

# Firestone, Harvey S.

# Firestone

## Tire & Rubber Company

HARVEY S. FIRESTONE  
PRESIDENT

FACTORY AND GENERAL OFFICES  
FIRESTONE PARK  
AKRON, OHIO

Akron, Ohio

October 19  
1922

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:

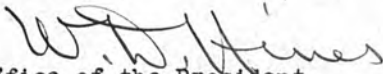
Mr. Firestone is planning a trip to Florida this winter with his family and may spend a couple of months there. Recalling the correspondence that he had with you a year ago about your house at Miami he thought that possibly you might know of a suitable place that he could lease there for that length of time.

As you will probably recall in his correspondence with you last year he mentioned the fact that one of his boys is troubled with asthma and he believes that Miami would be a good climate for him to spend the winter.

Mr. Firestone would appreciate it very much if you could give him any information concerning a well located home at Miami.

He sends his personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

  
Office of the President.

WDH/K

October 21, 1922.

Mr. W. D. Hines,  
Akron, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hines :

Replying to yours of the 19th, there is an enormous lot of inquiries for houses at the Beach this year - three times as many as there were last year. Most of the smaller places have been taken, and all of the larger houses that I know of at this minuet have been leased.

However, there are three or four houses there that would suit Mr. Firestone, if I can get them for him.

I am sending out some letters today, and as soon as I get a reply, I will write you.

Yours very truly,

Carl G. Fisher.

CGF:ISB

October 25, 1922.

Mr. W. D. Hines,  
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.,  
Akron, Ohio.

My dear Hines :

On October 23rd, I dictated the following letter to you, which I did not read before it left my office. I find that there is an error in this letter, and I wish to correct it. In the second paragraph on page two, the word "furnished" should be "finished."

Following is a corrected letter of the entire letter:

I am sending you today proofs of three houses - none of which are for rent, but are all for sale; and, it occurred to me that Mr. Firestone might be interested in purchasing one of these houses instead of renting.

For instance, House No. 1 is \$25,000. The house has no garage at this time; is brand new, and has never been occupied. We can build a garage for three cars with three servants' rooms, a toilet and a small laundry for \$6,000. We can add on the side of the house a very large sun-porch for \$4,000, which would make a very livable house at a total cost of \$35,000.

These lots are sixty-five feet frontage by about 240 feet deep, and are adjoining the Golf Course - only three blocks from the Lincoln Hotel; two blocks from the street car line; two blocks from the Miami Beach Bank, and in the very best residential location at Miami Beach.

From the upper windows of this house, both the Ocean and the Bay are in sight.

Practically the same things can be said of house No. 2 as that of House No. 1.

The price of House No. 3 is \$50,000; it is on a hundred foot lot by 400 feet deep and facing on Flamingo Bay; about five squares North of the Casino. This house is a beautiful Spanish house and already has a garage with servants' rooms, and room for two cars.

If Mr. Firestone couldn't keep any of these houses

over this Season, it has been our experience that we can rent houses of this kind on a basis of ten per cent net.

For instance, House No. 3 would easily rent, furnished, for \$6,000 for the Season; and House No. 1, furnished, would easily rent for \$3,500 for the Season. I may be one or two thousand dollars off in my prices on houses No. 1 and No. 2, as I don't have the figures available this morning; but, this new booklet will be out in a week, and I will mail you one direct, giving all the prices.

House No. 4 is also priced somewhere around twenty-three to twenty-five thousand dollars; faces the Golf Links on a deep lot, at least sixty-five feet frontage, with other available land adjoining. It would be a very simple matter to screen in the front porch and have a tremendous outside living room, and then put any size garage you want on the rear.

Houses No. 1, 2 and 4 have two baths, and three and four bedrooms on the second floor. These houses are all well built and well finished inside and out.

These figures which I have quoted on these houses give us no profit, except on the land.

I am sending you a map showing the location of Houses No. 1, 2, 3 and 4. I am not quite sure about the location of House No. 5, at this minute, but I have shown approximately just where it is on the map, and it is very well located, with a nine-hole course within one square of it.

We now have three Golf Courses - two eighteen hole courses and one nine hole course.

Please tell Mr. Firestone that I have asked Mr. Seiberling if he wishes to lease his house this year. Mr. Seiberling's house is a very fine house, as you know, and probably the lease price would be around \$15,000. We want Mr. Firestone with us, and will try and figure out some way to get him.

Yours very truly,

(Dictated but not  
read by Mr. Fisher.)

CGF:ISB

October 26th, 1922.

