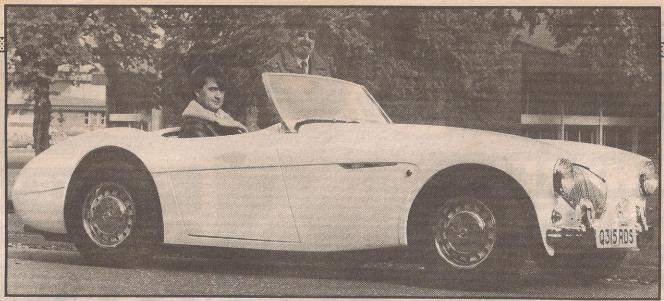


THE Automobile Association attended 45,000 breakdowns during July and August -7000 more than last year.

The Association's rising UK membership - now more than 6.5 million - is mainly responsible for the increased calls for help.



INTO THE FUTURE . . . that's where Alasdair Scott (at the wheel) and David Haldane hope to take their Fifties-style Austin Healey replica, complete with all the modern conveniences.

T may be motoring towards its 30th birthday next year, but the Mini today gets a boost with seven new body colours and uprated specification.

The splash of colour is matched with new interior trim materials, lap and diagonal rear seatbelts - and, in the case of the Mini Mayfair, a stereo radio cassette is standard.

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Back to the HREE men with a driving ambition are making a bid to revive car production in Scotland.

David Haldane, Alasdair Scott and Brian Harrison are hitting the

market with look-alike models of the stunning Fifties Austin Healey.

Said managing director David Haldane, of Haldane Development in Glasgow:

"The effort we have put in to get our HD100 right could pay

off. We sell or build the kit to order."

Sitting in the stylish prototype, David told me:

"We based our replica on the Austin Healey to achieve a classic, yet highly practical, traditional British sports car."

By MALCOLM McDOUGALL

The company markets the kit in various stages ...

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From the base body and chassis unit for DIY fitting to a donor Vauxhall Chevette chassis, and Ford 2-litre engine and gearbox, to a complete build, costing £8500 or more.

Said Alasdair Scott, the 28year-old design and development engineer behind the project:

"The HD100 has the style and charisma of the original Healey - but without the problems of a fifties car."

> The car has already attracted interest from Holland and the Canary Islands, and the first. two models are

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