



Here is a nice picture to get you Le Mans people going. A nice sharp quality photograph that might even have been taken by a professional photographer - the background is certainly of the type favoured in the 20s and 30s for publicity shots. However, I think this is a photo commissioned by a proud new owner, as the car looks new, and painted on the bonnet is 'El Bueno Camparero', which is Spanish for 'The Good Partner'.

I am no expert on the Le Mans model, but I'm pretty sure this is a 1935 LM Special Speed Model. The running boards and two spare wheels are clearly visible, and with careful examination it can be seen it has the two piece light alloy bonnet fitted only to the 1935 models. The car seems to be loaded with extras, bonnet strap and fittings, a Lucas road light, separate badge bar, a pair of alto horns, and what looks like triple windscreen wipers. A nice touch is the 'S' which covers the hole for the starting handle - could this be from a 1.5 litre Le Mans?

The owner is clearly an enthusiast, as with careful examination we can see he was a member of the AA and Order of the Road. The third badge I do not recognise, but intriguingly you can just read behind it the word 'special'. Also, behind the AA badge, is a plaque with something else written on it.

AWM 308 is a Southport registration from early 1935. Interesting - I just noticed SS 101 was also a 1935 LM (albeit a Sports Long-Tail), with an AWM Reg (293), so there's a good chance they came from the same dealer. But whilst we know AMW 293 is still on the road and in good condition, there are no details on the DVLA site for AMW 308. Hopefully this is because it has been exported - does anyone reading this know of its whereabouts - a 'Good Partner' in Spain, perhaps?

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