Mr. W. D. Hines,  
c/o Firestone Tire & Rubber Company,  
Akron, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hines:

I enclose herewith a letter and two floor plans of two apartments which can be had for \$1800. each. These might suit Mr. Firestone; the location is very good, the neighborhood is alright and while the apartments are small I thought that two of them might in a pinch take care of you, if no house is available.

In the meantime, I am looking out for you and may have something else to report soon.

Very truly yours,

Carl G. Fisher.

CGF-MEC

October 27th, 1922.

Mr. W. D. Hines,  
c/o Firestone Tire & Rubber Company,  
Akron, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hines:

We have located two very desirable houses for you. One belongs to Dr. F. M. Edwards, of Columbus, Ohio, is located on the Bay, one square north of the Flamingo Hotel. The house is very well furnished; has five bedrooms, two dressing rooms and two baths, and two-car garage with three servants' bedrooms and laundry. The price is \$6,000. for the season.

Another very good house we have located is the Harry Pancost house on the Ocean front. \$4500. for the season. It has four bedrooms, two screened sleeping porches and two bath rooms. The two-car garage has four bedrooms and a laundry. This last house is on the Ocean front, is located about two squares north of the Casino, is a comparatively new house and in very good condition. The grounds and equipment is not so elaborate as the Bay front house which belongs to Dr. F. M. Edwards, but these are the two best houses available - the one being on the Ocean front the other on the Bay front.

I think it would be well for you to make up your mind quickly on one or the other of these houses, and wire me at Miami Beach after next Wednesday.

Yours very truly,

Carl G. Fisher.

CGF-MEC

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Nov. 7

1922

To MR. H. S. FIRESTONE

Street and No.

Place Akron, OHIO

HAVE JUST LEARNED IT IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SECURE J H SHOWDEN RESIDENCE ON THE BEACH. THIS IS THE FINEST PROPERTY IN ALL OF FLORIDA WITH THE SINGLE EXCEPTION OF JAMES DEERING STOP WOULD STRONGLY ADVISE YOU TO TAKE THE PROPERTY AS IT HAS AMPLE GROUNDS SWIMMING POOL BEAUTIFUL LOCATION WITH A WONDERFUL BEACH

CARL G. FISHER

George Alton Beach Realty Co.  
SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR ANSWER

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER



# Firestone

## Tire & Rubber Company

HARVEY S. FIRESTONE  
PRESIDENT

FACTORY AND GENERAL OFFICES  
FIRESTONE PARK  
AKRON, OHIO

Akron, Ohio

November 14  
1922

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of Mr. Firestone I desire to thank you very sincerely for your kindness in assisting him to obtain a home for the season at Miami. He has decided to take the Snowden place which you recommended. His agent at Miami is now completing the details for closing the lease.

Mr. Firestone expects to leave for the South about the first of the year and will probably remain two or three months. He hopes to have the pleasure of seeing you during his stay there.

Again expressing his appreciation of your assistance, I remain

Yours sincerely,



Office of the President.

WDH/K



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HARVEY S. FIRESTONE  
PRESIDENT

FACTORY AND GENERAL OFFICES  
FIRESTONE PARK  
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Akron, Ohio

November 23  
1922

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

I want to personally thank you for your interest in securing for me such a desirable home at Miami Beach. I have just completed the lease with Mr. Snowden and am looking forward with pleasure to my stay in Miami. The life in the rubber business for the past year or two has been very strenuous. I spent two months this year in Europe away from the business and now I am not devoting as much time to business as formerly but am turning it over to the organization.

I am planning to come to Miami with my family the first week in January and remain there until the middle of April. You, of course, know that we have also rented the Pancoast house in which the officials of the Company will spend their winter vacations at various times. So you see we are going to bring a number of people to Miami this year.

I have your letter in regard to the Miami Beach First National Bank. As you are interested in it I should like very much to have my deposit at this bank but it will not be of any real value to the bank. I don't manage my own bank account but I will make recommendation for the Miami Beach First National Bank.

I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in January.

With personal regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

*H. S. Firestone*

HSF/K

Firestone  
November 27th, 1922.

Mr. H. S. Firestone,  
Akron, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Firestone:

I know that you are going to enjoy the Snowden house. It is a beautiful location and you have everything there to enjoy.

I thought I would advise you that Mr. Keith Line, of Chicago, is bringing down twelve saddle horses, and it won't be necessary for you to ship any. You can, of course, make your arrangements with Mr. Line to keep one horse, or two for that matter.

