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MOG IN A MILLION

THIS could be the world's most expensive Morris Minor. The millionth Minor 1000 to roll off the production line is up for auction on November 8. Fully-restored and still with its original 1 MHU registration plate and special lilac paint, this milestone Moggy was auctioned live on TV in 1961 with the proceeds donated to the British Red Cross. As the first of only 349 Minor 1,000,000s, it could make more than £30,000. More at www.charterhouse-auctions.co.uk

Quentin

At your service

GEOFF Griffin recently received a Notice of Intended Prosecution for a speeding offence. He asked for photographic evidence, as neither his wife nor he could remember who was driving.

The picture only shows an outline of a person driving, so will Geoff be penalised because he's the insured?

He was caught between two average speed cameras, but did not pass the first camera, because he joined the road from a junction between them.

There were no white lines in

front of either camera. What should he do?

QUENTIN SAYS: If you and your wife genuinely can't remember who was driving, you can't be prosecuted.

The speed camera partnership would be unwise to pursue the case if the photo doesn't clearly show which of you was driving.

There's also obvious confusion about road markings, which all speed cameras should have to make them accurate. Fight this - don't roll over.

PYTHON IS THE FULL MONTY... BUT IT IS NOT THE MESSIAH

MORE madness from America. The Python is the fastest amphibious car in the world, and can bow-wave to sixty on the water in just 4.5 seconds. Based on a Dodge truck platform with a fibre glass body, it's got a Corvette

engine and a stainless steel spaceframe.

Top speed on terra firm isn't that impressive at just 100mph, and neither is the looney price tag of \$200,000.

Dream on, sailors.



An aquatic aberration

A super-speedy way to snap up votes



SOME sense from the Conservatives this week. Shadow Transport Secretary Theresa Villiers is keen to end the Government's despised speed camera culture, a self-interest group that has everything to do with revenue generation and little to do with safety.

After 12 years of carpeting the UK with cameras, there's scant

empirical evidence that they've had any significant effect on road casualties.

The Tories are also keen to scrap the planned nationwide roll-out of average speed cameras and divert more funds towards better road design and vehicle-activated speed warning signs. Sounds like a vote-winner to me.

MEET THE CHEETAH!

IF YOU like Sixties V8 racers with an illustrious heritage, then you'll love the Cheetah. An Arizona company is building replicas of the Bill Thomas-designed '64 Cobra-chaser (just 23 were built before a fire closed the factory in 1965), with the comparatively reasonable price tag of £55,000. For that you get a 350 cu in Chevy V8 with two four-barrelled carbs good for 185mph, Muncie four-on-the-floor and one of the sexiest shapes ever to come out of US auto racing. More at www.65cheetahccc.com



Hot body and a Muncie four-on-the-floor. Mmm.

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WHO'D DRIVE IT Pursuers of posh pace

DEVASTATING is the only adjective I can use to describe Jaguar's magnificent XFR.

As supersaloons go, this 510-horse supercharged monster is one of the world's best.

So tremendous, in fact, that it betters even BMW's mighty M5. Switch off the traction control, dump the throttle and you are torpedoed to 60 in a little over four seconds.

This is Ferrari territory and only soldierly restraint kept me from chasing Kawasakis and Fireblades.

The deep bass howl from the glorious 5.0-litre lump is narcotic and the ride and handling sublimely refined.

The automotive theatre inside the XF's cabin may be beguiling, but the awesome

acceleration of this car can turn even the most mild-mannered driver into a G-force junkie.

Were it not for the 155mph speed limiter, this car feels like it could easily break 185.

The tsunami of torque means that overtaking is electrifying, and you can storm from 50 to 70 in just two terrifying seconds.

Politically incorrect the XFR may be, and a little out of kilter with its time, but its place in automotive history is in the sheer excellence of its execution.

This is the new Jaguar brand at its very finest. World-class engineering has never been this brutal or beautiful.



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Q I HAVE a silver 2000 Vauxhall Corsa with 15,000 miles. Should I take advantage of the £2,000 scrappage incentive before the money runs out? Or should I hang on to a reliable car in good nick? - *Irene, Southampton*

A YOU'D be mad to scrap a 15,000-mile Corsa, whatever its age. It would be a massive waste of a perfectly good car. There's now a shortage of elderly, low-mileage motors, particularly for young drivers, so selling yours privately wouldn't be a problem. But I'd keep it. It's literally only just run-in.

Jeep's burning question

THERE'S a row brewing between Chrysler and the US government. The Center for Auto Safety wants 2.3 million 93-04 Jeep Grand Cherokees recalled, after 172 fatal rear-end fires resulted in 254 deaths (that's more than the legendary Ford Pinto fireball in 1978). Chrysler are furious, saying the data doesn't stack up. But here's the interesting thing. The US government now owns 10 per cent of Chrysler - will there be a conflict of interest?



No smoke
without fire?

Classy Citroen is a match for BMW 330

DROVE Citroen's handsome C5 with its new 3.0-litre HDi V6 oil-burner and was staggered by the 150mph shove and high-30s mpg. Amazingly brisk with a slick six-speed auto, the Hydractive suspension gives one of the best rides around and it's groaning with sybaritic niceties and plush trim. Only the slightly numb steering lets it down. If the £28,000 price seems a bit steep, the top drawer C5 feels more special and separate than a BMW 330d.

C5 - No, not the Sinclair one...



Rover the moon as sales rocket

TOLD you a couple of weeks ago that the new 2010 Range Rover is a belter and sales prove it. Land Rover's September figures are 27pc better than the same time last year, with the UK being the world's biggest market. Discovery was up 48pc, Freelander 37pc and Range Rover 25pc. And all made in British factories by British workers.

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XFR is the most electrifying
Jag since the E-type



Why budget Golf is as good as the GTI

WHAT a great little car the new Golf 1.4 TSi GTI is. Enchantingly middle-class and radiating tons of VW solidity, it's quick, poised and entertainingly pliant, even when mated to the DSG auto gearbox. Some may say its lines are unadventurous, but my white test car with its 16-inch alloys looked chaste and elegant. Eight seconds to 60mph and 45mpg aren't bad either. Who needs a GTI?

One of the world's most
dramatic car cabins

