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Sleek big motorhome

Dudley's American Motorhomes of West End, Witney, Oxon have just imported a class A motorhome that's a bit different. It's diesel powered by a big, economical 6.2 litre engine and has a wedge-shaped front end with spoiler which is claimed to reduce turbulence and aid fuel economy. A contoured rear cap helps to eliminate wind sway. The resin-impregnated honeycomb contruction is lined with top grade interior panelling and scratch resistant glass fibre exterior.

Interior layout includes lounge area with sofa and tub chairs at the forward end, centre kitchen, rear bedroom on one side and full bathroom on the other. Total length is 27ft and among the options are: 4500 watt generator, roof air conditioner, 220 amp auxiliary battery, microwave oven, 7 cu ft refrigerator, MM/FM stereo cassette.

The name is 'Excalibor' and it was, incidentally, announced in the same week as CI's rather smaller 'Excalibur'. Dudleys' principals drove it from the Georgie Boy Mfg Inc factory and say they were delighted with first impressions.

New lease of life for an oldie

The nationwide search for the 'Oldest Devon' motorcaravan ended as readers will remember towards the end of last year when Rolls Royce toolmaker Gerald Toone of Castle Donington turned up with one of Devon Conversions original Demonstrators, which was first registered in 1957.

Recently Gerald and Janet Toone spent a weekend as guests of Devon Conversions at the Fortfield Hotel in Sidmouth, where they were presented with their re-converted 'Oldest Devon' and the picture shows Gerald Toone proudly accepting the key to his newly-converted vehicle from Bernard Winsor, Devon Conversions' Managing Director.

Sparkling Diamonds

Laser lights and dancing girls heralded the arrival in Wolverhampton of a new Mercedes Diamond. It's an unusual high top conversion with side door entrance to the lounge area, Swivel chairs in the cab make the most of the interior space in the long wheelbase 207–210. The galley area at the rear has an oven and 4 cu ft refrigerator and the shower cubicle boasts a flushing WC with holding tank. Price is £13 850 with petrol engine (a little more for diesel).

There's also a rising roof VW at £8450. Both are available in kit form for fitting to customers' own used vehicles.