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5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

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Start as you mean to go on, so here are our top five picks from the Classic Driver Market to kick off 2021 in style.

The Dakar support vehicle





The VW T3 van is a cool car in its own right, but add a 3.0-litre Porsche 911 engine and things get very real. Built in 1984 to replicate the Porsche B32 vans developed to keep up with Porsche's 959 Dakar racer, this car has been with the same Belgian collector for over seven years. The build sheet lists a comprehensive specification that's guaranteed to bring a smile to your face.

Club Tropicana drinks are free





In these winter months, it's easy to dream of sunnier times and cruising down to the Ote d'Azur for a day at the beach with friends – but in what car? Well, it doesn't get much cooler than a Citroen Mehari. This lovely beige example has recently had a full restoration by an Italian specialist. As the experts will tell you, it's easy to spend a lot of money restoring one of these, so why not buy the best that's ready to go right now?

He just went out to get cigarettes and never came back...





There's something intoxicating about watching a slightly awkward-looking Rover SD1 race around Goodwood at full throttle, scrabbling for grip as the historic race tyres reach their limits. This particular car scored third place at the 76th Goodwood Members' Meeting in 2018, in the hands of Tim Harvey and Andy Bruce. Eligible for multiple historic motorsport events, the car is currently offered via Jarrah Venables and is said to be on the button and ready to race.

Stealth cool





Last week we listed the early Land Rover Discovery as one of our hot tips for 2021; here we are just a few days later dreaming about this low-mileage, 4.0-litre V8 petrol version available from Copley Motorcars in Massachusetts. Supplied in dark blue with contrasting beige interior and with just 26,957km on the clock, this is a time-warp example.

The French pocket rocket you always dreamed of





If you were born in the late '70s or '80s, you'll undoubtedly have aspired to own a Peugeot 205 GTi, Renault 5 Turbo or perhaps a Citroen AX GT. This fine example of a rare 'Alain Oreille' edition is extra-special, celebrating Alain's efforts in the World Rally Championship. Just 2,000 were made, although we imagine the number of survivors to be closer to 500. This recently restored car is ready for your best '80s mix-tape cassette.

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