

Larry,

Have to apologize for taking so long to get back with you - where does the time go?

Glad to see that there is some interest in what is arguably Briggs Cunningham's most important car, since he, with Phil Walters driving, won the first overall victory for the Porsche marque.

I am sure you would see Cunningham's own cars as more important. (Incidentally, I went to elementary school with Bob Burrell, oldest son of Frank Burrell who was instrumental in the Cadillac connection to Cunningham's first sports car efforts, have you contacted Barry Burrell?) Anyway, this overall victory for Porsche put them on the map, leading to their dominance in the world market as the most desirable, most winning, most profitable per vehicle auto company. Somebody, somewhere, had to be first. All the big Porsche pundits like to point to Le Mans and the spectacular 917. But in its day the America Roadster was just as special and Cunningham was the leading American team.

I am sending you a few attachments, including a list of known owners (the Phil Carney letter with a lot more info), a summary of information done for an article in Haggerty magazine, and a poster I had done some years ago.

If I can be of further assistance feel free to call 586-749-9804.

Ron

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**Subject:** RE: Porsche - Cunningham Roadster 10465

Vic,  
Thank you so much for digging into your ancient records.

When you can, please visit my hobby website – [www.briggscunningham.com](http://www.briggscunningham.com)  
Stay safe,

Larry Berman

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**From:** [skirmants@hughes.net](mailto:skirmants@hughes.net) <[skirmants@hughes.net](mailto:skirmants@hughes.net)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Porsche - Cunningham Roadster 10465

Larry,  
Dug out some old files.  
I bought the car from:  
John J. Sullivan, MD, July 7, 1973  
He bought it from Edgar L. Roy, West Roxbury, Mass.  
He bought it from, Ed Bond, Old Saybrook, CT.  
He bought from William Haupt, Orangeburg, NY

From Carl Miller, Westport CT area.

From Dick Lockwood, same area.

From Paul Sagan, Porsche dealer, Uniondale, LI

Haupt says Sagan supposedly got it from Cunningham.

That skips John Bentley, so obviously not correct. I wonder if some of these recollections are for the earlier "lost" roadster?

That's all I have in some ancient correspondence, all dated August-Sept 1967.

Hope that helps.

Vic

PS Ron, didn't I give you this info back in 1975?

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**From:** Larry Berman <[larry@bermanadjusters.com](mailto:larry@bermanadjusters.com)>

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**Cc:** Vic Skirmants ([skirmants@hughes.net](mailto:skirmants@hughes.net)) <[skirmants@hughes.net](mailto:skirmants@hughes.net)>

**Subject:** Porsche - Cunningham Roadster 10465

**Ron,**

Just following up with you to get the possible missing owners between John Bentley & Vic Skimants.

**Vic,**

Could you please fill in those names or did you buy directly from John Bentley?

Thanks in advance.

Larry Berman

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**From:** Larry Berman

**Sent:** Sunday, May 31, 2020 9:58 AM

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**Subject:** Porsche - Cunningham Roadster 10465

**2<sup>nd</sup> Request**

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**From:** Larry Berman

**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:26 PM

**To:** karen roland <[misskaroon@yahoo.com](mailto:misskaroon@yahoo.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Cunningham Roadster 10465

Ron,

Thanks for contacting me. As a hobby, I am the Briggs Cunningham Motorsport Historian with the website [www.briggscuningham.com](http://www.briggscuningham.com)

Please visit where you will find much interesting material and just over 2,600 photos in the SmugMug section.

If possible, could you please provide the ownership of the car from 1953 to 1975 when you bought it from Vic?

This what I have at present. **If you can add or correct I would appreciate that.**

Porsche Factory

Hoffman Motors

Briggs S. Cunningham

Hoffman Motors

John Bentley

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Vic Skimants

Ronald Roland 1975

Thanks in advance.

**Larry Berman**

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**From:** karen roland <[misskaroon@yahoo.com](mailto:misskaroon@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:53 PM

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**Subject:** Cunningham Roadster 10465

Mr, Berman

Nice to hear from you. I have owned this car from Sep 1975 when I bought it from Vic. Seemed we were the only guys interested. I completed the restoration in 2007, and have been improving it since. Didn't know there was a Cunningham website. I tried to call and message Briggs the III but he never responded.

I am happy to talk about the car, that used to be why we sought out cars like this.

Please use MY e-mail --

Ron Roland

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