

1959 Maserati 3500GT  
History of AM101.708  
Carrozzeria Touring Number 6823  
By Francis G. Mandarano

**Nov 14 1959** Mr. Stanley W. Good, Jr. goes to the Maserati Factory and orders the car (see letter Dated Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1959). The order includes 3 options: Seat belts, Bumper overrides and Smiths instruments in MPH. (Jaeger speedometer built under license by Smiths in the UK)

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1959** Stanley W. Good, Jr. while in Rome writes a letter on Hotel Hassler stationary, requesting a change of paint color to Grigio Nembo Savidin 4710. (See Letter on Hotel Stationary )

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1959** The car is delivered to the shipping company.

**Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1959** The car was loaded onto the President Hayes from Genoa and sailed to SF CA.

**Feb 16 1960** The car arrives in San Francisco on the President Hayes. (See letter from purchaser Stanley W. Good, Jr. dated Feb 16 1960)

According to a letter dated Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 from Fabio Collina of the Maserati Factory Historical department :

"The car was ordered in November 1959. The first request of the Customer was to have the external colour "Grigio Fumo," but later he asked to change the colour. So the car was produced with external colour "Grigio Nembo" (code Savidin 4710) a very unusual colour."

"The interior was "Neutra" leather (white) (code Connoly PAC.1544).

The car was equipped with front brakes disks, disc rims Borrani, manual gearbox, seat belts (driver and passenger). The engine was equipped with Weber 42 DCOE6 carburetors.

The instrument cluster was "Smiths" type.

The car was dispatched to **Mr. Stanley W. Good Jr.** in California on late December 1959, and on February 1960 the Customer received the car."

Mr. Stanley W. Good was a San Francisco Maserati super-enthusiast who went on to win Best of Show at the 1968 Pebble Beach Concours with his 1967 Maserati Mistral Coupe. This is the only time a Maserati has ever won the coveted Best of Show prize. Go to the Pebble Beach web site and check Best of Show by year (1968).

After a short period he sold the car to **Dr. Henry C. Portalupi** of Arcata California. Documents that came with the car show the following.

**April 20 1962** Bill of sale from Mary E. Portalupi 770 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Arcata California

Selling the car to Mitchell L Mitchell of 2901 Broadway SF for the sum of \$6800 "together with tools supplied by the factory." According to Nephew Tony Mitchell the car had 3,000 miles on the odometer at the time of purchase.

The wife of **Dr. Henry C. Portalupi** received the car in the divorce settlement.

**May 1 1962** A note from Henry C. Portalupi M.D. Asking Mr. Barbieri to contact Mr. Mitchell L Mitchell and have him stop by the shop on Pacific Ave in SF to pick up the "pink slip."

**Feb 17 1963**

In a letter to Foreign Motors of 1945 Hyde Street SF CA. Mitchell L Mitchell asked them to order various parts identified by Table, Fig and Part Number.

**April 15<sup>th</sup> 1964** Mitchell L. Mitchell orders additional parts from the factory.

**According to handwritten notes inside the Use and Maintenance Manual  
(See copy of notes)**

**The original notes and manual go with the car.**

Mr. Mitchel L. Mitchel keeps the following service log.

At 13,000 miles Mitchell changes oil and filter and general lube

At 14,600 miles Tune up and Carburetor adjustment

At 16,500 miles and on **March 16 1963** Notes in owners Manual show Mitchell has the full 6,000 and 12,000 mile service preformed

At 18,000 miles new plugs, a 32.00 distributor oil and filter changed and muffler repaired

At 18,750 miles new points installed.

At 21,000 miles oil and filter changed

At 23,000miles changed oil and filter

At 24,700 miles Changed oil and filter as well as trans and diff

At 26,500 miles Changed oil and filter

At 28,500 miles Complete lube and filters

At 30,500 miles complete lube and filters Change trans and diff replace Muffler

At 32,350 miles and on **Nov 20 1968** Check valves and replace head gaskets ( I think he means cam gaskets) new plugs tuned engine check fluid in steering box work done at Auto Italiana (condition of valves good) 20 hours of work at \$300 labor, gaskets \$77.50 Plugs \$18 Total \$404.27

Next entry Bled Brakes – Checked Master Cylinder Packed front wheels with grease, Tighten generator belt, All by Imported Motor service 135 Hyde – Angelo

At 35,500 miles Lubed all points, Changed diff trans and Motor oil Cleaned and lubed distributor

At 35,000 miles and on **May 1 1972** installed new battery

At 36,107 miles and on **March 11,1976** Installed new Pico 95 amp battery with 4 year guarantee at \$46.00

At 36,650 miles and on **May 15 1978**

Changed oil and filter, changed spark plugs to champion N4. Checked and lubed all items? Cleaned distributor and checked ignition wires, Cleaned out radiator and added

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From May of 1978 to April of 1987 the car sat unused by Mitchell.  
**Mr. Mitchel L Mitchell**, passed away in April 1987.

