

Mercedes-Benz 170

The local organiser in Karlsruhe of work experience for overseas economics students arranged a weekend outing for us and hired a mini-bus and a Merc. I was in the Merc for part of the journey and retain two memories of it. The first (possibly false) is that the side windows were trimmed with a plastic moulding, which I recognised as superior to painted metal but inferior to the wood trim of my Uncles' Pathfinder and R-Type. The second is the view of the three pointed star at the end of the bonnet, which sadly has now sunk almost out of sight.

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