

opel 1959 rekord p1 caravan shell oil 1973 experimental gasoline mileage 376.59 mpg gas

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**presents :**

**The Shell Oil 1973 Test Car**

**376 mpg**

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**Reprinted from Shell Oil Co Engineers book , page 223  
" Fuel Economy of the Gasoline Engine " ISBN 0-470-99132-1**

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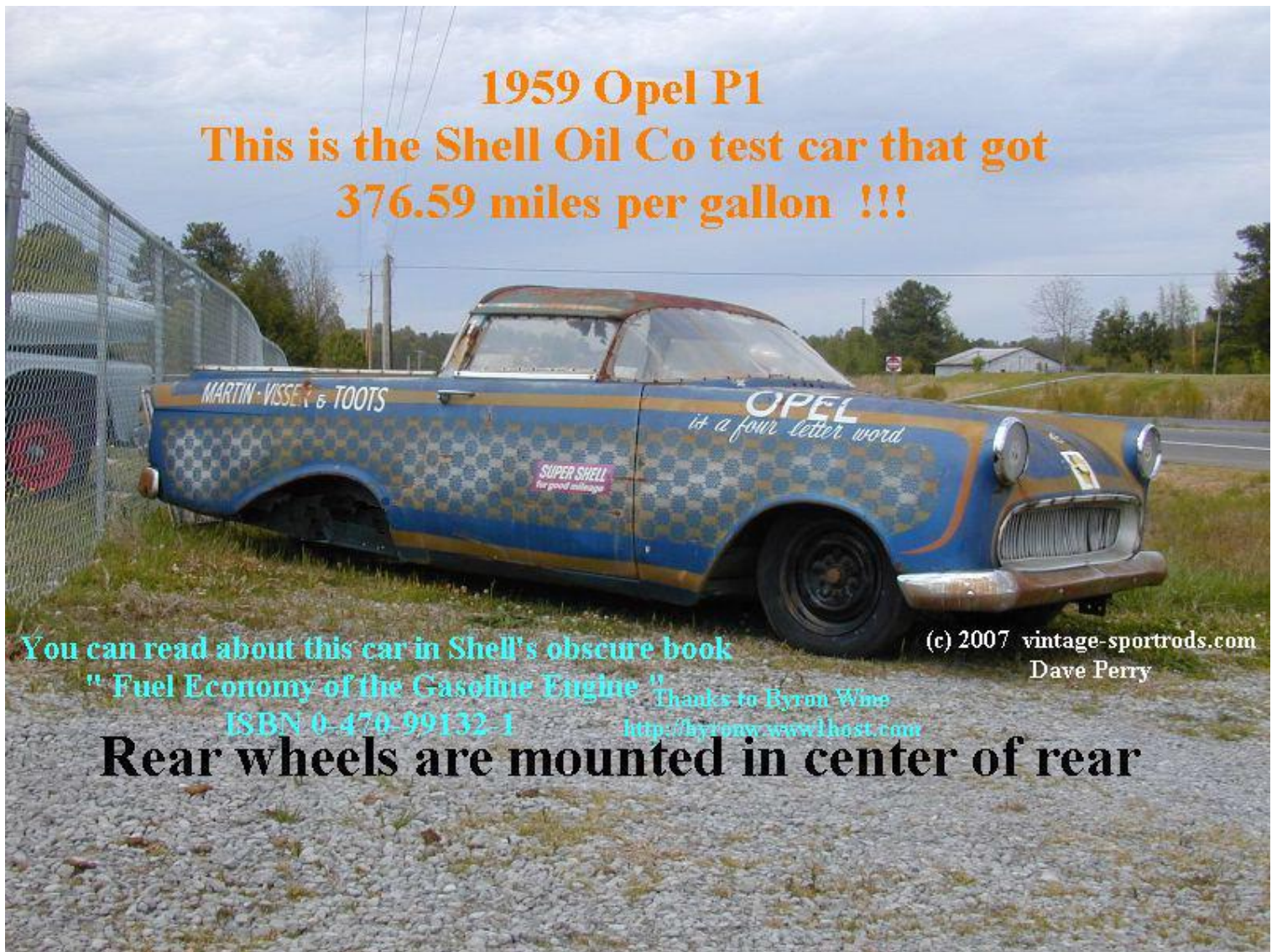


wheels are in center of rear axle

Plate 12.3 A modified 1959 Opel which achieved 376.59 mile/US gal in the 1973 Wood River competition

