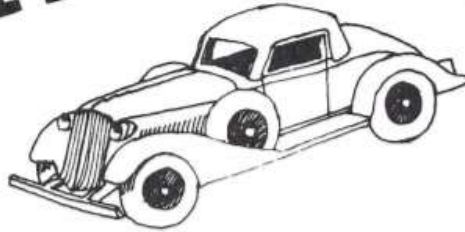


**CAPITOL MINIATURE AUTO  
COLLECTORS CLUB**



**Celebration of Life for Dan Danielson on  
September Saturday, September 6, 2025: 1:00  
pm ~ 4:00 pm**

**Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club, 6901 Arthur  
Hills Drive, Gainesville, Virginia**

**JULY-AUGUST 2025: NEXT MEETING  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025**

# **CMACC MEETING DETAILS**

## **AUGUST 2025**

**DATE AND TIME:** SATURDAY AUGUST 16, 2025; 11:00 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

**LOCATION:** FRAVEL HOME, 12503 DAVAN DRIVE, SILVER SPRING, MD 20904

**THEME:** BUCKET LIST/RECENT ACQUISITIONS

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### **EVENTS: Let me know if you know!**

- **August 9, 10:00 a.m. Auction of Items from the Jeff Gurski Collection at Lloyd Ralston Auctions:**  
**[https://www.liveauctioneers.com/catalog/381645\\_sizzling-summer-toy-vehicles-aug-9-2025/?page=18](https://www.liveauctioneers.com/catalog/381645_sizzling-summer-toy-vehicles-aug-9-2025/?page=18)**
- **October 4-5: Great Scale Train Show, Timonium, Maryland (State Fairgrounds).**
- **November 1, 2025 Allentown Antique Toy Show, Agricultural Hall, Fairgrounds 302 N 17th St, Allentown, PA 18104 (Early Buyers October 31 10 a.m.-3 p.m.)**
- **November 2, 2025 the 108<sup>th</sup> CMACC Show. Dunn Loring Firehouse, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

## **Editor's Corner**

Apologies for the combined July-August issue. I had a major work project due in July, and in addition I was scheduled for a vacation trip to France around the Le Mans Classique race weekend leaving the last week in June, but then I had a major work project due not long after my return—sorry the newsletter lost out on priorities! I decided there was no point in two issues back to back, so the combined issue.

Since the last issue the CMACC community has had to absorb some major losses. Doug Campbell's wife Joan, a participant in so many Club events over the years, died on July 10 after a fall on July 4. Then, we were saddened by the loss of Club member Dan Danielson on July 19. Many of us made it to the viewing or service for Joan, and information is provided about the planned Celebration of Life for Dan below.

In this issue there Doug Campbell has provided one of his extensive OAST contributions and an article. He worked on these and sent them in the weeks after losing Joan. I appreciate his desire and ability to focus on these and thank him for these contributions. And thanks to all our contributors, the stash is low!

After putting off the Journal for a month to go to France, I felt like an article with some photos was due, and that is included in this issue. I took several hundred photos, so this is a sample. More in the article later in this issue.

Fred

## **Tariff Updates:**

Spin the Tariff continues, and it is hard to know what the effects will be and when. I have received a couple of models from overseas since the last report, both of which arrived with no extra tariff, likely as they were under the \$800 de minimis exemption that had been reinstated. Then, on July 31 President Trump signed an [Executive Order](#) suspending duty-free de minimis tariff exemptions for low-value shipments from all countries, so we will see how that is implemented going forward.

Bob Short forwarded a notice from Diecast Direct to their dealers that tariff costs would be passed on and pre-ordered items could not be cancelled, they would just have whatever the new prices/costs turned out to be. Goldvarg has started selling some of the models previously scheduled, and they are at the \$109 to \$115 level, up from the price level of previous models which was \$99.00. I don't know if that's due to tariffs, but I have suspicions. Not enough to keep me from buying a '48 Pontiac (yet).

