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Tiny Post-War 1953 Rovin D4 – Latest Addition to Extensive Lane Motor Museum Microcar Collection

Nashville, TN, November 27, 2006 ---- Lane Motor Museum has found another unique microcar to add to its extensive collection – a 1953 Rovin D4. The Robert de Rovin Company initially began building cyclecars and motorcycles in the 1920s, but after WWII, the French government encouraged the development of economy cars to help stimulate the economy.

Rovin began production of the D2 – a doorless body with a tiny 260cc engine. Approximately 200 of the D2 vehicles were produced from 1946-1948. The D3 was introduced in 1938 with a larger engine and the body now had doors, windows, and a roof. By 1950, the D4 went into production and approximately 1,200 were produced from 1950-1953.

Rovin was most successful in the early 1950s and although car production continued until 1961, the small company could no longer compete with the lower-priced, mass-produced cars of the large French manufacturers.

The 1953 Rovin D4 joins other unique microcars in the Lane Motor Museum collection to include: a 1965 Peel P50, 1965 Peel Trident, 1957 BMW Isetta, 1965 Ferves Ranger, 1963 King Midget, 1957 Messerschmitt KR200, 1964 Scootacar, and a 1956 Zündapp Janus.

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 1922 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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