

Newsline

Latest

RV DYNAMICS GOES EAST

GLOBAL CAR manufacturing isn't just happening in the big league production car world. RV Dynamics, maker of the Nemesis V12 supercar, the Skoda based Bugrat funster and the newly announced Python Cobra replica, has announced that it is shifting production to a new factory in Sri Lanka.



Funded by a local businessman, the new Sri Lankan set-up will manufacture both kits and complete cars and sell them to both the Far Eastern and UK markets. RV boss Vince Wright has moved to Sri Lanka to run the new operation,

leaving the company's UK base to handle, sell and assemble the imported kit models. It's an amazing development but one which is based on sensible economics and should ensure the steady future growth of RV's UK arm.

First model to get full

attention once the new factory is fully operative will be the recently launched Python. Based on BMW 5-series running gear, this top quality Cobra will accept almost any BMW engine along with the Rover V8 or American V8s. The first kits and a

finished demonstrator are expected to arrive back here in September or October. *Which Kit?* will have more news next month. Meantime, you can contact *RV Dynamics*, 56 Feering Hill, Feering, Colchester, Essex CO5 9NL. Tel: (mobile) 07802 813649.

AF SPORTS REVEALED AT NEWARK

Chassis prices announced

THE NEW AF SPORTS BROKE cover as a full bodied prototype for the first time at June's Newark kit car show. With its lovely aluminium bonnet and full GRP wings, the car looked good and generated lots of interest.

Aiming to provide generous levels of driver and passenger comfort within its classic 1930s styling, the 2002 AF has a cockpit 4ins wider than its late '80s forebear. The wheelbase is also 4ins longer to create room for tall drivers. Those who sat in the car at Newark were unanimous in their praise for the spacious cockpit.

Initially based on the Ford Sierra, the AF uses most mechanical parts in unmodified form, allowing a truly straightforward build. Engine fitments include the 1600, 1800, 2-litre and 2.3-litre V6 Sierra units but, in truth, almost any engine will fit into the near-cavernous engine bay. Popular choices will undoubtedly be the Ford 2.8 and 2.9-litre V6s and the Rover 3.5-litre V8. The option

of an AF based on BMW 3-series running gear will happen towards the end of this year.

The first kit price to be announced for the new car concerns the chassis starter pack at £1695 inclusive. This brings a pre-jigged and drilled, twin-rail ladder frame chassis using 2" x 3" steel tube for its main rails. Finished in primer (powder coating is an option), the chassis will come with engine and radiator mounting brackets and all special suspension

components. Add your refurbished Sierra running gear and you've quickly got a rolling unit.

Body pack prices are still being finalised. Next chance to see the AF will be at Donington's National Kit & Performance Car Show in September, where it will be shown for the first time as a fully painted, fully trimmed and driveable car. Meantime, further information can be obtained by sending a £1 coin or stamps to *Unique Autocraft*, 1 Howard Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 7JE. Tel: 01737 225888.



CABRIO CLASSICS
Two Topless Teenagers

TEN YEARS BACK

AUGUST 1992

- Two convertibles completed our cover theme in August 1992 – it was summer after all. Having said that, looking at the grey skies in many of the pictures, it seems British summers haven't changed in ten years.
- One of today's kit car mainstays, the Marlin Cabrio, got its first full drive ten years ago. Back then, we concluded: "the Marlin Cabrio heralds a new era in kit car design," pointing out the superbly engineered chassis and combination of practicality and sporting intent as highlights.
- Robin Hood's advert claimed you could assemble its S7 for £1900. Today, the target figure for the firm's Sub-K is £1395. That, um, isn't inflation...
- Back in the recession days of the early 1990s, selling pseudo-exotic supercars was a risky business to be involved in. Mirage stuck doggedly to its chosen market sector, though, and, when the economy sped up, it was one of the few surviving Countach copies, just as *Which Kit?* predicted this month.
- Our classifieds contained treats ranging from a £1000 Mini Moke replica via a £3500 Moss Malvern to a Countach replica at...

Which Kit?
Extracts