Dick Williams sent a copy of an update from the Corgi Collectors Club, basically saying that the end of the de minimis exemption means that a 30 percent tariff will apply for models ordered after August 20, calculated on the value of the model and the shipping. Their new shipping agent will add these charges at the time of shipment, and they will be transparent.

If you are still ordering models from abroad, let me know your experience.

## Sad News: Dan Danielson

As mentioned above, the CMACC lost our member Dan Danielson when he passed away on July 19. Some in the Club may have received a note from his wife Hope, reflecting the loss felt by his family. As Hope said, he loved playing with his cars and trains!

She related that Dan had an award-winning, 32-year career with Proctor & Gamble. In retirement, he owned Toy Trains & Collectibles, a full-service model train shop, in Manassas, VA. Dan was a train collector/operator, and very active in Train Collectors Association. He also collected vintage Dinky Toys and other diecast vehicles and was a member of the Capitol Miniature Automobile Collectors Club.

Dan and Hope were both natives of Alexandria, VA before they moved to Gainesville, VA. They were married more than 62 years and have three children and six grandchildren, all living locally.



A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 1-4 p.m. at Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club, 6901 Arthur Hills Drive, Gainesville, Virginia. Those wishing to honor Dan, please consider a donation to The National Toy Train Museum. Hope's phone number is 703 819-7251, and her mailing address is

Andy German forwarded this link which begins with a tribute to Dan:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KG4RODQEp\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KG4RODQEp_E)

Also, about 36 minutes, 30 seconds in is a photo of late member Bob Marshall and his train collection.

## Sad News:

The news about Dan followed the loss of Doug Campbell's wife Joan. Her presence at most CMACC meetings and events, and her trips with Doug to many shows despite her mobility issues was an inspiration to us all. Deb and I last saw her at the memorial service for Bob Straube, and afterwards Deb remarked on their conversation.

While there is more to the event, on July 4 she fell at home and despite efforts of the ambulance crew and emergency room, she did not regain consciousness. She passed on July 10, donating her liver and kidneys, and also tissue from her back and her eye retinas, providing hope to at least four more lives—a true hero, as Doug later said.

## OAST- Doug Campbell

With the recent passing of my beloved wife of 50 years, Joan, this has been the most difficult month of my life, losing my best friend and life companion...and to the many club members who have send cards, gifts, and visited the funeral home and/or funeral Mass, I send my heartfelt thanks...my lust for collecting of course has gone away, but I will try and continue my contributions to our Journal for the near future, as this little publication still keeps this 57 year old miniature vehicle collecting club , maybe the oldest in the USA, still together.

My first OAST photo this month shows a 1950's PLASTICVILLE(USA) Super Market , with a diecast White GMC Semi, by ERTL (made in Mexico) 1/64 scale, delivering a load of tasty meat products from Dietz & Watson of Philadelphia. Parked in front of the store at left is my only model in my collection actually made in SOUTH AFRICA- handmade in white metal 1/43 scale ,by Milestone Miniatures- a 1960 Chrysler Valiant. At right a 1952 Cadillac by ERTL- made in China, made as a promotional for an Ertl employee corporate golf tournament.



In 1996, BP gas stations sold as a Christmas promotion, this truly realistic plastic replica of the BP tankers serving the Nation's AIRPORTS. The model features illuminated headlights, 2 LED rear lights, Catwalk running lights, air horn noise effects, back-up alert sounds, flashing cab roof warning light & friction motor.



A few months ago on EBay, this certainly rare and most unique prototype (preproduction test sample) of the AIR BP tanker was offered for LESS than \$30, ALONG WITH. a MINT boxed regular production AIR BP tanker. ..it was an offer I just couldn't pass up! Such an unusual model to enjoy, and no "made in China" is cast into bottom, and the bottom side "controls" are reversed on sides, and it was assembled with these strange white tires too , compared to the actual production model. Such a fascinating piece of toy vehicle HISTORY!



Left side of AIR BP PREPRODUCTION prototype sample. White mark on side is light reflection...this sample model is "mint" in condition!



Rear view of actual AIR BP tanker model, and the gray sample prototype model,,,note on proto model the "BP" logo is just left as clear plastic.



