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Monochrome Marvels on show

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Its carefully selected collection of purrfect Panthers will leave you in no doubt. The majority of featured cars have recently returned from the Panther Car Club's annual national event (the Grand Gathering), this year held at Weymouth in Dorset. The club is already looking forward to 2010, the club's 30th anniversary year, where the GG will be held at Panther's spiritual home - 'Brooklands', the location of the first Panther factory. The most senior car exhibited on the Panther Club Stand is the De Ville. This model won a prestigious coachwork award in 1976 and gaining fame in the film '101 Dalmatians' driven by Cruella Devil. Next is the forever popular Lima, a very easy car to own in all respects. Moving onto the J72, this represents the birth of Panther as a motor manufacturer. The display car is a later example of the model. Finally there will be two Kallistas, one being an early 1.6, the other a later 2.8 V6. Kallista, like the De Ville, also won an international coachwork award from the Society of Motor Manufacturers & Traders. Only this time it was won twice (1984 & 1986)!

All of the cars truly represent fine British craftsmanship from the 70's and 80's. 2009 also sees the publication of 'Dikappa183', the story of the Panther Kallista, written by Bruno Eismark and available for the first time at this show.

Of course Panthers ARE available in a full range of colours...

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