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**Found !!! .... the secret is hidden away no more**



**1959 Opel P1**  
**This is the Shell Oil Co test car that got**  
**376.59 miles per gallon !!!**

You can read about this car in Shell's obscure book

"Fuel Economy of the Gasoline Engine"

ISBN 0-470-99132-1

Thanks to Byron White

<http://byronwhite.com>

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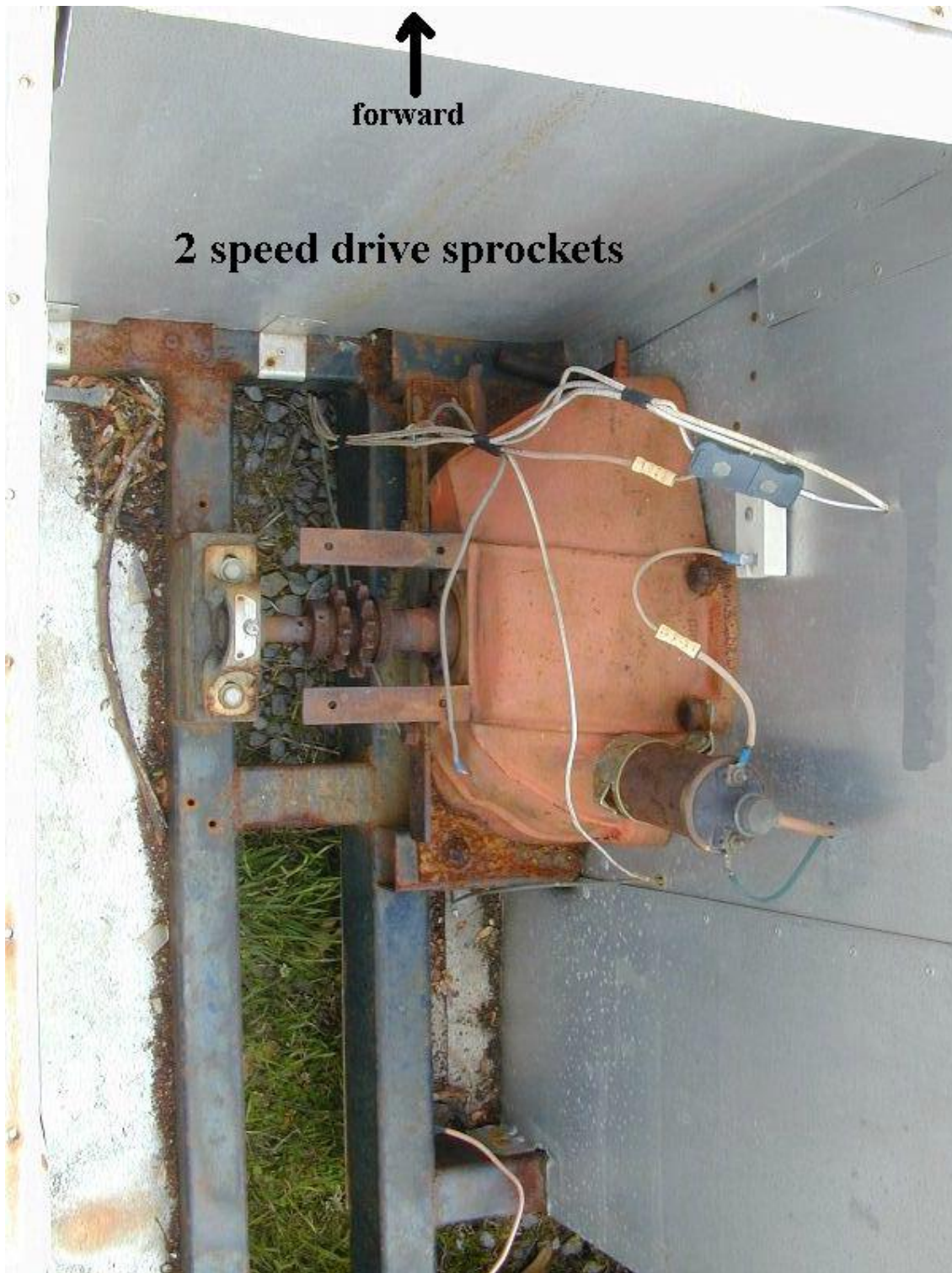
**Rear wheels are mounted in center of rear**

