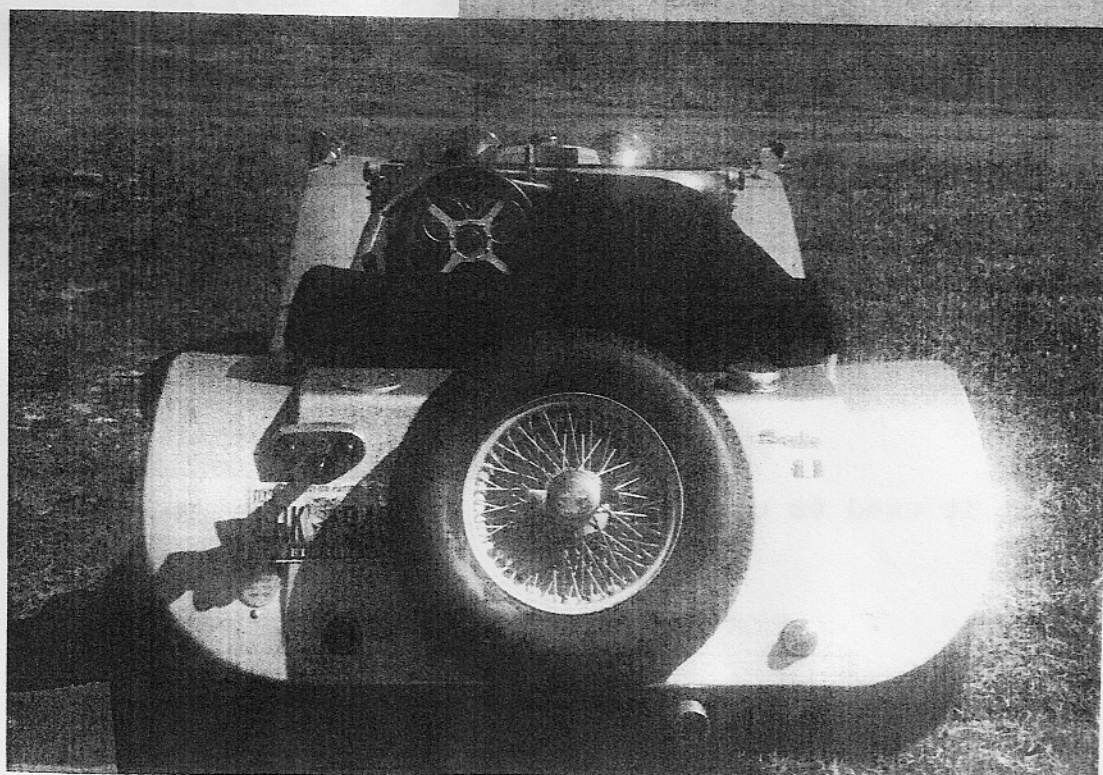
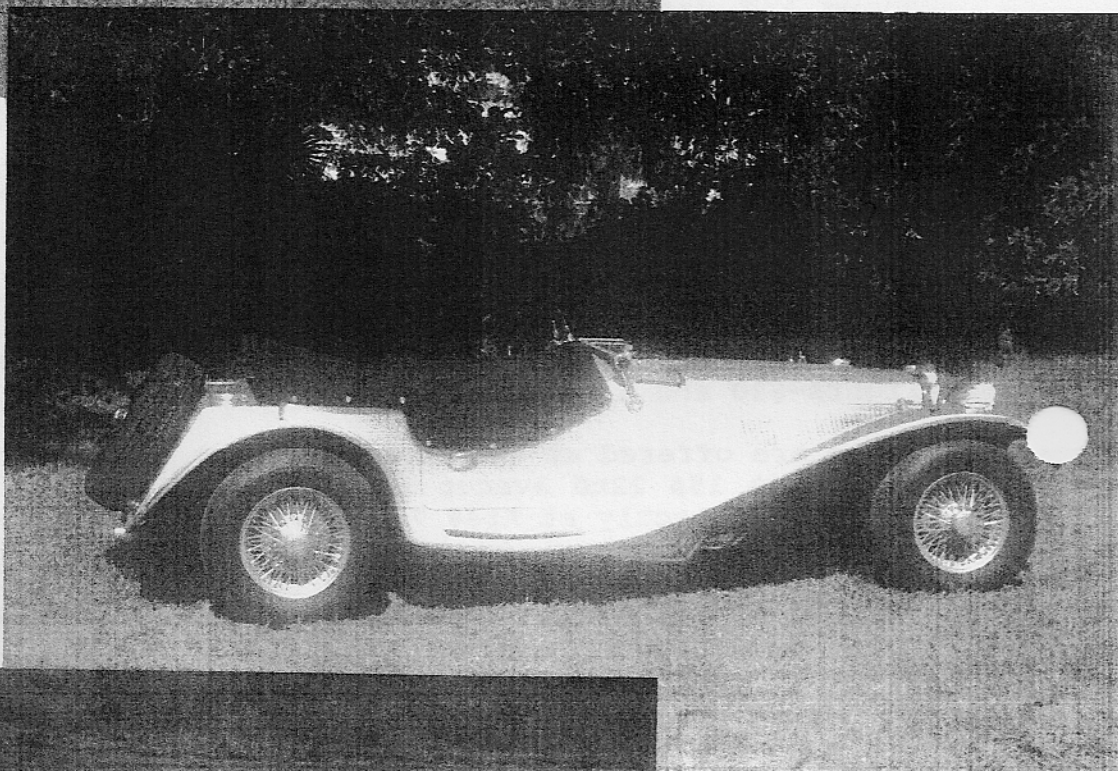
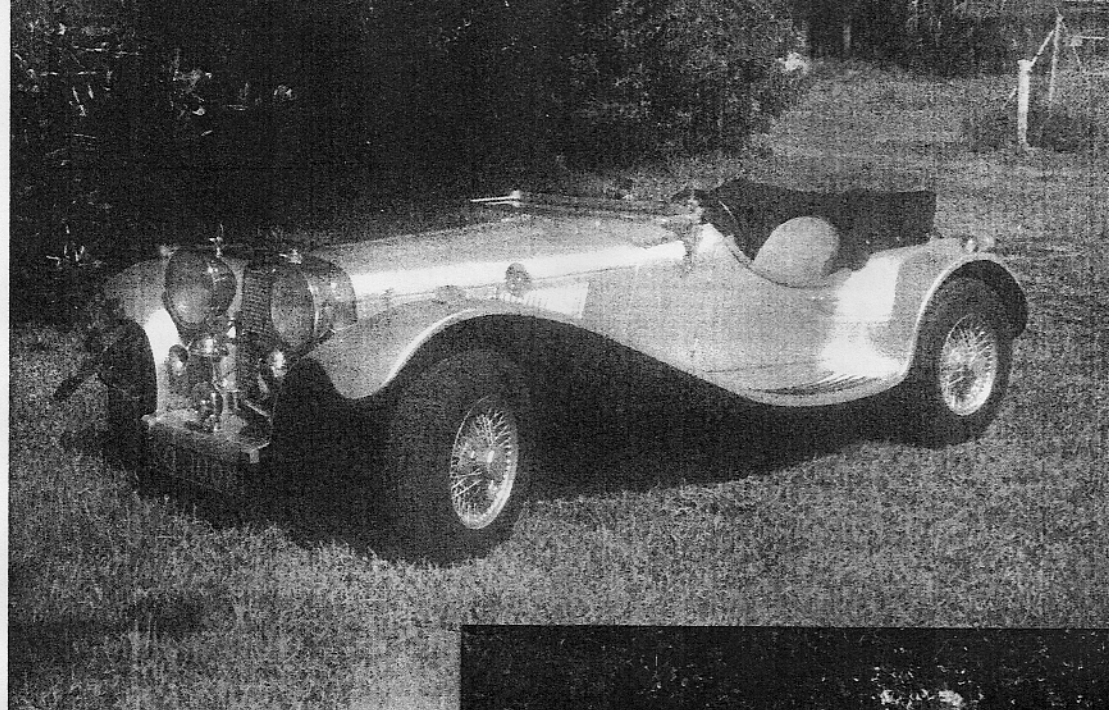
We have recently heard from Warren Moore of Shelter Island Heights, Long Island, New York that his Squire SS-100 is officially for sale. To quote Warren completely, "While in Florida last Winter I bought a 1931 Chevy roadster and it's a beauty. Our garage was built as a workshop, boat storage and room for the Squire so sadly, something has to go and it's the Squire which I've had for 21 years. She's in good, original condition with new tires and one carb rebuild. At 9,020 miles, the engine is quiet and the steering and suspension are tight".

I've driven Warren's Squire and know it to be in good shape. It'll be a good driver with a few cosmetic touches, I.E tonneau cover + what have you. So, if you have a friend that admires your Squire tell 'em you know where to buy one and contact Warren at Area 516+749-7808.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.





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