

Hi Bob:

As the current custodian (owner) of Le Mans coupe #196, I don't have much to report. I have gotten all lights, wipers, horns, fuel pump, etc to function as well as Jos. Lucas will permit. I have engineered and fabricated a working hand brake that was eliminated when Gary Ford installed a sliding-pillar device on the rear axle. I have fabricated and installed hood hinges so I will never again have to remove the hood and find a safe place to lean it. (I must have taken that hood off two hundred times in the few years that I have owned the car!) I have installed an aux. electric fan to assist the standard "beanie" propeller behind the radiator.

I am determined to make this car as reliable and pleasant to drive as possible. I keep whittling away at the clunks and rattles and wind leaks and break downs that my wife and I put up with on the Colorado Grand in 1999. (I put the car in deep storage for almost two years when it returned as I had had an over-dose of its problems).

The car's post-crash shake-down was a thousand miles through the Colorado Rockies. This was my fault as the accident repair was much more time consuming than I had estimated. The car's maiden voyage was driving around the corner to load it on the transporter that carried it to Colorado. Needless to say, my wife and I had an exciting thousand-mile ride.

I am committed to seeing that this unique car is returned to the excellent condition that it once enjoyed and deserves. Production cars just aren't the same!

Sandy Sadtler