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## ONE-OFF BUILT IN USA

**FIFTIES-STYLE SPORTS RACER USES MODERN BMW V12**

**A Florida-based custom** and restoration company has produced a one-of-a-kind sports car that blends classic looks with modern underpinnings.

The Sport Speciale, built exclusively for car collector Barry L Smith by The Creative Workshop, features a body inspired by racers such as the Ferrari TR59 and Aston Martin DBR1, while using modern mechanical components for up-to-date performance.

The car features a tubular steel Birdcage-style chassis with an aluminium body, six-speed gearbox and a custom-built BMW

V12 engine. It is mounted on tubular adjustable suspension arms, with race-developed anti-roll bars and BRT rack-and-pinion steering. Brakes are Brembo racing discs. The period look continues in the interior of the car, with Veglia instruments and a Nardi steering wheel.

The Creative Workshop usually specialises in concours restoration, coachbuilding and customisations, but in this instance the company was approached by Mr Smith to construct the entire car. More information on [www.TheCreativeWorkshop.com](http://www.TheCreativeWorkshop.com).