This photo of an actual REAL "AIR BP " tanker was included with the two models also! That toy model is sure an authentic replica of the real thing!



Just recently, TOMY/ERTL released this handsome "International" (but not branded) BLACK, regular-issue SEMI truck with trailer, , inspired by an actual corporate branded truck at Ertl's warehouse (alas, no more USA factory!). The trailer is very heavy diecast metal, and the cab is a disappointing lightweight plastic molding, in 1/64 scale, celebrating 80 years of ERTL toy production...1945-1925.



In each shipping case of the new 80th anniversary ERTL 1/64 semi-trucks, is packed just ONE of these special limited GOLD "Chase Units", and having a friend out at ERTL/TOMY, she was able to "snatch" me one of these beautiful GOLD chase units when they opened a new case of models! Again, cab is plastic...trailer is VERY heavy diecast metal.



Model manufactured 1961-64, this handsome DINKY TOYS (England) this #949 WAYNE SCHOOL BUS, is probably my favorite Dinky Toys bus model! Many schools here in America used this style bus around that time period, and some models, Dinky painted with a black trim, rather than the red on my model. The model featured traffic warning notice on rear, and red lights front and rear, large emergency door, and very wide vision windscreen in driver's compartment, along with steering wheel and full molded seats.



Although they could not get her wheelchair into the actual smokehouses, this was the last factory tour that Joan and I took in early June- to tour the fascinating production of SELTZER'S sweet Lebanon Bologna products in Palmyra, Pa. The firm was founded in 1902, and is still located on the original production site, still family owned - producing over 150,000 pounds of their delicious sweet Lebanon 100% beef bologna each month in tall wooden smokehouses with the smells of smoldering wood and perfectly cured meats permeating the air! Although they issued two wonderful Winross trucks many years ago, they had this, rather crude ,but still charming , plastic toy truck of their truck fleet, for sale in their gift shop.



Back in the 1990s BP OIL of GERMANY, used this heavy diecast 1/64th semi truck model in an internal promotion for a "BP TRUCK TRAIN" program, & only made available on the German market. The model is by SHINSEI, with opening cab hood, uncoupling cab/trailer, and opening doors on trailer sides & rear, and interesting is that model is made in SINGAPORE!



I like many of these older ERTL heavy metal 1/64 diecast promotional tractor/trailers.. this one made in China, and a favorite is this Peterbilt Aero-Enhanced (29 feet wheelbase!) extended cab with sleeper/office section with satellite dish on roof! This model was issued as a corporate gift by KORY FARM EQUIPMENT (Manilus,IL) to commentate 30 years serving agriculture 1971-2001 .....I have some of their toy Ertl gravity boxes in my farm toy collection too!



# OAST-Fred Fravel

When I went to France for my tour of Normandy and the Le Mans Classique historic cars racing, I went four days early and spend those days in Paris. While I went to a number of museums, ate a lot of great food, and tried to stay cool (it was HOT), a did a couple of model car related things.

Famous and long-established shop L'Auto Jaune is now open to the public only a couple of afternoons per week, being mostly a mail order business. I timed it to make one of the open times, and was fortunate to spend a few minutes talking with Victor Espinasse, the founder of the shop. He knew many of our old associates, Ferd Zegel, Roger Hirschland, and Bent Danielson and related some stories about their encounters. If you haven't logged into the L'Auto Jaune, there are now three "brands"—L'Autojaune Paris is Victor's



original, his son now has "L'Autojaune Junior" with more affordable antique toys (no box, a chip or two), and daughter Penelope who has "L'Autojaune Collection" which is the high end rare,,mint, boxed items. It turned out the item on my bucket list was at "AutoJaune Collection", and Victor and Penelope were very helpful over the next few days arranging for it to be shipped to me. They also publish a magazine "Le Pipelette" which is an interesting combination of art and model cars, or model cars as art, or literature. Anyway I had to buy something, so the Politoys Alfa Romeo 2600 coupe show below left the shop with me. It's a unique color, and the box shows it as being sold as a promotion to raise funds for an orphanage.





