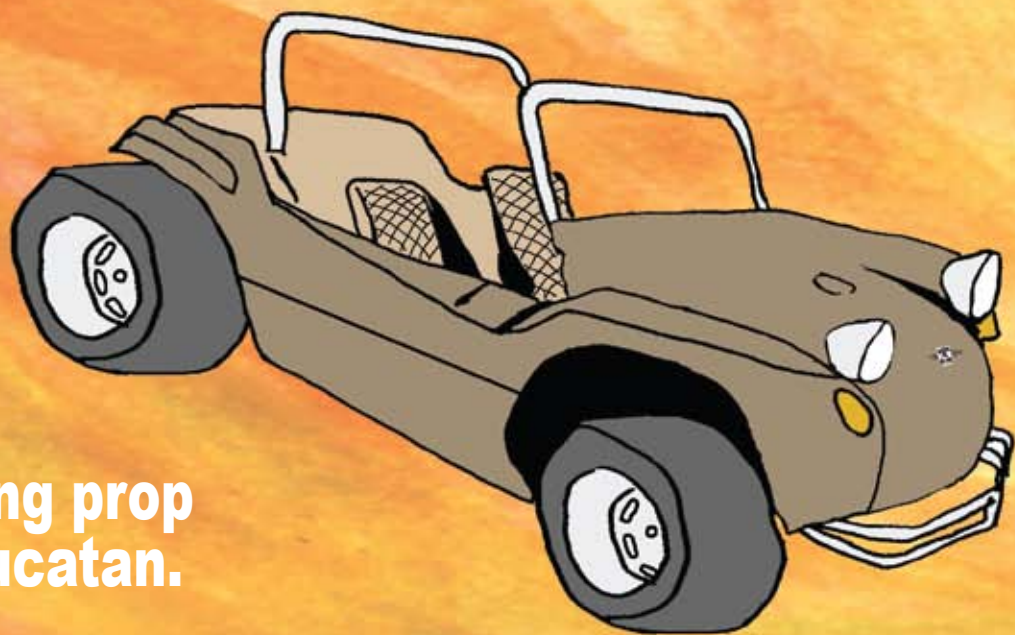


# THE McQUEEN MANX AND THE MOVIE THAT WAS NEVER MADE



**Believed to be  
the only existing prop  
for lost epic Yucatan.**





So how did a regular guy like Don Martin end up with a dune buggy, that according to our research and the documentation in this book, is believed to be built for Steve McQueen. Furthermore, it is the opinion of a McQueen biographer that this buggy was intended for a movie called Yucatan.

They say there are six degrees of separation, where you can be connected to anyone on the planet in just six steps - maybe fewer.

Steve McQueen / Solar Plastics Engineering  
Don Mitchell  
Don Graves  
Wally Everly  
Don Martin

This book has been created for informational purposes to show the documentation that for decades, has been sitting in a garage with the buggy.

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Don Graves (left) & Don Martin (owner of the buggy).  
The paperwork in this booklet confirms Steve McQueen  
had this buggy built in 1969.

As far as we know, there are only 3 McQueen Manxs, all built by Pete Condos of Con-Ferr. Two were made for the movie "The Thomas Crown Affair" built for and owned by United Artists. It is believed that McQueen personally had this buggy built for himself and Solar Productions to be in his blockbuster hit called "Yucatan".

Don Graves (left) purchased the buggy from Don Mitchell, McQueen's head mechanic. Don Martin (right), owner of the McQueen Manx, has known Mr. Graves for 47 years, and remembers riding in the buggy when he was just 13-years-old.

Don Graves is one of the founding fathers of Kawasaki North America, and over a beer and a handshake created the Kawasaki green color scheme. He was in numerous off-road races that McQueen raced as well. He is a very modest man. It is the opinion of many that he never received the credit he deserved for his contributions to the off-road industry.

Don Martin interviewed Don Graves in 2017, Among other things, he discusses his career with Kawasaki, how he knew Steve McQueen and how he came into possession of the buggy.

If you would like a copy of the interview or would like to comment on the information in this book, please contact us at [donutd@msn.com](mailto:donutd@msn.com).

