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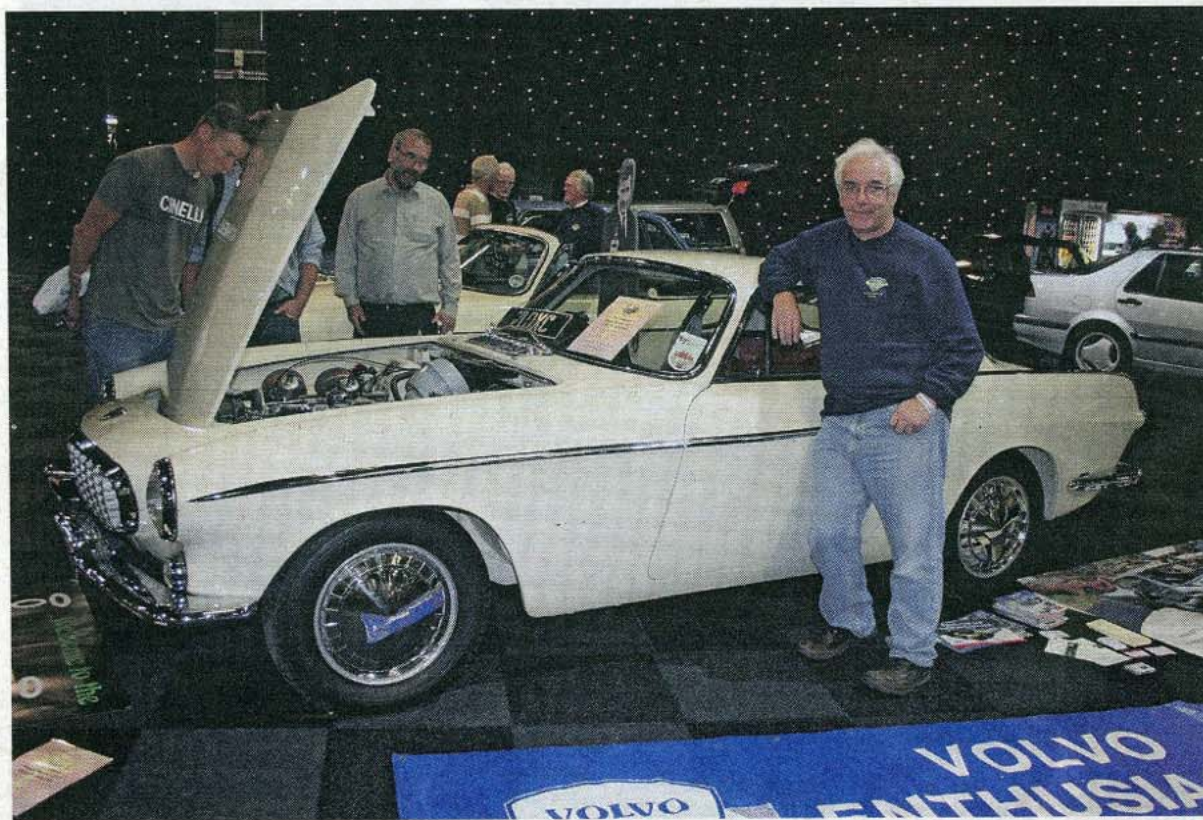
The first Footman James Manchester Classic Car Show took place at Manchester's EventCity venue, adjacent to the Trafford Centre, over the weekend of September 21/22.

CCB's editor in chief Peter Simpson and deputy editor Iain Wakefield were both pleased to report that this new event, organised by One Louder events and led by the former NEC Classic Motor Show manager Andy Rouse, was strongly supported by national and regional car clubs, with more than 60 clubs taking stand space. There were also numerous individual entries, along with a concours competition, a good autojumble and sales area, plus numerous restoration displays.

EventCity is ideal on many levels for a large-scale car show such as this, with excellent road and public transport links, lots of free on-site parking and, of course, the alternative of going shopping in the Trafford Centre for those members of the family who may be less enthusiastic about the idea of spending all day looking at old cars.

Rouse said that he was "very pleased indeed" with the response to this new show, and that he had been given "lots of positive feedback". He also confirmed that the company was going ahead with plans for other classic vehicle events during 2014, starting with a post-Christmas autojumble on Sunday, January 5, at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry.

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Star of the show was Kevin Price's Volvo P1800 – the actual car used in the original ITV 'The Saint' series. Completing this has been almost a lifetime's work for Kevin who found the semi-derelict car in the early 'Nineties, and then spent ten years collecting parts and six restoring the car. Despite all that, much of the original car could be reused including the bulkhead, inner wings and the entire underframe.

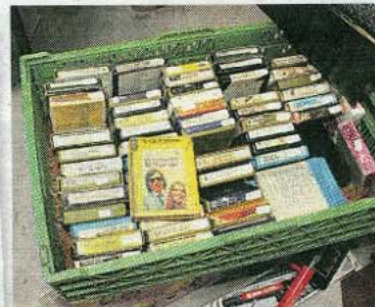


Manchester Mini Club member Anthony Burns purchased his ex-hillclimb 1979 Mini 1275GT in 2008 and following a total rebuild the 'GT is now his everyday driver. It is even parked outside.



Pete Moore of Tameside Car Collectors' poses with his better half next to their Manchester-built 1929 Crossley. The club's innovative display featured a selection of cars covering 90 years of motoring.

◀ Eight-track tapes for sale in the autojumble – yours for 50p each. If Peters and Lee don't appeal, alternative sounds include Nat King Cole, Nana Mouskouri, Lynsey De Paul, Ron Goodwin or The City of Westminster String Band.



An impressive selection of glassfibre sports cars took pride of place on the Bardsley Car Club's stand, including this Ford 100E powered 1956