I think you have the right idea in asking your officials to come down for a short stay, which will give them a breath of fresh air and also keep you in touch with affairs at the factory.

We are going to have a tremendous season. The immediate thing we need is ten or fifteen more hotels.

Can't you prevail upon Henry Ford to come down and visit us, I think he has given us the shake.

Yours very truly,

Carl G. Fisher.

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# THE Firestone

## Tire & Rubber Company

HARVEY'S FIRESTONE  
PRESIDENT

Akron, Ohio

December 29  
1924

FACTORY AND GENERAL OFFICES  
FIRESTONE PARK  
AKRON, OHIO

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

I am just in receipt of a circular from the Flamingo Polo Club. I was much pleased to note you have six fields in condition to accommodate the players this coming year, and that you have constructed a large grand stand with twenty-six boxes, each seating six spectators. I am pleased to enclose check for \$500.00 and ask you to reserve me two boxes.

I believe you would be interested to know that the boys joined the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club and have been playing polo there this summer with the Cleveland organization. They have accumulated seven polo ponies which I will ship to Miami Beach about January 15th. Russell, one of the boys you have never met, will graduate at Princeton early in February and will then come to Miami. He is an enthusiastic polo player and will be anxious to play in every game he can. The other boys, I regret to say, will not be able to come down until the middle of March.

I am enclosing a list of names to which I wish you would send the Flamingo Polo Club circular. Mr. Windsor White is the dean of the horse brigade at Cleveland and is a very good friend of mine. His son, Thomas, is one of the best, if not the best, polo players in Cleveland and they have the best horses. I suggested that they ship their horses to Miami Beach this winter but he thought it was too far. I believe he is going to ship them to Aiken, N. Carolina, or is going there to play polo with Mr. Percy Rockefeller, or one of the Rockefellers. I may get him and Mrs. White to come to Miami for a short visit when they are South. If he ever comes to Miami Beach, he and his son and brothers would add great interest to polo.

I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. Rollin S. Woodruff, which I enclose. I suggest you turn it over to one of your numerous hotels on the Beach and land him. Mr. Woodruff is an ex-governor of Connecticut and is a very fine man.

My family will leave here about the 12th of January and I hope to get away some time the latter part of the month.

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January 5th, 1924.

Mr. H. S. Firestone,  
The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.  
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Firestone:

Thanks for yours of the 29th.

I will ask Mr. Chase to attend to sending out booklets and some of our big books to the list you include.

I am glad your boys are coming along in polo, and we will be glad to put them in some games here as soon as they arrive.

Hope to see you soon.

Yours sincerely,

CGF-mc

Mr. Carl G. Fisher

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With personal regards and wishing you a  
very Happy New Year, I remain

Yours very truly,

HSF/K

Harvey D. Sivertone

December 21, 1927.

Mr. Harvey S. Firestone, Jr.,  
Miami Beach.

My dear Harvey:

I enclose you herewith a small wash drawing of the forty mile Club boat which I expected to operate between New York and Montauk. I think I told you that I had put in two years designing and preparing to build this boat.

The general mould of the hull of this boat is exactly the same as the "Shadow K", also exactly the same as Mr. Harold Vanderbilt's new boat now building except that this boat is fifteen feet longer and with about two and a half feet more beam. On account of the great speed and the additional weight in motors this length is necessary and the beam necessary also.

This boat is designed to carry in water-tight and air-tight compartments enough fuel to cross the Atlantic at record speed, and it was one of my secret ambitions to drive this boat in a world's record trip across the Atlantic. Only three or four people know of this ambition and I have spent a lot of money on this fad and almost four years time.

No strength is sacrificed in the construction of this hull. The main point in the design was to get a suitable Diesel engine that would have a nickel steel and fine steel alloys in its construction instead of a lot of pig iron and stove metal.

One of the motors for this boat is completed and I have at the present time approximately \$150,000 invested in the motors and in the drawings. This boat completed will cost approximately \$425,000 and will be the fastest sea-going yacht afloat. To me in my business it would mean several millions of dollars in profits off land sales and in the ability to give entertainment to very desirable investors. I imagine this boat might give you some of the same opportunities and I believe it would give your father a great deal of enjoyment and that a limited number of trips only would be necessary to give him "sea legs". Also, on these long trips he could divert his mind to sea navigation and the wonderful sea life there is

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to be found in tropical countries that the average person knows nothing about.

I am so anxious for this boat to be completed that I would make many sacrifices to see it completed. There is one motor practically completed at this time and the other motor for this boat is sixty per cent completed and could be finished and installed by May first. For two years we have been dickering with various ship builders to build the hull of the boat. All the drawings for the hull are complete with the exception of the interior area. This could be easily re-adjusted if necessary to suit the owner's wishes.

