



Nick Szkiler (on right) with his discovery



Rear end was remodelled to make it a van



Armoured Merc 600k (r) as found in Russia

Was this bitsa a Nazi Merc?

AFTER AN EPIC ADVENTURE, A UK CLASSIC CAR DEALER HAS TRACKED down a Mercedes-Benz 600K in Russia that may have been Nazi commander Hermann Göring's post-*Blue Goose* transport. Nick Szkiler of the Classic & Sportscar Centre in Malton (01944 758000) heard about the car last year and dashed to Russia, where he was confronted with a heavily armoured W157 600K. Coachbuilt by Erdmann & Rossi, the bullet- and blast-proof car had been constructed as a cabriolet, with a shortened body made of between 8 to 12mm-thick steel. When he stripped off a small section of paint underneath the first coat, Szkiler found that beneath was the original Flugzeug Blau preferred by the Reichmarschall.

The mammoth 5000kg-plus car is now for sale, without its original V12 engine (which has been traced to Germany), but it would be a serious undertaking, having been much abused over the years and with many parts swapped for Russian alternatives. At one point the back end was refashioned into a box van and the car is currently powered by a tractor engine.