Re: dune buggy

Don Graves [REDACTED]

Wed 5/17/2017 12:43 PM

Inbox

To: DON MARTIN [REDACTED]

Hi Don,

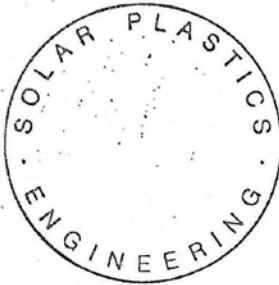
I bought the Dune Buggy from Steve McQueen's mechanic, Don Mitchell. He worked for me at Honda and Kawasaki. He said that he built the Buggy for McQueen to use in a movie he was going to produce, but never did. McQueen had it for a couple of years and finally agreed to sell it to me. Don delivered it to me in Valley Center. I have no information as to who McQueen got it from, or if he ever transferred it to his name. I do not remember if I ever tried to register it ??? I did not like it because it had a VW auto trans in it. At one of the Baja races I ran into McQueen and he asked if I ever got the Buggy running! So I guess he knew he did have it at one time. I have lost touch with Don Mitchell several years ago so can't get a hold of him. When I sold it to Wally I told him all I knew about the buggy.

How about the Ranger over at the Bee factory? What's happening with it/  
don

On Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:56 AM, DON MARTIN <DONUTD@msn.com> wrote:

Hay Don ended up with a buggy that used to belong to a "Don graves" LOL LOL looks like you bought it from CON-FERR I guess they were in with mayers ?. When you get a chance could you write out the history behind the buggy and did it ever belong to Steve McQueen. thanks Don

The email that started our investigation into the origins of the buggy.



March 4, 1969

Mr. Pete Condos  
CON-FERR, INC.  
300 N. Victory Blvd.  
Burbank, Calif. 91502

Re: Dune Buggy VW Powered (Myers Manx Type).

Dear Pete:

Please regard the following as a basic outline for the Dune Buggy I mentioned to you in our phone conversation the other day. The equipment necessary for the vehicle is as follows:

1. All white body - stock Myers Manx type.
2. Plastic top, white exterior, removable.
3. Paint interior of plastic hood and car, beige.  
Paint wheel wells inside fender, beige.
4. Standard windsheild for dune buggies, tinted glass, with plastic side wings adjustable on windsheild.
5. Front bucket seats will be supplied by Solar Plastics, beige.
6. Headlights and stoplights to be affixed to pass all state legal and registration fees and requirements.
7. Power plant should be VW, approximately 85 HP, no muffler.
8. Widest tires possible mounted on front and rear to pass street safty standards as well as to be useful in sand and rough surfaces.
9. Mag wheels 15" will be supplied by Solar Plastics Engineering Co.
10. All accessories and attachments including rear view mirror; should be applied to comply with street legal laws. We will discuss any refinements or details following your receipt of this letter.
11. Radio and speakers will be added following completion of car.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
Suite 500  
10203 Santa Monica Boulevard  
Los Angeles California 90067  
(213) 277-9711


PLANT  
14732 Oxnard Street  
Van Nuys California 91401  
(213) 873-5695

BUSINESS & FACTORY  
14756 1/2 Oxnard Street  
Van Nuys California 91401.  
(213) 785-2164

DIVISION OF SOLAR PRODUCTIONS, INC.

Pete, I believe the afore-mentioned echo the details that basically are required for this dune buggy. Any others that you may be familiar with that I haven't mentioned please feel free to call me at any time to resolve. Of course the "Buggy" must be sanitary and mechanically sound.

Attached find P.O. #1892, and check for \$1,000.00 as down payment.

Sincerely,  
  
L.L. Jordan  
Vice President

LLJ/rd

Solar Plastics Engineering letter to Pete Condos of Con-Ferr, ordering the buggy.

Solar Plastics Engineering was a division of Solar Productions, and were both Steve McQueen's companies.

## PARTS - DUNE BUGGY - SOLAR AUTOMOTIVE

	COST	+ PROFIT	
ONE 1968 V-W AUTOMATIC FLOOR PAN INCLUDING 1968 FRONT END ASSEMBLY	300. <sup>00</sup>	20%	360. <sup>00</sup>
ONE USED - LATE TRANSAXLE ASSEMBLY INCLUDING SUSPENSION (BURN OFF) FROM CHASSIS	250. <sup>00</sup>	20%	300. <sup>00</sup>
ONE LOT - STEERING - PEDALS - SHIFTER THROTTLE - LATE 1968	50. <sup>00</sup>	20%	60. <sup>00</sup>
ONE MONK B KIT - WHITE AS ORIGINAL REQUESTED -	499. <sup>00</sup>	—	499. <sup>00</sup>
ONE NEW AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION AS PER REQUEST - STEVE McQUEEN	—	NET	295. <sup>00</sup>
ONE NEW TORQUE CONVERTER AND ACCESSORIES	—	NET	101. <sup>12</sup>
ONE KONI STEERING DAMPER		NET	22. <sup>00</sup>
TWO KONI SHOCK ABSORBERS - FRONT			39. <sup>00</sup>
TWO KONI " " REAR			42. <sup>00</sup>
ONE LOT KARMAN GIO DISK BRAKES FOR FRONT		NET	185. <sup>00</sup>
ONE AIR CLEANER ASSEMBLY - TRI PHASE CHROME - ADAPTERS + FILTER TO WEBER	7 1	NET	78. <sup>00</sup>
ONE STEERING BRAKE ASSEMBLY		NET	53. <sup>75</sup>
ONE LOT BRAKE LINES - INV 11434 V-W			13.71
ONE LOT BRAKE BEARINGS + SEALS INV. 11619 V-W FRONT			13.30
" " " " " INV - REAR 3982			8.73

