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Dear Sir,

thank you for your letter of Sept 8th enquiring about the Le Mans spitfires.

Unfortunately I do not own one of those, much as I would like to. I do have numerous parts from the Le Mans projects including a bodyshell for the extra-wide GT6 1966 Le Mans prototype which was stopped by Donald Stokes in his "Motor racing does nothing for selling motor cars" campaign. I also have engines, original body moulds and some alloy panels. Most of the alloy body panels were destroyed and sold for scrap!

I myself raced spitfires in modsports,

and a GT6 & Herald, from 1968 till 1975 and have quite a few photographs.

As far as business goes I ~~have~~ manufacture every single panel for Spitfires and GT6's (except Mk III GT6 Roof & Bonnet), from bumpers to complete replica bodyshells; in glassfibre of course.

When I was racing myself I occasionally saw a Le Mans Spitfire (ADU 6B I think) but it was non-original; the engine was 70x and the log book was original too, but they were about the only parts which were. The problem was that Triumphs tended to use the same log book for various cars, and damaged cars were often sold but never with logbooks. Unfortunately without a ^{genuine} log-book I have no chance of building a Le-mans car in spite of the fact that I would have more genuine parts than most of the other documented "Le Mans cars". I could build one, but the Historic sports car club would not ^{accept} ~~recognise~~ it.

I would suggest that you telephone the number on this heading and pop over for a "natter". Unfortunately I do not have an evening number at the moment; but I am usually at the 'Yard' till at least 6-30pm. Yours sincerely Andrew Falbet.