**watch for this car to appear on highways near you .....**

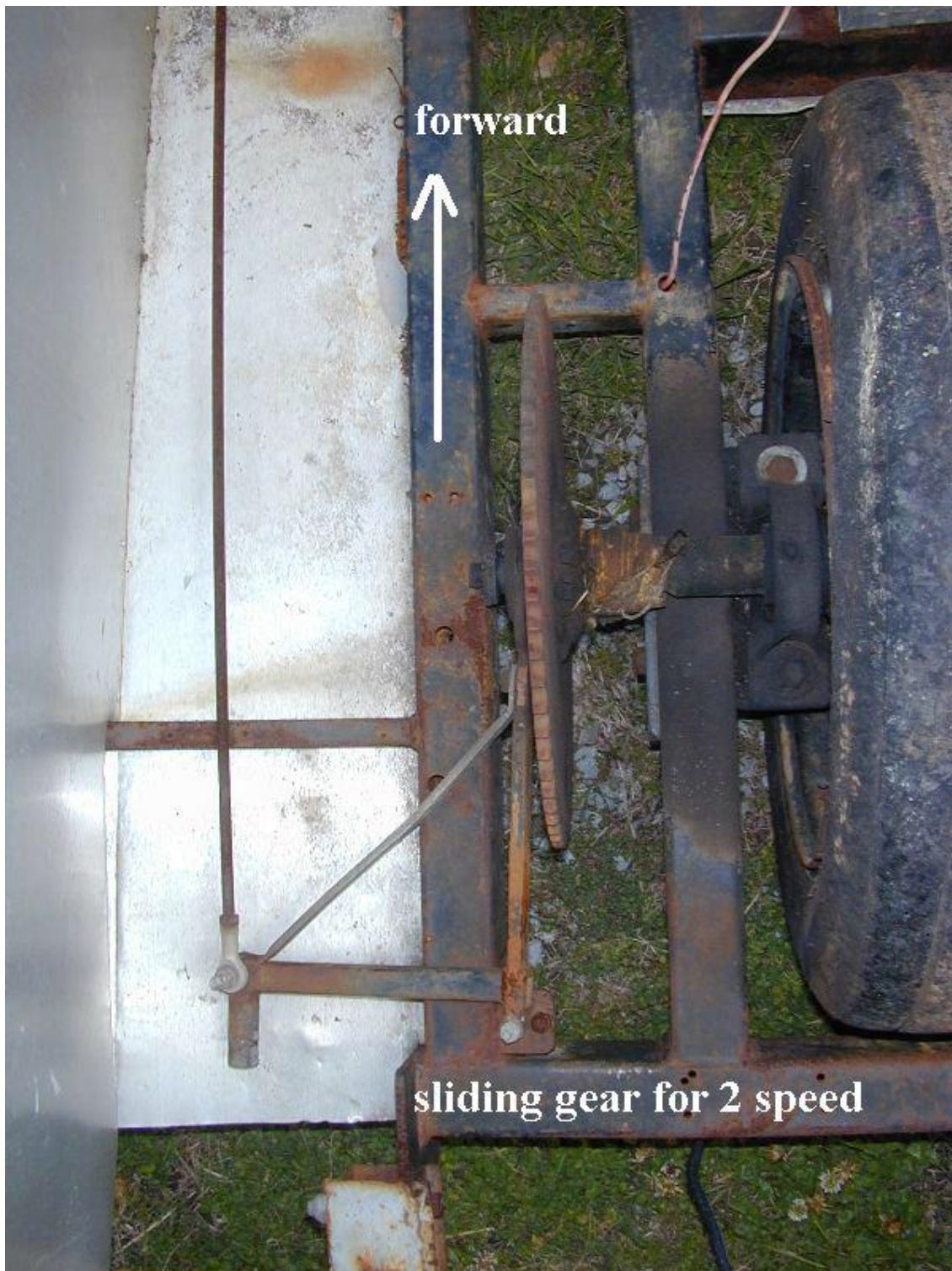


**where has it , and it's secrets, been hiding , for 35 years ???**











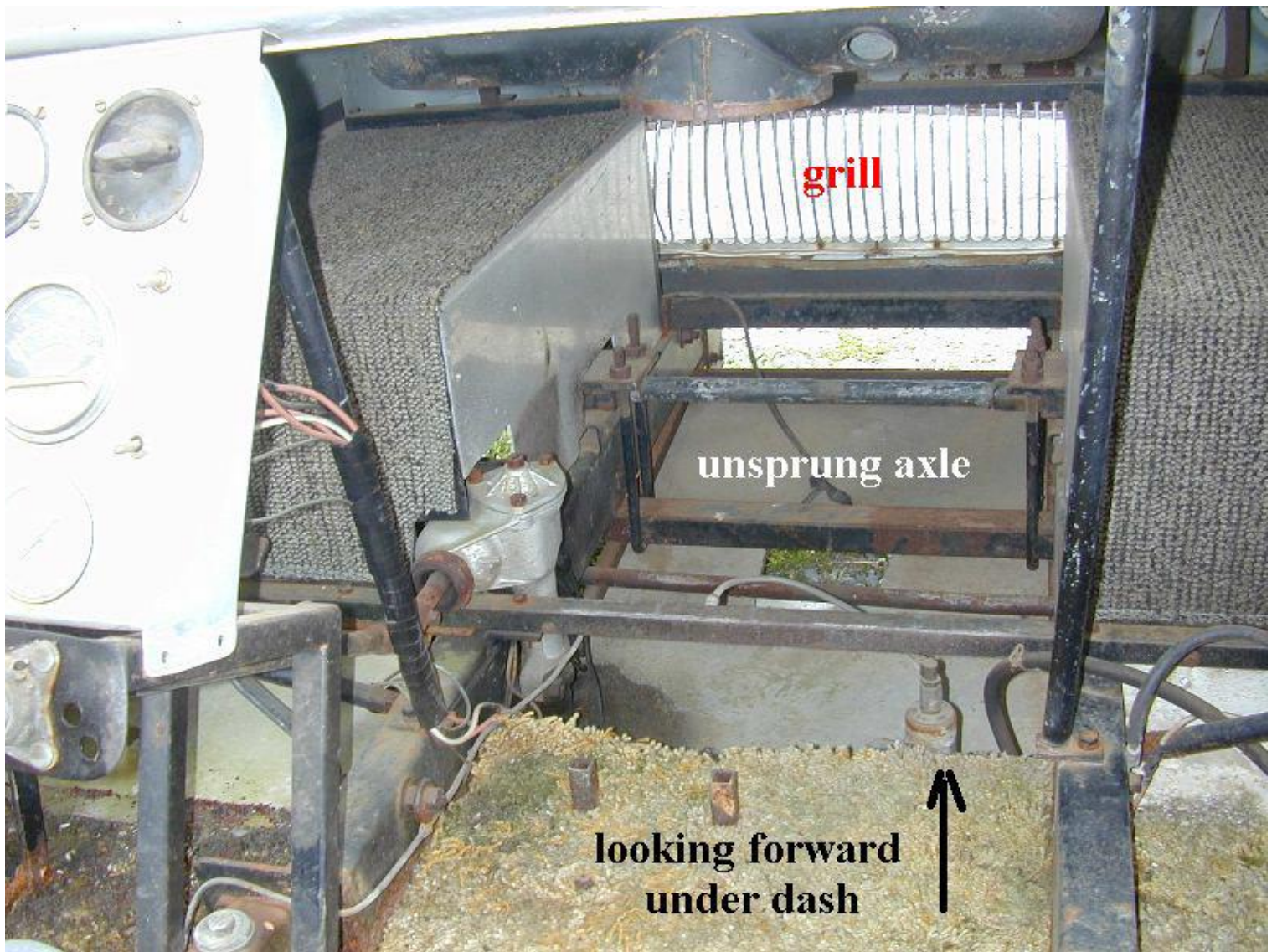












**This picture of the rear deck, listing all the names of the crew has been removed to protect the families from annoying phone calls**



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**Gas Prices High in your Area ???**

... you don't see a car like this for sale in your local car lot.....ever !

.....376 mpg .....

**This is not a joke !**



From website : byronwine.com

“ Do I believe there is a conspiracy of silence concerning decades old and current energy technology? Yes, I have experienced this for more than 25-years

Some folks at Shell Oil Co. wrote "Fuel Economy of the Gasoline Engine" (ISBN 0-470-99132-1); it was published by John Wiley & Sons, New York, in 1977. On page 42 Shell Oil quotes the President of General Motorshe, in 1929, predicted 80 MPG by 1939. Between pages 221 