TOTAL THIS PAGE - 2071.49



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SOLAR AUTOMOTIVE - DUNE BUGGY-EXP - LABOR (REVISED)

	FAB	PRT
SHORTEN CHASSIS - BRACE SIDES AND TUNNEL	12.00 P.H.	75.00
STRIP AND CLEAN FLOOR PAN - PAINT BUN CHASSIS AND MIS PARTS - STRIP AND CLEAN TUNNELS - PAINT	6 1/2 hrs @ 10.00 P.H. 5 1/2 / 24	120.00
ASSEMBLE ENGINE, CLUTCH, PUMP PLATE TO TRANS-AXLE	8 hrs @ 10.00 P.H.	80.00
DISASSEMBLE & RE-ASSEMBLE FRONT END - RE-PAK CHROME SPINDLES - R & R PARTS FOR CHROME	10 hrs @ 10 P.H.	100.00
ASSEMBLE FLOOR PAN COMPONENTS PEDALS, SHIFTER, MASTER CYL. ETC.	17 hrs @ 10.00	170.00
CUT, FIT AND INSTALL T/L ATTAIN BODY TO SPOCK CHASSIS	3.2 @ 10.00	32.00
INSTALL ENGINE & TRANSMISSION ASSEMBLY TO CHASSIS	5 hrs @ 10.00	50.00
REMOVE - ENGINE & TRANSMISSION ASSEMBLY INSTALL NEW TRANSMISSION (TENNIS)	8 hrs @ 10.00	80.00
INSTALL BRAKE SHIFTER WITH HYD. STEERING BRAKE (LINES + FITTING)	6 1/2 @ 10.00	65.00
FABRICATE OIL RESERVOIR TANKS & SYSTEM FOR AUTO TRANS - MAKE UP MOUNTS FABRICATE VACUUM SHIFTER TANK - PARTS & MOUNTS	hrs 7.7 @ 12.00	92.40
R & R FRONT BRAKES WITH DISK BRAKE REWORK	5.2 @ 10.00	52.00
REAR SUSPENSION CAMBER	4.2 @ 10.00	42.00
REWORK THROTTLE CONTROL & LINKAGE	4.5 @ 10.00	45.00
REWORK SHIFTER TO FIT - SHORTEN & WELD	4.0 @ 10.00	40.00
REWORK REAR BRAKES & CONTROL INSTALL EMERGENCY CABLES	4.5 @ 10.00	45.00
INSTALL AND ADJUST 4 KONI SHOCKS	2.7 @ 10.00	27.00
MIS. LABOR - MAKE PARTS - LENS AND ETC.	3.0 @ 10.00	30.00
TOTAL LABOR - REVISED DOWN - PER	NET	1145.00

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PARTS - CONT - DUNE BUGGY -

ONE LOT SWITCHES AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION INV. 23019	15.15
ONE LOT MIS. PARTS - V-W INV 22915 INCLUDING NEW STARTER & JOHNSON @ 73.35	122.60
ONE LOT MIS. FITTINGS, PARTS & PARTS COMBER AUTOMOTIVE	30.80
ONE LOT DIFFERENTIAL - SEALS, BOOTS + ETC - V-W M&H&E	14.18
ONE MOTOR CYLINDER PALLET COMBER - 22446	16.78
ONE LOT MIS. NUTS, BOLTS, SCREWS, STEEL FUEL LINES, HOSE WIRE ETC - CON-FERR	50.00
	249.50
PARTS CARRY OVER PAGE ③	2071.49
	2321.06
5% CALIF SALES TAX	116.05
	2437.11
FRT IN ON SPECIAL	30.00
PARTS - LABOR - IN TANDUM	2467.11
SUB TOTAL	1195.90
LABOR - SEE PAGE ONE	3612.51

Con-Ferr's hand-written work order.

