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Recalling images of Alfa's glory days at a modern motor show and learning about the benefits of a new wonder lubricant letters.C&SC@haymarket.com

Crème de la crème

The last thing I saw in Geneva was on a stand run by a guy called Renan Biro. Older readers are now thinking about his surname. Indeed, it was his great uncle who invented the ballpoint pen that was universally named after him. His grandfather invented dry powder fire extinguishers just after WW2 and so Renan, not to be outdone, came up with this mega cream. It's some kind of polymer that coats everything inside your engine, gearbox and drivetrain so that it never wears out. What attracted me to his stand, so the ploy does work, was an immaculate Aston Martin DB3S. It was actually the last one built, chassis number 11.

Having landed on his web, I was set upon by eight legs, albeit attached to four bodies. I wasn't allowed to escape with mere knowledge of the 3S. Technologie A9 awaited. He produced this little pot of what looked like face cream, but it was, in fact, the demon 0.1 micron



Clever cream smoothes Aston's innards

polymer. Apparently, it has to be hydralised (I think that's the word) into various oil bases to get to where it needs to be. I'm sure it does its work well, but I was wearing out by this time and could have done with a spoonful from the pot myself.

It seems the Aston races all over Europe regularly, goes to Australia on rallies and gets used on the street daily. It never wears out, never looks used or done in, starts up first time in the mornings, delivers good mpg and costs nothing to maintain. I was impressed.

I hope it works on me: that cream tasted foul on my cornflakes!

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