1963 Jaguar E Type Lightweight ‘YVH 210’, Ex Peter Sutcliffe

Chassis S850666 is the ninth in a series of twelve Lightweight E Type Jaguar Competition Coupes built.

This particular car, YVH 210, was sold to Peter Sutcliffe, UK. He made his debut in the car at Mallory Park on Whit-Monday, 1963 finishing 5th in the Grovewood Trophy race.

Sutcliffe went on to campaign YVH 210 extensively throughout the UK including an outright victory at Snetterton, 5th at the British Grand Prix meeting at Silverstone. The car was then taken to Goodwood where it finished an impressive 2nd to Jackie Stewart before going on to the Snetterton for the 3 Hour race, only to finish behind two Ferrari 250 GTO’s and Dick Protheroe’s low-drag coupe.

For the 1964 season, Sutcliffe decided to campaign YVH 210 on a more international level. This includes finishing 2nd in the Spa 500km’s, and another victory in the Prix de Paris at Monthery before being taken to the Nurburgring 1000km’s. Further appearances included the 12 hours of Reims and the Limburg Grand Prix race at Zolder, where Peter Sutcliffe finished 2nd overall, winning his class and defeating a number of Ferrari 250 GTO’s, including the new 64’ variant.

This international success, gave Sutcliffe and YVH 210, the title of the most successful of all the Lightweight E Type owners, and makes chassis YVH 210 the most active of all the twelve Lightweights.

The car then returned to the UK in August 1964, where it was soon raced once again at Brands Hatch before going on to the important RAC Tourist Trophy at Goodwood. Sutcliffe was running an impressive 3rd overall before the differential failed, eventually finishing 15th. Back on form, Sutcliffe took the E Type to the Autosport 3 Hour race at Snetterton, finishing a strong 5th Overall.

YVH 210 then made the long voyage to South Africa to take place in the Springbok Series. This included an appearance at the Kyalami 9 Hours, where Sutcliffe teamed up with fellow British veteran Dickie Stoop, finishing a very strong third overall and first in their class.

Returning to the UK in 1965, Sutcliffe sold YVH 210 to the Red Rose Racing Team. The ex Sutcliffe car was to be campaigned by Charles Bridges, the owner of the team, and Richard Bond. It was the second Lightweight E Type to be campaigned by the Red Rose team after the ex John Coombs car, 4 WPD.

Having made a visit to the USA, YVH 210 returned to the UK in 2005, where it was purchased by modern and historic racer Juan Barazi.

Barazi prepared the car for historic racing. A new bonnet was fitted in order to preserve the original, and the ultimate Crosthwaite & Gardiner engine. This preparation proved highly successful and teamed with Michael Vergers, the pair won the RAC TT Celebration at the Goodwood Revival in 2006 and 2007.

YVH 210 then changed hands once more, being sold to Jonathan Turner. Despite the car’s recent success in historic racing, Turner made the decision to return the E Type to exactly as it was when Sutcliffe had the car. All of the original parts that were removed during the cars race preparation were refitted, and small period details returned.

YVH 210 really is a true piece of Jaguar racing history.

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