There are several documents in this book that mention Steve McQueen and the fact that the buggy was made for him. Those references have been highlighted with a red box and are on pages 6, 8, 12 and 13.



**- FLOOR PAN ONLY -**  
**BILL OF SALE**

For the sum of VALUE RECEIVED Dollars  
(\$ \_\_\_\_\_) and/or other valuable consideration, the receipt of which  
is hereby acknowledged, I/we did sell, transfer and deliver to  
COUGER (Buyer)  
on the 1 day of APRIL 1969, my/our right, title and interest  
in and to the following described vehicle:  
1968 Make Volkswagen Identification No. 118625626  
Body \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_  
Type SOB Cylinders X Number X

I/We certify under penalty of perjury I/we as lawful owner(s) of said vehicle, have the  
right to sell same, that I/we warrant and will defend the title to the vehicle against the  
claims and demands of all persons whomsoever except the lienholder noted below, and  
that said vehicle is free from all liens and incumbrances except lien\* in favor of  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* If no lienholder  
shown in this space  
the Department of  
Motor Vehicles will  
assume title is clear.

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed this 1 day of APRIL 1969  
Signature of Seller \_\_\_\_\_  
DM 8137 \_\_\_\_\_  
PARAMOUNT, CALIF. \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: 94925 STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
NO. 34-C HAYTON ENTERPRISES PHONE 864-0876 SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIF.



Receipt for floorpan of the 1968 vw bug  
used to build the McQueen Manx, with  
VIN number which matches the one on  
our buggy.





The Solar Plastics Engineering insignia is molded into gas tank.





SOLAR PLASTICS ENGINEERING Co.  
 10203 SANTA MONICA BLVD., SUITE 500  
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90067

2991

March 11, 69  $\frac{90-2585}{1223}$

DEANO DYNO SOARS INC. 600.00

SIX HUNDRED AND 00

SECURITY PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK  
 Century City Branch  
 1901 Ave. of the Stars, Los Angeles, Calif. 90067

SOLAR PLASTICS ENGINEERING CO.

NOT NEGOTIABLE

⑆1223⑈2585⑆259⑈003 400⑈

SOLAR PLASTICS ENGINEERING Co.  
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

EMPLOYEE \_\_\_\_\_

PERIOD ENDING	EARNINGS				TOTAL EARNINGS	DEDUCTIONS				TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	NET PAY
	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT EARNED AT REGULAR RATE	OVERTIME AND OTHER		SOCIAL SECURITY TAX	WITHHOLDING U.S. INC. TAX	F.D.I.			

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DISTRIBUTIONS	
			ADDT. NO.	AMOUNT
3-11-69	Partial Payment for Steve McQueen engine	\$600.00		

Check from Solar Plastics Engineering to Deano's Dyno Soars.

In the description it says the check is for Partial Payment for Steve McQueen engine.

SOLAR PLASTICS ENGINEERING Co.  
10200 SANTA MONICA BLVD., SUITE 500  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90067

3094

RECEIVED April 3, 69 90-2585  
1223  
APR 3 1969  
GUILD MGT COOP

DEANO'S DYNO SOARS INC.  
47  
NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY AND 00

SECURITY PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK  
Century City Branch  
1901 Ave. of the Stars, Los Angeles, Calif. 90067

SOLAR PLASTICS ENGINEERING CO.  
*[Signature]*  
NOT NEGOTIABLE

⑆1223⑈2585⑆259⑈003400⑈

SOLAR PLASTICS ENGINEERING Co.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

EMPLOYEE: *Cathy*  
*3000-710*


PERIOD ENDING	EARNINGS				TOTAL EARNINGS	DEDUCTIONS				TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	NET PAY
	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT EARNED AT REGULAR RATE	OVERTIME AND OTHER		SOCIAL SECURITY TAX	WITHHOLDING U.S. INC. TAX	S.D.L.			
4-3-69											

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DISTRIBUTIONS	
			ADDT. NO.	AMOUNT
4-3-69	Balance of total \$1540.47 for motor for Steve McQueens' Dune Buggy.	\$940.47		

Check from Solar Plastics Engineering to Deano's Dyno Soars.

In the description it says it is for the motor for Steve McQueen's Dune Buggy.