Then on Sunday I went to the famed Saint Ouen flea market, where there have been some antique toy vendors among the many, many stalls selling everything old from clothes to records to furniture. One that is a long-term stall is called Magda, in the Marche Vernaison. I saw a couple of interesting items in the shop window and started a negotiation with Magda.

One French Dinky I did not have looked to be mint and boxed, the Citroen H55 Laitier, a truck loaded with crates of milk bottles. The price was good and it had all 30 milk crates. She confessed that the box was a reproduction, which I really couldn't tell. I asked about the older French Ford "Grand Moulins de Paris" truck thinking it would be a neat souvenir of Paris, and we worked out a deal and these went into my suitcase.





# OAST—Joe Golabiewski

This new Mustang arrived yesterday from Hong Kong. It is finished in a Dark Red Metallic with black striping. A super replica of a \$325,000 Ford. I'm not sure what it is Ford has in mind for this automobile.







# OAST-Bob Short

Some GLM 1/43 models i finally pull out of the packaging and "parked" in the showcases.

1. 1956 Chrysler Windsor convertible I found a deal on at the Chicago show.



2. 1955 Lincoln Capri convertible i actually bought in Chicago at the 2024 from our friend John Kuvakas.



3. 1954 Lincoln Capri hardtop #28 of 50 in this color, a Tom Dirnberger exclusive.



4.. Ixo 1988 Mustang GT and 1965 Falcon Futura 1/43 scale from a seller in France



5. Mini Cooper and Honda Civic 1/24: scale from the same French seller.



6. 596 models 1/64 Ford Crown Victoria NYC taxi.



7. Masdi 1/64 Cadillac Escalade .



8. 596 Models Ford E350 passenger van in 1/64 scale.



9. Two more Coca-Cola trucks in "needed"! Matchbox 1/20 scale 1940 Ford Sedan deliveries. Both relatively inexpensive eBay finds \.



10. Ixo 1968 Ford Mustang GT coupe in 1/24 scale ,very detailed model strictly curbside model witj no opening features.



One of my side obsessions is mid '50s Chrysler cars as our family cars in the early '60s were first a '55 Plymouth Savoy. Then after it was totaled while parked it was replaced by a '56 Dodge Royal Lancer 4 door hardtop with a 325 Red Ram hemi . My father being frugal and preferring plain janes hated the Dodge. Two years later it was replaced by a 6 cylinder 4 door Rambler Classic. I always loved that 56 Dodge and opposite of my dad I hated the Rambler.

11. X-EI, reproduction Johan 1956 Plymouth a very reasonable eBay win.



12. Ideal (Johan) original 1955 Plymouth promo, not mint but again a reasonably priced eBay win with minimal warp and decent paint, a previous owner did do some added details but that is ok ,been wanting one of these for some time but usually high priced warped badly or in ratty condition.



13. Danbury Mint 1956 DeSoto Adventurer purchased reasonably on eBay, missing the driver side mirror but for less than \$40 I can live with it.



# A CANADIAN TREASURE..Eaton's

**By Douglas Campbell**

T. Eaton Company,LTD. , later known as EATON'S, was the largest department store in Canada at one time, with store locations stretching across the nation, founded in 1869 in Toronto , with my memories many years ago in the late 1970's visiting their Yonge Street flagship store...but alas at the time, I did not notice any toy trucks in their toy department , at least during a hurried visit, but did manage to come home that visit with two now very rare mint boxed SCHUCO Piccolo models...the construction set, and the Coles Crane set, that I found in a nice hobby shop just down the street from Eaton's !

in 1999, unfortunately Eaton's went into bankruptcy, as so many department stores did also here in the USA at the time....and was acquired by their long time rival, Sears Canada, who converted the stores into SEARS stores, until that firm too has passed into history! I loved old department stores...and have so many memories of visiting & shopping in so many, including Eaton's , and also Simpson's in Canada, and enjoy collecting old private-issue department store toy trucks , which were only made available, usually through those old stores' toy departments! ..I certainly don't have all they issued, but lets look at the old Eaton's models I've managed to collect!....

