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2-Headed Citroën Cogolin Replica Unusual Addition to Lane Motor Museum Collection

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Nashville, TN, July 20, 2007---- Desiring a truly unusual Citroën 2CV to add to an already eclectic collection, Lane Motor Museum commissioned Dave Burnham Citroën Repair in New York to fabricate a replica of a one-of-a-kind Citroën Cogolin. This vehicle was known in France as the 2CV Bicéphale, or the 2CV with two-heads. It was a reconnaissance vehicle used by the fire department and constructed by joining two 2CV front halves.

The vehicle was the idea of Colonel Hourcastagné who was with the Fire and Rescue service in Cogolin, France. The Fire and Rescue service used a Citroën 15-6 as a part of their fleet. One night while on patrol, Colonel Hourcastagné found the narrow mountain road blocked. Unable to turn the car around, he was forced to reverse down the road for several miles aided only by a fireman with a small flashlight. This incident gave him the idea for the need of a robust vehicle that could be driven forwards or backwards with the same ease. Thus the creation of the “two-headed 2CV” came to be.

Two 2CVs were bought that were equipped with semi-automatic clutches. The two front sections were welded together – but the two parts functioned independently as each had its own engine. Power can be applied to all four wheels, and both sides can be steered. During off-road driving, or when traversing difficult passages, the vehicle can use the advantage of two engines. Even though the engines are not connected, one can pull the car in first gear while the other pushes in reverse.

The Citroën Cogolin first went into service in the late 1950s and remained in service for 20 years. The vehicle was given the numerical designation “60” and carried the fire department’s radio. The number was painted on the hood so that the vehicle could be easily recognizable and contacted from the air by helicopter.

The 1952 Citroën Cogolin replica joins other unusual Citroën 2CV’s to include: a 1962 Citroën 2CV 4x4 Sahara, a 1977 Citroën 2CV (amphibious), and a 1978 Citroën 2CV (4x4 Voisin).

The current Lane Motor Museum exhibit – *Hold Your Horses: The History of the Deux Chevaux* features the Cogolin as well as 12 other unusual 2CVs. The exhibit will run through October 29, 2007.

About Lane Motor Museum

Lane Motor Museum showcases approximately 150 unique cars and motorcycles from around the world. Cars on display represent countries from Asia, Europe, North and South America, and date from 1924 to 2003. Highlights of the Museum include the largest Czechoslovakian vehicle collection outside Europe, microcars, amphibious vehicles, alternative fuel vehicles, competition cars, and prototypes. The Museum also offers a display of automotive art, a play area for children, and a gift shop.

Lane Motor Museum welcomes guests Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday; Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors (55+), and free for children 17 and under. Group rates are available. Lane Motor Museum is located at 702 Murfreesboro Pike just minutes from downtown Nashville. For more information on the Museum, call (615) 742-7445 or visit the website at www.lanemotormuseum.org

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