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INTRODUCING THE APEX

We’ve been sworn to secrecy for some time now regarding this latest piece of art from Superlite Cars. But now it’s a reality and we want to share it with you. It seems rather appropriate to do so now in light of our main cover blurb, “Brave New World; Cars That’ll Shake Up the Kit Car Norm.” This Apex joins a long list of stunning new designs, that you’ll see throughout this issue, that take advantage of some late-model donors that we’ve not seen in that capacity before.

Like most production cars, the Apex started out as renderings on paper then CAD engineered followed by full-size clay models.

The DOM tube chassis is designed to accept almost any transverse FWD drivetrain. The prototype is being built using Mitsubishi Eclipse mechanicals and interior cabin. The suspension is proprietary CNC billet uprights with stopping power provided by Wilwood four-piston calipers and 12-inch drilled and slotted rotors. Apex has a 103” wheelbase and 78” width and wears 18” x 9.5” front wheels and 19” x 12” rears. It is aimed at the 2500lb all-up weight, depending on options and engine choice.

The fiberglass body arrives with a gelcoat finish that doesn’t need to be painted. A hinged rear glass provides engine access.

We hope to get our hands on this car soon and will publish a complete feature story in an upcoming issue when we do. In the meantime, contact Superlite Cars, 586/329-1573; www.superlitecars.com.

THE BROKEN PISTON AWARD

The Broken Piston Award was created by the Kentucky Cobra Club (KCC) to recognize good Samaritans who have come to the aid of a club member in a time of need. No matter how intrepid an owner may be, there are times when vintage machinery or happenstance leave one in a lurch. A sense of humanity is the hallmark of the Broken Piston Award. It is reserved for people who go beyond the common standards of politeness and truly help someone in need. The recipient need not belong to the Kentucky Cobra Club or even be a Cobra owner. A recipient is defined solely by their actions.

If a member receives help and believes that it warrants the award then he/she provides the circumstances and details to the president of the KCC. If the award criteria are met then a Broken Piston Award certificate is made and forwarded to the recipient. The narrative is then added to the awards page on the website. Awards and the reasons why they were given will also be provided to the members in the Snake Bites newsletter. The Broken Piston Award signifies the spirit of “Broken But Not Beaten” and reaffirms the club’s motto, “It really is about the people.”

The inaugural award was presented after this year’s London Cobra Show to Good Samaritan, John Takvorian of Cambridge, Massachusetts. John unsel-