



Now you too could be behind the wheel of a car considered by some to be the THE Classic Sports Car of all time. This sports car replica is manufactured in Aurora by

three Richmond Hill men and can be seen for the first time at the Toronto International Auto Show, now on.

It's worth 24 grand

Three Richmond Hill men have produced a replica of what might be considered by enthusiasts THE classic sports car of all time. "It was the hottest vehicle ever to come out of Detroit," said Blaine Hobson, one of the principals of the Aurora based company who have manufactured the automobile. The car is a replica of the famous AC Cobra, said by some to be "The Ultimate Sports Car". Now the legendary Cobra is reborn as the new "GRX" and billed as "The Now and Forever Cobra." The three men have designed the CRX from the ground up as a "superior performance sports car" manufactured for the most part from domestic Ford components to meet safety, emission controls and reliability standards. The principals of the company, Wayne Stevenson, Eric Campbell-Smith and Blaine Hobson have been working on the replica for two years. Mr. Hobson describes his two partners as "imaginative people who made a business decision to get into the car replica business". Wayne Stevenson and Eric Campbell-Smith are "car fanatics" having the skills and ability in car engineering who wanted to reproduce a vintage sports car, said Mr. Hobson. Three cars have been manufactured at this time, said Mr. Hobson, and are offered as a special "non-production" model, hand built at their plant in Aurora. Only 50 of these modern classic sports cars will be offered to the North American market at a suggested retail price of \$24,000. Following this development stage, the company plans to expand its manufacturing facilities into an assembly-line operation to build a production model, the GRX Turbo, which will be a limited edition production sports car. The new Canadian built sports roadster is on display at the 1979 Toronto International Auto Show until February at the Toronto International Centre.

Hancey chairman of Board

Lois Hancey, former Regional Councillor for the Town of Richmond Hill has been elected chairman of the Don Valley Advisory Board of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. The election took place at the 23rd annual meeting of the authority in the council chamber of the Borough of North York. The 51 Authority members elected the Vice-Chairman of the Authority and the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the Authority's four Watershed, and five Functional, Advisory Boards. Recently, upon the recommendation of Ontario Premier Bill Davis, Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon approved an Order-in-Council, reappointing R. Grant Henderson, of Woodbridge, Chairman of the Authority for the fifth consecutive year. The appointment expires with the first meeting of the Authority in 1980. Members for York Region include Carole Bell, Unionville; Dario DiGiannantonio, Woodbridge; Lois Hancey, Richmond Hill; R.G. Henderson, Woodbridge; C. Jessop, Schomberg; Eldrid King, Stouffville; Ron Moran, Markham; F.R. Perkins, Richmond Hill; Alma Walker, Markham; and Garnet Williams, Nashville.

Mineral show set on March weekend

Several Richmond Hill and district residents will take part in the fifth annual Gem and Mineral Show, slated for next month. The show will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11, at the Lawrence Heights Community Centre in Toronto, and is sponsored by the Willowdale Gem and Mineral Club. The event will feature many exhibits of mineral specimens, faceted gems, cabochons, hand-made jewelry, carvings, micro-minerals and more. Demonstrations of cutting and polishing, carving and jewelry making will also take place. Dealers will be on hand to supply rough and finished gem materials; minerals, lapidary equipment, books and tools for those who wish to get into the hobby. On Saturday, the show will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The community centre is located just east of the Allen Expressway and Lawrence Avenue intersection. For further information call Jack Pratt at 483-9003.

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CMHC lends \$6.8 million for sewers

Six Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) loans totalling more than \$6.8 million will help cover the construction costs of the York-Durham sewage system. The six projects are all integral parts of the provincial sewage facilities which will open up land for residential and complementary growth in the Regions of York and Durham. The Duffin Creek Plant is scheduled to be operational next year. Now about 60 per cent completed, it has, during its construction, created a significant number of jobs in the area. The CMHC loans each bear interest at 10 per cent over 40-year terms.

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