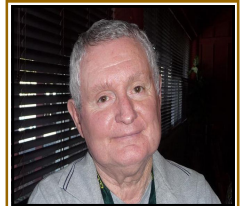


HEMMINGS COLLECTOR-CAR ENCYCLOPEDIA

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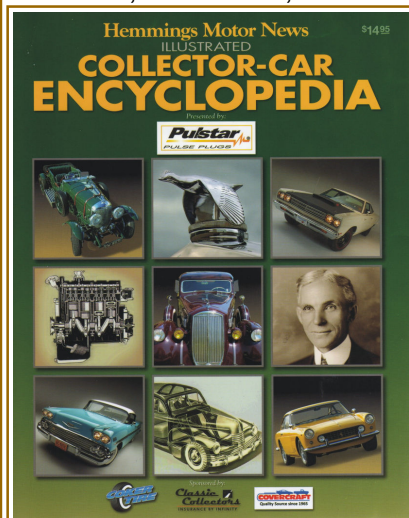
The editorial staff at *Hemmings Motor News* have put together a Collector-Car Encyclopedia for collector car enthusiasts. The 288 page softbound book, which is well illustrated, encompasses all facets of the collector car scene. The publication includes profiles of both domestic and foreign automobile manufacturing companies. There are profiles of coach builders, designers, stylists and pioneers who created those companies. Components relating to engines, body construction, transmissions, differentials, suspension systems, brakes and ignition systems are illustrated and explained.



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While perusing the book, I discovered that my knowledge of British automotive terms was not as savvy as I thought it was. Chapter 5, which discusses body styles, listed the term "shooting brake". This British term relates to a station wagon in American terms. Originally, it was meant to signify a car that could accommodate the guns and dogs needed when hunting on an estate or farm. Shooting brakes have a rear-opening door as well as two or four passenger doors.

For those interested in learning more about different types of wheels, tires, interiors and lighting, these subjects are covered. There are informative chapters that discuss: tools, paints/primers, museums, auctions, concours, restoration, hot rodding, racing and toys. There is a comprehensive list of car clubs complete with a website address for each club. Page 103 caught my eye; a half-page ad for the Austin Healey Club of America with a photo of a gorgeous turquoise and white roadster as part of the layout.



The encyclopedia even features a dictionary (chapter 30), which is a guide to terms pertaining to the old car hobby. This book contains a lot of automotive information...a lot more than you can absorb in a couple of casual reading sessions. It's one of those books you keep going back to in search of more information on a particular topic. It's simply a great source for information on the old car hobby whether the car is British or not. As for the cost, I thought it was priced reasonably at under \$15.00.

Happy Motoring.....Ron

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