and 223 Shell writes of their achievements: 49.73 MPG around 1939; 149.95 MPG with a 1947 Studebaker in 1949; 244.35 MPG with a 1959 Fiat 600 in 1968; 376.59 MPG with a 1959 Opel in 1973. The Library of Congress (LOC), in September 1990, did not have a copy of this book. It was missing from the files. I bought my copy from Maryland Book Exchange around 1980 after a professor informed me that it was used as an engineering text at the University of West Virginia. VPI published a papaer. March 1979, concerning maximum achievable fuel economy. This paper has several charts illustrating achievable and impossible fuel economy. About 1980 I contacted the author concerning conflicts between the paper and documented achieved "impossible" mpg. The author said, "I will get back to you.". I am still waiting for his response

(The black and white picture on Page 223 is shown above )





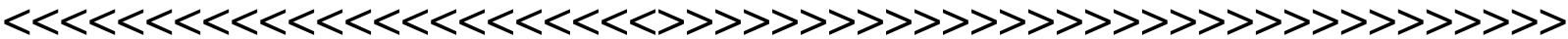
**This car is unmolested and appears complete just as it was during Shell Oil Co's test. The team individual names who developed and prepared the car are painted on the rear deck.**

**This car was ' forgotten' at the Talledega SuperSpeedway's Motorsports Hall of Fame, and was purchased from the Track when they liquidated some inventory.**

**Thanks to the internet, we uncovered it's true history...**

**which you can easily verify by googling**

**" 1973 Shell Opel 376.59 "**



**The car came in April. We have put Marvel oil in the cylinders, and it should soak for a few weeks before turning motor.**

**This car is in very solid and complete condition. It would make a nice display with very little effort.**

**It would also be a very good candidate for restoration to " as tested, 1973**

**"**

**Either as a static or operating display, this historical vehicle is a secret  
no more.**

**Before we perform any restoration ,**

**we are considering all APPROPRIATE  
suggestions or proposals**

**as this is definitely a one of a kind " attention-getting vehicle with  
documented history**

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