

# E93 LYU IN CANADA *by Murray Jackson*

Russell Glenn has told the story of RYMM 249H, the first London cab that he shipped to Canada. Originally sent to Lorne Bradley, it eventually came to me. Following my ownership, that taxi was sold to a Montreal company that supplied cars to movie-production companies. E93 LYU, affectionately known as Louie, arrived in Canada in May 2003, having been shipped to Montreal and trucked onwards to Ottawa. My first task was to unpack and store the vast array of spares that Russell had very carefully packed into the passenger compartment, including a full set of new wings. I then added specially-ordered Ontario registration plates inscribed LDN TAXI.

Louis' first official function was to transport my daughter and her friends to various school graduation ceremonies. At all of these events, Louis attracted more attention than the long white limousines in attendance. After this auspicious beginning, Louis settled into a quiet but happy retirement. I thoroughly enjoyed all the mod cons, compared to my



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reluctant decision to send Louis to a new home. Happily, a highly motivated and very caring new keeper was found in the person of John Bate, a lover of old cars who lived on the other side of Ontario. Upon taking possession, John's first act was to have the cab's bodywork completely renewed, thus returning Louis to his former glory. It was sad to see a much-loved taxi leave, but there is great consolation in the knowledge that an old friend is in good hands.

FX4D, including a bigger engine, power steering and brakes, automatic gearbox and sunroof. What luxury!

Louis was exercised weekly during the summer months and stored safely away indoors during the harsh Ottawa winters. Invariably, Louis caused many double-takes and smiles from the folks who saw him steaming majestically along. Without fail, a stop to shop would generate a crowd and, often, several requests to provide wedding or special-occasion hire.

In the summer of 2007, other priorities and a lack of time resulted in the very



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