



Owner Jonathan Procter wrote about this one-only the Austin-engined Targa Florio 421/200/173: "We have recently re-fitted the 2.6 litre engine to the Targa and I think that the car is likely to prove itself to be the fastest post war Nash. The engine has been professionally built to fast road/race specification and the power is phenomenal."

### Le Mans Coupe

Although the Le Mans Coupe was contemporaneous with the Targa Florio, it is more than a Targa Florio with a roof and a horizontal grill opening. Rather this design includes curves which hint at the future Sebring model. 15 Targa Florios and 9 Le Mans Coupes were built. Three of the Le Mans Coupes actually ran at Le Mans and one of these cars is now located in California.

A very nice photo of a Le Mans coupe at a 1998 concours of the Bristol Owners Club was sent to me by Bob Charlton, the Registrar of the BOC.

This is s/n 421 200 202, which is a car built in late 1954. According to a later report on this concours, it was the first place finisher in its class!

Another Le Mans Coupe, s/n 421 200 196, located in the U.S. was featured in *Automobile Quarterly*, Volume 29, No. 4. This car was damaged in a vintage racing accident in 1996 and it has been restored by a new owner. It participated in the 1999 Colorado Grand.

