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BABY AUSTIN GROWS UP.

Fifty years ago, Herbert Austin drove the first Austin car out of his Longbridge factory gate in a cloud of dust and smoke. Today, Austin's chief Sir Leonard Lord and the late Lord Austin's brother Harry, unveil a Golden Jubilee plaque at the same factory, which now covers 250 acres and has produced well over two million cars.

This year marks another anniversary - the Silver Jubilee of the Veteran Car Club. So factory and club make a day of it, starting with an obstacle race.

And now for the serious stuff - the Grand Prix de Longbridge. The flag's down, and the leaders are away with a nerve-shattering roar, thundering down the straight with the field at their heels. They must be doing every bit of four miles an hour. Only nerves of steel can keep up such a gruelling pace. It's flat out for a grandstand finish, and congratulations for the winner from Sir Leonard Lord.

Well, it's a far cry from the first Baby Austin, world-shaker of 1922, to this 125-horsepower gas turbine, still experimental but promising much. Happy birthday, Austins!