This 1940's Ford delivery sedan (as described by Eaton's), is a model by Liberty Classics (China)(Spec-Cast), sold in Eaton's old toy department , as #2 in Liberty Classics series of "banks" issued for Eaton's



This 1916 Studebaker "EATON CLASSIC" delivery van is also made in China by Liberty Classics(China), and was #3 in series, and sold exclusively in Eaton's toy departments in a Christmas season in the 1990's.



Another EATON'S exclusive model..."The delivery truck of Canada's Department Store" as described on its box...14" long...maybe about 1/50 scale??...diecast...,all Eaton's model boxes of course have models described in both English and French! ...this model made in China



Certainly my rarest Eaton's model, and it was acquired many, many years ago when our old CMACC member, Jud Holcomb , brought along some models to sell at a meeting, as he was downsizing his collection, as he was moving to New England, ...and for some reason, I was the only one interested in this truly rare Real Types(made in CANADA!)(based on USA Hubley RealToys casting!) Chevy step van Eaton's promotional..Steve Butler wrote up this model in the July, 2025 Antique Toy World magazine issue, and he rated this model to be worth equal to a Smith-Miller Mack truck toy! ( I bought from Jud that evening another Real Types Canadian Christies Bread Chevy step van, that I think is even rarer then this Eaton's model is! ) Equally rare is the Eaton's 1930's Tootsietoy issue, one of which i see in the upcoming Ralston's auction, but its winning price will be far beyond my budget I'm sure!



Certainly also a rare -to -find today EATON's model is this late 50's-early 60's Japanese tinplate delivery van(missing rear door?) that I found many, many years ago at a Das Awkscht Fescht (Macungie, Pa. ) toy show when it was largely outside the old lower school building...and I have always treasured it with fond memories of my visit to the great Eaton's flagship store in Toronto, Canada! ...HAPPY COLLECTING!



# WEDGE CARS

## By Robin Godwin

Everyone collects different stuff – what appeals aesthetically, or has some form of meaning, be it simply nostalgia, a currently owned vehicle, or some sort of professional association.

For me, I collect a diverse group of cars ranging from VW Beetles to '59 Chevys, with Nissan 350Zs and E-Types in between – all mostly for aesthetic reasons and the simple fact that I like “toy cars”. In terms of “sporting” type vehicles, I prefer two door coupes. But, generally I dislike wedge shaped cars, which knocks out current Lamborghinis and older stuff like my brother-in-law's Triumph TR-7 and TVR 280.



*A generic '86 TVR 280 – British (so bring a tool kit) – just plain ugly in my opinion, but still miles ahead of a Pontiac Aztek or a Cybertruck (photo internet)*

With that preamble, I am at a loss to fully describe what it is that I like about the Japanese Dome (apparently pronounced *dough may*) Zero “supercar.” It only ever made it to prototype stage and there were apparently only three ever made, so I’ll never see a real vehicle in the flesh. Perhaps I just like the way it has been reproduced in miniature – it may well look better as a toy and I do like opening features. I have two Dome vehicles in miniature, one a legacy toy from the Tomica Dandy series in 1/40 scale (from around the mid-80s), and the other a very recent collector model in 1/64 scale from a Chinese company called Shadow, although there are no origin or maker logos on the model itself.



*The Tomica was only ever a toy, but is quite accurate, even featuring different size wheels front to rear. Door hinges are inaccurate (but opening action is correct), whereas the 1/64 got them right. There is good glazing on the Tomica, reasonably flush, but the lower door window has no glazing. The Shadow features superb flush glazing, but the lower door window is just printed on. Headlights raise and lower on both cars utilizing an unobtrusive lever on the chassis. Both colors are authentic and featured on this first prototype at some point or other. **Hayashi Racing** tampo on the Tomica is accurate – Minoru Hayashi was owner of the racing company and he wanted to produce a mid-engine supercar. There is a sheet of stickers included with the Tomica to add additional contrast trim on the sides and top*