**Con-Ferr Mfg. Co. INC.**  
 Design - Manufacture - Distributors  
**4-Wheel Drive Emporium**  
 300 NORTH VICTORY BLVD. • BURBANK, CALIFORNIA 91502  
 Telephone: 848-2020 • 849-3554



INVOICE  
**6072**

SOLD TO: **Solar Automotive**  
 6810 No. Lankershim Blvd.  
 No. Hollywood, Calif.

DATE: **September 9, 1969**  
 YOUR P.O. NO.  
 OUR JOB NO.  
 SHIP TO:


VIA:  
 TERMS: **10% CASH, C.O.D.**  
 Net 10, Net 30

RESALE  TAXABLE

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT	PRICE EACH	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
	EXPERIMENTAL DUNE BUGGY, CHASSIS & COMPONENTS				
	K PARTS-SEE ATTACHED LIST				2321.86
	STATE SALES TAX				116.05
	FREIGHT ON PARTS				2457.11
	LABOR-REVISED-NET per agreement Mr. P.J. Condos & L. Jordan. Does not include any engineering or consultation by management or engineering dept.				1145.60
					3612.51
					1000.00
					2612.51

*Pub ch# 1006 9/1/69*

**MC 3000-10**

EXTENDED BY: 1010.  
 APPROVED BY:   
 DATE: 9-30-69  
 VOUCHER NO.: 7  
 PAGE: 12

A discount of \$ XXXXXXXX will be allowed if paid by XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Merchandise may not be returned without prior written permission.  
 10% restocking charge on all returned merchandise.  
 Transportation on Returned Goods must be prepaid.

An invoice from Con-Ferr Mfg. to Solar Automotive.



DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT
	6072	1000.00

90-1487  
1223

**SOLAR PLASTICS ENGINEERING COMPANY**  
14756 1/2 OXNARD STREET (213) 785-2164  
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA 91401

**1606**

PAY THE SUM 1000 DOLS 00 CTS Dollars

DATE	GROSS AMOUNT			DISCOUNT	CHECK AMOUNT
	OTHER	ACCTS. PAYABLE			
10/17/68		1000.00			1000.00

TO THE ORDER OF Cons-Term, Inc.  
300 W. Victory Blvd.  
Burbank, Calif. 91504

SECURITY PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK Olympic & Beverly Drive Branch  
9431 OLYMPIC BLVD. BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF. 90212

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A cancelled check for partial payment of invoice #6072 on previous page.

DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT
	6072	3159.82

90-1487  
1223

**SOLAR PLASTICS ENGINEERING COMPANY**  
14756 1/2 OXNARD STREET (213) 785-2164  
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA 91401

**1757**

PAY THE SUM 3159 DOLS 82 CTS Dollars

DATE	GROSS AMOUNT			DISCOUNT	CHECK AMOUNT
	OTHER	ACCTS. PAYABLE			
10/28/69		3159.82			3159.82

TO THE ORDER OF Cons-Term, Inc.  
300 W. Victory Blvd.  
Burbank, Calif. 91504

SECURITY PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK Olympic & Beverly Drive Branch  
9431 OLYMPIC BLVD. BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF. 90212

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B/L



**SOLAR PLASTICS ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.**  
 14756½ OXNARD STREET • VAN NUYS, CALIF. 91401  
 PHONE (213) 785-2164

**No 4987**

Page 1 Of 1

Sold To **Don Mitchell**

Ship To

INVOICE DATE 6/17/70	OUR ORDER NO. 6/17/70	CUSTOMER ORDER NO.	SALESMAN MSK	TERMS Cash Sale
DATE SHIPPED 6/17/70	SHIPPED VIA Will Call			SHIPPED PREPAID <input type="checkbox"/> COLLECT <input type="checkbox"/>

ITEM	QUANTITY ORDERED	QUANTITY SHIPPED	BACK ORDERED	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	1	1			Dune Buggy	\$2,500	\$2,500.00
Sale subject to terms and agreement per attached release.							

CLAIMS AND RETURNS: CLAIMS FOR SHORTAGE OR REJECTION FOR DEFECTS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF PARTS. RETURN MUST BE MADE ONLY WITH PRIOR WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION.

Original Invoice

PLEASE PAY BY INVOICE

WEIBE PRINTING • VAN NUYS

Invoice from Solar Plastics Engineering,  
 selling the buggy to Don Mitchell,  
 McQueen's mechanic.

