

MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE TAXI TRADE

Across the UK, LTI sells many vehicles. Their network of dealerships offers taxi drivers advice on choosing a used taxi, organising test drives on both used and the new TX4 taxi, offering competitive finance packages as well as stocking a comprehensive range of genuine parts and accessories for all LTI models. In addition, 60 plus approved service dealers offer a vital support service by providing drivers with routine servicing, LTI warranty work and unscheduled repairs.

In each area, different dealerships face different challenges. They meet these in different ways, with lots of different special offers. Last month, London's drivers were being offered incentives to trade in older taxis, such as Fairways. These were then sent to the crusher. Mann and Overton in Birmingham cover a huge sales area, from Stoke on Trent to Land's End and they take to the road with Open Days to ensure drivers throughout their area get the chance to see the TX4. Rob Laidler, Sales Director at LTI Vehicles said: "Taxi drivers looking for a complete sales, repair and support service need look no further than LTI Vehicles' national network of dealerships and approved service dealers. As is often the case with vehicles that cover large mileages, routine maintenance and servicing is an essential ingredient to prolong the vehicles working life. At LTI, we appreciate the importance of keeping taxis on the road.

"Over time we have established a strong network that has built up an unrivalled reputation in serving and supporting the taxi trade. We pride

ourselves on the quality of our vehicles, but should drivers experience any problems our network have the tools, parts and technical knowledge to get them back on the road quickly."

M&O London are completely settled in to their new purpose built premises in Brewery Road, whilst KPM are at Heming Street. For drivers who live outside London there other dealerships to choose from which can be found by calling LTI Vehicles on 024 7657 2000 or visit www.lti.co.uk



Rob Laidler

A1GP WORLD CUP OF MOTORSPORT PIT STOP

Ahead of the season finale at Brands Hatch on 2-4 May, A1GP World Cup of Motorsport is making a pit stop in London's West End on Sunday 27 April. Lower Regent Street will be transformed into an A1GP grid with all 22 nations' single-seat race cars lining up. Visitors to one of London most iconic streets will have the opportunity to get up-close-and-personal with the 22 teams and drivers - as well as meeting Formula One legends Emerson Fittipaldi and Alan Jones - in an exciting family-friendly festival atmosphere.



The event will boast a live stage with jumbo screens broadcasting A1GP's high-speed racing highlights and driver interviews from throughout the 2007/08 season. And to mark, A1GP's partnership with Ferrari, two 599 GTBs used as the series' safety car will also be on display. Display stands, interactive competitions along with food and crafts from competing nations will line the route and give a truly international feel to the day.

With action for all the family the A1GP Regent Street Pit Stop will include tyre change challenges, activities for the kids and the ever-popular A1GP grid girls. There will also be the opportunity to witness the roar of an A1GP car engine to start the day. Launched in March 2004, the A1GP World Cup of Motorsport is an entirely new concept. Pitting driver against driver and country against country for the first time in history, A1GP brings together 22 nations to compete as equals, without financial or technological advantage.

With three days of on-track action, an A1GP event offers a rare opportunity for fans to interact with teams and drivers. Now nearing the completion of its third season, A1GP World Cup of Motorsport takes in a mix of established world-famous venues plus exciting new state-of-the-art facilities as well as tight twisty street circuits.

TAXI AUTO REVIEW BOOK

Step back in time and look the history of purpose built cabs in the UK with the latest Auto Review Book by Rob Ward. 32 pages are filled with information about Britain's cabs, from the horse-drawn variety to the familiar TX4 seen on our roads today. There are lots of images of different cabs throughout the years including the early days of horse drawn vehicles through to the TX4. Some of the images are colour some black and white. There is also a brief piece of information about each of the vehicles featured. In a very brief paragraph at the end of the book, the section "Controversial Alternatives" is adamant that pedicabs and tuk tusk are just a novelty ride – and an unsafe alternative at that.

Priced at £5.95 and published by Malvern House Publications, the author has dedicated his book to "the taxicab built for its purpose, (ie not just a saloon car with an illuminated sign on the roof.)" Available now at bookshops ISBN 978-1-900482-35-6 or directly from Malvern. Email sales@modelauto.zeteo.com or telephone 01977 681966.



TRANSPORT FOR LONDON STEPS UP DELIVERY OF MAJOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS

Peter Hendy, London's Transport Commissioner, has announced TfL's priorities for the year ahead following agreement of the organisation's 2008/09 budget by the Board of TfL. Better public transport, walking and cycling provisions are critical to achieving the transport goals set by the Mayor and TfL to drive London's continued economic development; tackle climate

change and enhance the environment and improve social inclusion.

Investment in the next year rises 50 per cent to £1.5bn as construction intensifies on the East London line, the expansion of the DLR and the upgrade of the Tube. Ken Livingstone, said: "This budget will allow Transport for London to continue its renewal and expansion of the capital's transport

network including the ongoing transformation of the Tube, preparations for the 2012 Olympics, the expansion of rail and bus services and programmes to promote walking and cycling."

Transport Commissioner, Peter Hendy, said: "Our task is to keep London moving and ensure that the city continues to thrive.