It was powered by a 2.8 liter Nissan straight 6 motor, underpowered, but with a great power to weight ratio. The car was introduced at the Geneva Motor Show in 1978 but it never made it to production because it could not meet safety standards. Both models represent the original prototype, but there was a second "P2" which was designed to meet American standards. Differences between the two prototypes were mostly chassis mods, but the P2 features beefier rubber bumpers. There are a couple of good reads online which tell the history of Dome in greater detail:

<https://www.roadandtrack.com/car-culture/news/a29721/dome-arigato-japans-forgotten-supercar-was-a-wonderful-wedge/>

<https://supercarnostalgia.com/blog/dome-zero>



*Modern manufacturing standards are evident in tighter door gaps, tampo where Tomica used stickers for the indentations on the hood (not applied here), and superb glazing on the Shadow model*



*The Tomica used toylike door hinges but got the action correct. The Shadow correctly features hidden hinges. Shadow uses tampo for all the body indentations and window trims. The difference between 1/64 scale and 1/40 scale is very evident here. The 1/40 Tomica sits well with other 1/43 scale models – the Dome was a small car*

There are a couple of other Domes in diecast – a second one from Tomica in their Tomica Limited range to 1/58 scale with the same opening doors as the larger model. A third Tomica model uses the same casting at 1/58 but appears in their toy range with “go fast” wheels. Kyosho made a 1/43 scale version which is up to their normal standard, but there are no opening features. As is usual with Chinese 1/64 models these days, you can find models identical to the Shadow but listed/packaged as a different company – don’t be fooled as they definitely come from the same dies. The model is beautiful and well worth the \$25 or so from China to your mailbox (well, pre-tariffs, that is). Anyone who would like to know more about the Tomica Dandy range should check out the following website:

[https://tomica.fandom.com/wiki/Tomica\\_Dandy\\_\(toylines\)](https://tomica.fandom.com/wiki/Tomica_Dandy_(toylines))

# Le Mans Classique 2025

## By Fred Fravel

As you have gathered this issue of the CMACC Journal is late because I took off at the end of June for two weeks. Deb and I had booked a tour on Steve Austin's Automobilia and Great Vacations program. This is the same firm that did our tour of northern Italy for the Alfa Romeo Owners Club in 2023, and Goodwood Revival in 2024. Steve does a great job combining auto themed stops with other sites, good food, etc. This trip was intended to combine a visit to Normandy, Tours, and three days at the Le Mans Classique historic car event. Deb and I had planned to spend four days in Paris at the beginning to adjust to the time change and start feeling French.

Unfortunately, on Mother's Day Deb had a fall, breaking two bones in her foot. After the doctor looked at her w-rays I mentioned our upcoming trip, and he said "She's not going.." At that point it was too late to get refunds on any of it, so Deb said you go, and eventually we got Air France to give us a voucher for her airfare. So I was forced to soldier on. Some of the Paris end is described in my OAST. I met up with tour group at Charles De Gaulle airport, and soon realized that a number of us had done the other two tours together, so it was quite comfortable. I won't go into the three days of Normandy except that "The Longest Day" was filmed on site and actually is pretty authentic. We did the invasion beaches, the American Cemetery and the Bayeux tapestry, and it was quite moving.

Le Mans Classique was Friday (practice and qualifying), Saturday and Sunday. It is a huge event, around 150,000 people I am told. It is also an incredible collection of historic race cars, a "village" of vendors of all types, car club meets, etc. On the tour we were based in a four-story hospitality suite right on the track, above the pit lane exit, with a viewing platform on top (with open bar, snacks, etc.), and fine dining in a room below. Our wrist tags gave us access to about everything else.

We were next to the paddocks, the garages where all the race cars are stored and serviced—an incredible museum. The cars were divided into "grids" or classes, based on their year:

- Plateau 1: 1923-1939
- Plateau 2: 1949-1956
- Plateau 3: 1957-1961
- Plateau 4: 1962-1965
- Plateau 5: 1966-1971
- Plateau 6: 1972-1981
- Group C
- Porsche Classic Race Le Mans



Each grid had its own paddock area, and there was a paddock for the "Little Big Mans" cars which are small go-kart based replica historic Le Mans cars, which have their own race.