There is plenty room on the boat for ten guests, all with their own shower baths, large beds and large closets. The oil capacity has been estimated for five thousand miles and this is sufficient. It is my intention to have all auxiliaries in this boat oil driven, eliminating all danger from gasoline auxiliaries. Of course, this boat will be equipped with Radio and Telephone Radio connection, the same as the "Shadow IV".

In working out all the details and plans of this boat, I have drawn into my conferences the greatest and most competent engineers in America, both from the Navy and from the big automobile plants, as well as the large industrial engineers. I refer particularly now to Mr. C. F. Kettering who has gone through this motor from top to bottom and I hope soon that he will be a stock holder in our company. He has already expressed himself as willing to join a party of ten old timers, engineers, in the further promotion of this Diesel oil project. Mr. R. E. Olds has been twice to Camden and gone through all the plans and designs of these motors with Mr. Treiber. Mr. Treiber is the most experienced Diesel engineer living today, having built more Diesel engines than any other man we know of up to the present time.

The Purdys for over one hundred years have been yacht designers. They have been associated with me for twenty years and have designed and built some of the greatest boats afloat. I could cite you at least twenty different innovations that the Purdys have put into yachts that are now universally used.



Mr. Harvey S. Firestone, Jr.,  
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I had expected to have this boat afloat this spring but the big hurricane here and the tremendous demands on me for moneys, together with the demand for release of obligations, has made it impossible for me to complete this boat this season, and possibly I may be in the same condition for at least two more years. I would like very much to see your father complete this boat and as I stated in the first paragraph of this letter, I will make any sacrifices myself to see the job accomplished.

I will post in substantial guaranties \$150,000 that this boat will perform satisfactorily to your father's requirements. The cost is to be approximately \$425,000, unless, as explained to you, you go into unusual decorations which are very expensive. I think Mr. Harold Vanderbilt is going into some very expensive and unusual decorations which, of course, he is entitled to do but I do not believe that for your service you would care for these extras.

There is only one change that would be necessary in all our general plans. The boat was originally intended for south sea cruises and all world's records between England, France, America, South America, and one or two African ports and we had enlarged somewhat the refrigerating facilities. Otherwise, there is no change necessary in our general plans.

If you and your father are at all interested, I would be very glad to talk the matter over with you further. If not, forget it. I had completed about six months ago an oil painting of this boat which I have wired for and I would like for you to see it.

Very truly yours,

CGF:T

Copies to Mr. Purdy  
Mr. Treiber  
Mr. Kettering.

April 10th 1933.

Mr. Harvey Firestone, Sr.,  
Firestone Tire & Rubber Company,  
Akron, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Firestone:

We are working on a plan now of a bond issue on the four polo fields of \$250,000, which is the amount of the mortgage which we will have to raise in the very near future. The Bay Shore golf course is additional collateral to the mortgage.

It occurred to me that you might be interested in the southeast field, and the southeast corner of the property. I believe the little clubhouse is on the southeast corner of the property. If not, it could be moved over at a very small expense.

The southeast field can be entirely separated from the balance of the property, and as you can see from the enclosed map, there is enough marginal property to sell at a substantial price to protect the field, if you want to do so.

We would be very glad, if you are further interested in the boys playing polo, and to have your own field, to make you a most unusual and attractive price on this corner. Please drop me a note and tell me just what your reaction is to this plan.

We expect to remove all of the old barns that are now on the property, which were sold to the school board, but this will leave about ten of the best barns on the northern portion of the barn area, and if you should want to have some extra barn area, at least for the coming year, we could provide same for you, and eventually you of course could transfer all of your barn housing to a part of the southeast corner property.

We have sold every lot south of your barn area down to the Wemmer house this season, receiving \$7500.00 cash for each one of these lots; every lot was sold for spot cash, except one, and this one lot was redeemed within thirty days after sale.

Mr. Firestone - #2

We can sell all of your barn area this coming season out of this office at a price, we think, between \$7500 and \$10,000 for each 100 foot front. I mention this to show you the possibilities if you should want to transfer a part of your investment or all of it.

Of course I don't believe the IndianaCreek property will ever become less valuable than it is today, and possibly next season's demand might bring a larger price for the barn area than I have mentioned. However, we are prepared to quote you a price on the southeast corner of the polo property that would eventually give you a very splendid investment.

Yours,

CARL G. FISHER

CGF-WM  
Enclosure.