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Skid Marks

---by Bill Taylor



Delusions of Adequacy Department

All right, its not my fox. But, it is what my little red wagon wants to be when it grows up. It might be a little hard to get all those horses to properly paw the ground during a winter rallye. Something can be said for being a little under-powered once in a while.

Angry Kitchen Appliances?

Autoweek does a nice job of concisely covering the various auto shows around the world. Photos dominated the revue of the Tokyo show. Now, there were some appealing new designs that we may well see in some form in the near future. Having said that...

Here comes the inevitable "semicolon, **however**, comma"

Tall, narrow and short are appropriate for Tokyo's insanely crowded streets. However, you have to wonder about plexiglass-sided phone booths on wheels. Add built in, self-recharging, electric motorcycles, which double as seats, and you end up with some truly bizarre creations. As pointed out on the "BWTM" page, there is more than a passing resemblance to the Divx milk trucks of the 1950's.

Saab has borrowed very heavily from Maginot Line pill boxes. High slab sides, gun-slit greenhouse and heavy looking roof line. All that is lacking is an howitzer sticking out of the windshield.

And it is also the rolling equivalent of a Swiss-Army knife. Mix, match and move some roof panels and internal bulkheads and you get your choice of a roadster pickup, panel truck, cabriolet, or station wagon. Yup, this is what happens when the Maginot Line is assaulted by the GM school of Avalanche truck.

It ain't pretty, by any standard. Now we know where the Pontiac Aztec design team went for exile

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