



Recreating History – previous projects

Il Drago Ruggente - The Isotta Fraschini V12 Project 2009 - 2012

A unique endeavour to build a classic high-speed racer reminiscent of the 1930s, featuring a 27-liter V12 engine with impressive power and history. Glenn´s desire for vintage sports car rooted in teenage fascination led to the pursuit of a dream 20-30s sports car, characterized by a pointed rear.

The journey unfolded over years. A 1920s French Amilcar purchase marked the start of involvement in Historic Racing. A pivotal encounter at a Vintage Car Show unveiled old 20s and 30s sheet metal cars that held speed records. Inspired by these stories and equipped with aircraft engines, the dream to possess such a vehicle ignited.

A key turning point was the acquisition of an Isotta-Fraschini Inverted air-cooled V12, a rarity with WWII history. The engine's saga and connection to the Caproni Ca 313 planes from World War II brought it to life. It was now the focal point of an intricate project that took three years to complete.

Discipline and vision fuelled progress. With a balanced schedule that embraced personal life and the project, the result was astonishing. The car, named "Roaring Dragon," was adorned with a hand-painted dragon motif and the number 5, reminiscent of its wartime history. The project involved countless collaborators, from his well-known father Kalle Billqvist to skilled artisans, contributing to its realization.

Technical Highlights:

Engine: Isotta-Fraschini Delta R. C 351 (Inverted V12), 27-liter, 750 hp, Supercharged

Gear box: T98, 40's Ford Truck Gear box

Chassis: Delage DI-D8 (1924-1931)

Body: Typical 20s-30s racing body, Aluminium and steel construction

Interior: 13 instruments from airplanes and cars

Acknowledgments:

The "Il Drago Ruggente" - Isotta Fraschini V12 Project serves as a testament to the passion, commitment, and collaboration that enthusiasts and experts invest in crafting unique vehicles, blending history and innovation into a roaring masterpiece.