

WELCOME to the first TVM Newsletter of 2010. I know we are already approaching the half-way mark of the year and we are only now releasing it, but the shop is so busy that the keyboard has had to make way for the wrenches!

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NEWS

In April of this year TVM was dealt a tragic blow. Our main car trailer with 4 cars, tools, race gear and equipment burned to the ground. This freak accident left us all devastated, thankful that no one was injured and stronger as a team. Thank you for all the well wishes and the support we have received.

This event has made us appreciate the need for insuring not only our trailers, but our cars, tools, equipment and other contents. So often is insurance forgotten about, but thankfully we had it all covered.

There are a number of companies out there that provide insurance for race cars in transit, trailers and their contents like Hagerty and Progressive and we strongly urge anyone out there to investigate insuring ALL your items just in case you happen upon a freak accident like us.

We have realized even more that it is important to keep detailed lists of everything. We keep detailed load lists for all items being stored in our trailers or being moved to and from the shop for an event. We do this so we do not forget anything, but it also serves as a great proof of contents. Keep detailed contents of your spares boxes too as these will cost a lot more to replace than you'd think – A large selection of carburetor jets, albeit small in size can cost hundreds if not thousands to replace. Also, photograph everything, this is great proof of ownership and condition.

We hope this never happens to you, but be prepared just in case it does. You'll be thankful.

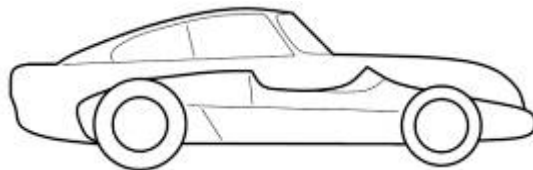
Le Mans Classic

This year two of our clients have cars entered in the bi-annual Le Mans Classic event in July.

We have shipped over the Cooper Monaco and Alfa Romeo T33 Daytona to attack the hallowed asphalt of probably the most famous race track in the world.

Both cars and drivers took on the challenge of the French track in 2008 and they are now relishing the chance to use their experience to succeed this year. We will have race reports in the next Newsletter. Good luck guys!





WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AT TVM

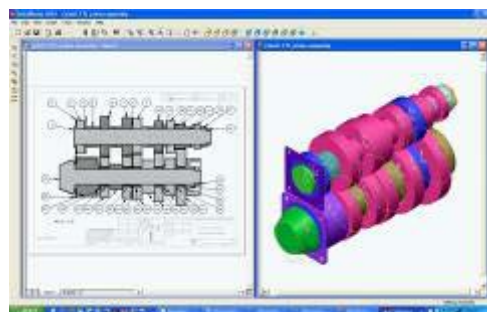
Along with the continued maintenance and preparation of our clients' racecars for the 2010 season we are also working on these exciting projects:

1938 Bugatti T57 – We have just finished extensively going through the mechanicals on this beautiful car. The re-engineered transmission shifts better than ever and the whole suspensions system is taut and rides like new. We are now preparing the car for the International Bugatti rally to be held during the Monterey Historics weekend in August.



1961 Cooper T56 Formula Junior – This car was owned and restored by Tom before being sold last year. The new owner has commissioned us to engineer and install a Hewland MK4 transmission to replace the Cooper ERSA. An interesting and strangely involved project has seen us design transmission adapters to connect the canted Ford 105E engine to the Hewland. Re-engineering of the clutch mechanism, driveline, mountings and shift linkages has also been performed.

1953 Colotti T21 Transmission – This transmission, one of believed to be thirteen is used in one of our clients Cooper T53 F1 cars. We have re-engineered the whole gearbox from the ground up to turn this un-reliable gearbox into a regular runner. A new spiral bevel crownwheel and pinion replaces the original spur gear type. The casing and pinion shaft have also been modified and designed to accommodate different bearing schemes.



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