BILL OF SALE

For the sum of Three hundred dollars  
(\$ 300.00) and/or other valuable consideration,  
the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we did sell,  
transfer and deliver to  
Don Graves (Buyer)

on the 10 day of July, 1970, my/our right, title and  
interest in and to the following described vehicle:

Make Volks Identification number XXX

Body type X Cylinders 4 Model # Eng. only


I/We certify under penalty of perjury I/we as lawful owner (s) of  
said vehicle, have the right to sell same, that I/we warrant and  
will defend the title to the vehicle against the claims and demands  
of all persons whomsoever except the lienholder noted below, and  
that said vehicle is free from all liens and incumbrances except  
lien\* in favor of

NONE  
Lienholder  
Address City State

\*If no lienholder  
shown in this space  
the Department of  
Motor Vehicles will  
assume title clear

Signed this 10 day of July, 1970

Signature of  
Seller

Don Mitchell 

14756 1/2 Oxnard Street, Van Nuys, Ca.  
Address City State

Bill of Sale from Don Mitchell, selling the  
engine to Don Graves.

BILL OF SALE

For the sum of Five hundred dollars  
(\$ 500.00) and/or other valuable consideration,  
the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we did sell,  
transfer and deliver to

Don Graves (Buyer)

on the 12 day of July 19 70, my/our right, title and  
interest in and to the following described vehicle:

Make 1968 Volks Identification number 118625626

Body type Sedan Cylinders 4 Model # X

I/we certify under penalty of perjury I/we as lawful owner (s) of  
said vehicle, have the right to sell same, that I/we warrant and  
will defend the title to the vehicle against the claims and demands  
of all persons whomsoever except the lienholder noted below, and  
that said vehicle is free from all liens and incumbrances except  
lien\* in favor of

NONE  
Lienholder

Address City State

\*If no lienholder  
shown in this space  
the Department of  
Motor Vehicles will  
assume title clear

Signed this 12 day of July 19 70

Signature of  
Seller

CON-FERR, INC.

300 North Victory Blvd., Burbank, Ca.  
Address City State

Separate Bill of Sale from Pete Condos of  
Con-Ferr, selling the buggy to Don Graves.



RE: McQueen's Manx Photos Attached

<https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/PrintMessage>

From: Gastelu, Gary <Gary.Gastelu@FOXNEWS.COM>

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: McQueen's Manx Photos Attached

Date: Wed, Jul 18, 2018 6:27 am

Sorry, story has gotten a little delayed, but for the best.

Learned from a McQueen biographer yesterday that the car was likely meant for McQueen's lost epic "Yucatan" which was set to be the biggest blockbuster ever before getting shelved when Le Mans flopped and put Solar out of business.

You may have the only existing "prop" from that project.

Email from Gary Gastelu of FoxNews.com, who wrote an article about the buggy learning from McQueen biographer Marshall Terrill that the buggy was likely meant for McQueen's lost epic "Yucatan", which was set to be the biggest blockbuster ever.

**Exclusive: Steve McQueen-linked dune buggy may be a stunt car from his unfinished epic film 'Yucatan'**

by Gary Gastelu, | Fox News | July 20, 2018

<https://www.foxnews.com/auto/exclusive-steve-mcqueen-linked-dune-buggy-may-be-a-stunt-car-from-his-unfinished-epic-film-yucatan>

Other articles of interest:

**Steve McQueen's Dream Movie Wakes Up With a Vroom!**

By PAUL CULLUMMAY 14, 2006

<https://www.nytimes.com/2006/05/14/movies/14cull.html>

**Couple uncovers proof that they own a genuine Steve McQueen car**

By DAVID ROSS | on August 26, 2018

<https://www.valleycenter.com/articles/couple-uncovers-proof-that-they-own-a-genuine-steve-mcqueen-car/>

## A timeline as best as we can tell.

March 4, 1969	Solar Plastics Engineering orders buggy.
March 11, 1969	Solar Plastics Engineering makes partial payment.
March 11, 1969	Motor ordered from Dino's Dino Soars
March 31, 1969	Con-Ferr pays Monte Carlo Auto Parts for pan
April 1, 1969	Bill of Sale for floor pan.
April 3, 1969	Final payment on motor.
October 17, 1969	Partial payment for buggy check 1606 for \$1,000.
October 28, 1969	Final payment for buggy check 1757 for \$3,159.82.
June 17, 1970	Buggy sold to Don Mitchell
July 10, 1970	Don Mitchell sells buggy to Don Graves
1969-1970	McQueen writes "Yucatan" over this two year period according to biographer Marshall Terrill mentioned in FoxNews.com article