Each grid has its own practice/qualifying, and then each has several 45-50 minute race periods on Saturday and Sunday, with the results of each race combined to create winners in each group. There are racing periods at night on Saturday to replicate the night racing of the 24 hour race, but our group could not stay for that as our hotel was an hour away in Tours.

Our coach parked in the remote area, and we transferred to one of the historic buses used for shuttle service. Later we found that we got a tour of the track in one of these buses, amazing fun! Also the shuttles linking the sites were all Citroen 2CVs or old VW buses, how cool. The event is huge, I barely covered the highlights and was doing 15,000 steps each day. There were a number of model car shops, including a complete factory Spark shop offering their entire line, and other shops offering other models—mostly Le Mans race cars.

I was particularly interested in the older race cars—most like time travel to see these in action! So I headed for the paddock for those cars, and was first blown away by seeing rows of late 1920's early '30's Bugattis. Then past them a block of blower Bentleys. Across the way a half dozen Alfa Rome 8C race cars from the early 1930's. We are talking million dollar plus cars, all ready for combat on the track. Then I rounded the corner and saw—the Briggs Cunningham team cars from the 1950 race—the Cadillac coupe, Le Monstre, and a C4 race car. I just about fell over—I wished I could communicate that sight and their later race on the track to Jeff—he loved those cars and the Briggs Cunningham story!

At any rate, I took several hundred photos, and I have tried to select some to include here to give the flavor of the event. I really couldn't get the newer cars in action with my cell phone—they went by too fast for me to pan and catch them.

As Harold texted me, I was "one lucky fart"!



From Veloce Today—Hughes Vanhoolandt. I got this on video from above, but this photo was better—There was an actual Le Mans start!

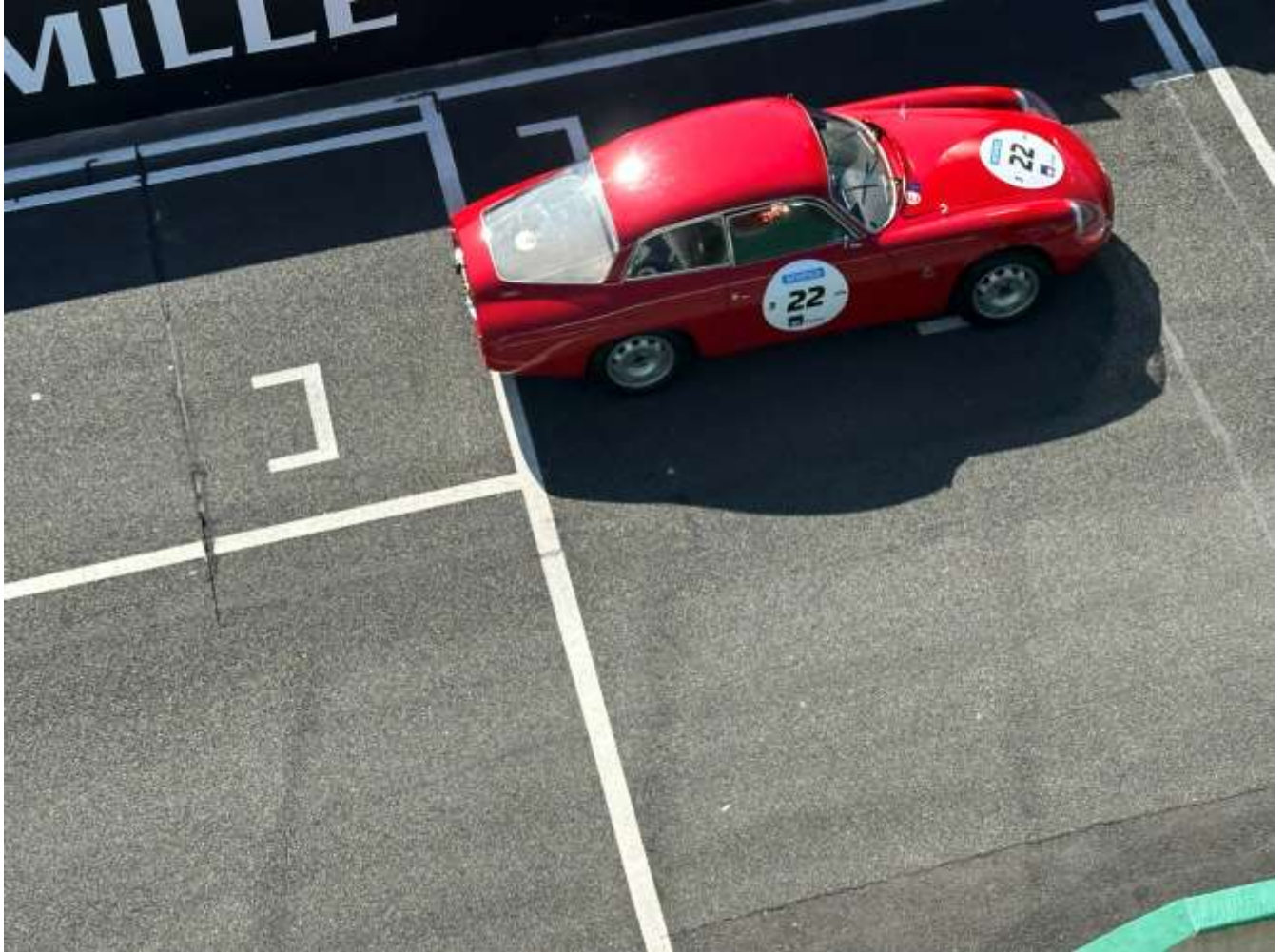
**1966 GT40 MK1  
P1042**  
Original Competition Car with Legendary Provenance

