

His interest in automobiles goes back about 50 years, but his fascination with the small cars started about six years ago when he bought a Jaguar. Now he owns a Ferrari, a Frazer-Nash, a Lancia (which his wife drives) and a small British-made Metropolitan.

He has great admiration for the fast, rugged Ferrari, which he calls a "brutal" car to drive, but his eyes light up with pure devotion when he talks about his Frazer-Nash.

No relation to the American car of the same last name, the low-slung British car is designed and built by Archibald Frazer Nash.

"He only builds them on order and he turns out only 10 or 12 a year. But they're custom made for the buyer. I was measured for that car like I would be for a suit of clothes."

Leg-room on the driver's side has been extended to accommodate Guild's 6-foot, 2-inch frame; a shorter man can barely reach the pedals.

But for all their surging power and catlike maneuverability, the real thrill of driving sports cars is in their mastery and control, Guild says.