On December 24<sup>th</sup> 1987 the title to the car was passed to his now 78 year old daughter, **Gladyne K. Mitchell** a San Francisco Socialite of the first order. The car sat in the carriage house at 2901 Broadway until 1997 (10 years) when it was delivered to Gladyne's nephew **Tony Mitchell** who stored the car at his Napa Valley winery for an additional 13 years. Tony a real "Car Guy" started and drove the Maserati from time to time and said that he even drove the car to the Concorso Italiano when the show was at the Quail Lodge in the early 2000 when Mr. and Mrs. Mandarano were running the show.

Then in Sept 2010 **Gladyne K. Mitchell** now 70 and who had never driven the car asked **Tony Mitchell** the grandson of **Mitchel L. Mitchell** and son of **Holbrook T Mitchel** (Mitchel L Mitchell son) to take the car out of storage and get it running in order to sell.

On Oct 29, 2010 **Gladyne K. Mitchell** sold the car to **Mr. & Mrs. Francis G. Mandarano**.

**Ms. Gladyne K. Mitchell**, who at the time still owned her father's home which can only be described as a Renaissance Palace built in 1927 on the gold coast hilltop in San Francisco.

The address is 2901 Broadway in San Francisco. Please see a copy of the title of the 3500 GT which clearly shows the 2901 Broadway address and **Gladyne's** signature.

It appears her father was a super car guy who owned many cars over the years. The sale was handled by Gladyne's nephew **Tony Mitchell** who is also a car guy who enjoys Rolls Royce motorcars.

This amazing home sold for \$45 million dollars. If you Google 2901 Broadway San Francisco and click on Images you can see the house. There is a photo of the garage which has a built in turn table in order to repoint the cars 180 degrees in order to exit directly to the street without backing out the steep driveway.

At 36,950 miles and on **October 29, 2010**

Francis G. Mandarano purchases the car from Gladyne K. Mitchell Mr. Mitchell's Daughter.

At 36,950 miles and on **November 5<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Jon at RMB Motorcars of Stockton CA. changes engine oil and filter using Valvoline 50 racing. Changes oil in Transmission and diff. Pulls rear hubs and inspects rear brakes. Replaces front brake hoses and replaces clutch slave with a new one and replaces clutch slave hose and rear diff brake hose.

Cleans Webbers, cleans spark plugs and road test car. Discovered leak in gas tank. Used stay weld on leak, which has worked well.

**At 37,343 Miles** and on July 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 Mr. and Mrs. Mandarano take 708 on the 1,000 mile Monte Shelton 24<sup>th</sup> NW Classic Rally. 708 ran like a Swiss watch and got an amazing 26 miles per gallon on the highway.

**Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 2013** 708 is accepted at Pebble Beach in the preservation class and participates in the Pebble Beach Road Tour.

### **More Details**

The car was Purchased by SF Businessman **Mitchel L. Mitchell** on **April 20 1962** from Mary E. Portalupi the wife of a San Francisco doctor by the name of **Henry C Portalupi, MD.** Mary E. Portalupi had recently acquired the car in a divorce settlement with **Henry C Portalupi, MD.**

However According to Fabio Colina at Maserati SpA on Nov 19 2010 the car was sold new to **Mr. Stanley W. Good Jr** of Atherton California. (see letter from Maserati)

We do know that Mr. Stanley W. Good Jr. was an important classic car enthusiast.

Mitchel L. Mitchell purchased the car with + - 3500 miles on the odometer. During the time Mitchel L. owned the car it was always garaged at 2901 Broadway SF. A house that can only be described as a Renaissance palace, that sits next door to Larry Ellison.

**Mr. Mitchel L. Mitchell**, passed away in April 1987.

### **Additional information on the home.**

This year's home at 2901 Broadway is steeped in local history and lore. Herbert Hoover's wife, Lou Henry Hoover, bought the uneven and rocky lot in 1912. The Hoovers eventually sold the lot to family friend, Milton S. Ray, an engineer who created a new kind of oil burner that revolutionized the shipping industry. Ray hired Henry Clay Smith, well known as San Francisco's "hilltop architect", to design the house and solve the problem of the uneven lot. Eventually, the home was built on a cantilever grade beam grounded in two rocky outcroppings. The Ray family lived in the home until Milton's death in **1946, when the home was sold to local businessman Mitchel L Mitchell, for \$93,000. Mitchell's daughter, Gladyne Mitchell, still owns the home today.**



Nancy and Doug Abbey with Gladyne Mitchell Photo taken April 28 2007  
At the 30<sup>th</sup> annual San Francisco Decorator Showcase held at 2901 Broadway.

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	SAN FRANCISCO CA 94115				
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The California Title. Note the address and name on title as well as the VIN & date issued 12-24-87.



The 1927 Gladys Mitchell home on 2901 Broadway San Francisco. On the market for a mere 45 million.

The 2007 Decorator Showcase house (really a mansion) just listed for a hot \$55 million. It's located at 2901 Broadway in an area known as the "Gold Coast" - the section of Broadway that extends from Divisadero to Lyon Street. Built in 1927, this grand Renaissance style mansion is open to the public for the first time as it has been in the Mitchell family since 1946. For a little history, **Herbert Hoover's** wife, **Lou Henry Hoover**, once owned the property before famed "hilltop architect" **Henry Clay Smith** designed the 10,000 square foot plus mansion. It is noted to have one of the only private outdoor tennis courts in Pacific Heights.