**History**  
Chassis P1042 began its racing journey at the 1966 24 Hours of Daytona, carrying the name of Ford's most successful endurance race car. Early fitted with a 2.8 liter engine, it was later upgraded to the 4.7 liter V8 302 cc engine, creating notable finishes including 1st in class and 5th overall at the 24 Hours of Daytona, 3rd overall in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, and 1st overall in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, offering its status as a true GT40 in Ford's golden era of motorsport.

**Legacy & Racing Today**  
Now one of the best preserved and most sought after GT40s, P1042 continues to captivate on track. Recent events include the 2017 Rolex 24 at Daytona, number 10, a victory in the 2017 24 Hours of Le Mans, and participation in the 2018 24 Hours of Le Mans, including Le Mans Classic and the 2018 24 Hours of Le Mans, showcasing the legacy of Ford's motorsport heritage.

**Preservation & Provenance**  
ENTER many GT40s have been sold over time, P1042 remains uniquely original. The car is a 1966 and 1967, 2003 and 2004, and 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 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View from our deck, looking down at pit road exit. Alfa Romeo Guiletta TZ Coda Tronca 1965 (I think)



Some of the paddocks...









Morgan 4/4 1937



Our ride for a lap of the track....







Not sure what kind of car....



Jowett Jupiters actually placed well in several years in the early 1950's...



BMW's were big also...



Suddenly it's 1950, where's Briggs Cunningham?



GT 350 here, a lot of Ford V-8s in Cobras, GT 40s etc.





Bugatti T35 B, 1926!



Aston Martin Ulster 1936



Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 Spider Zagato 1932



Aston Martin Speed 1937 (red) and Bugatti T44 1928





Riley Imp 1934



Alfa Romeo 6C 2300 B 1938



Morgan Plus Four Series 1 1953



AC Ace Bristol, Jowett Jupiter 1951, Austin-Healey 100 S 1954 and Frazer-Nash LeMans Replica 1953



Bugatti T35B 1926



Ferrari



Ferrari 275 GTB/4 1966 getting into position for Le Mans start, door open because it was HOT.



Cadillac 1950



Cunningham C-4R 1953



Cadillac Le Monstre 1950





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