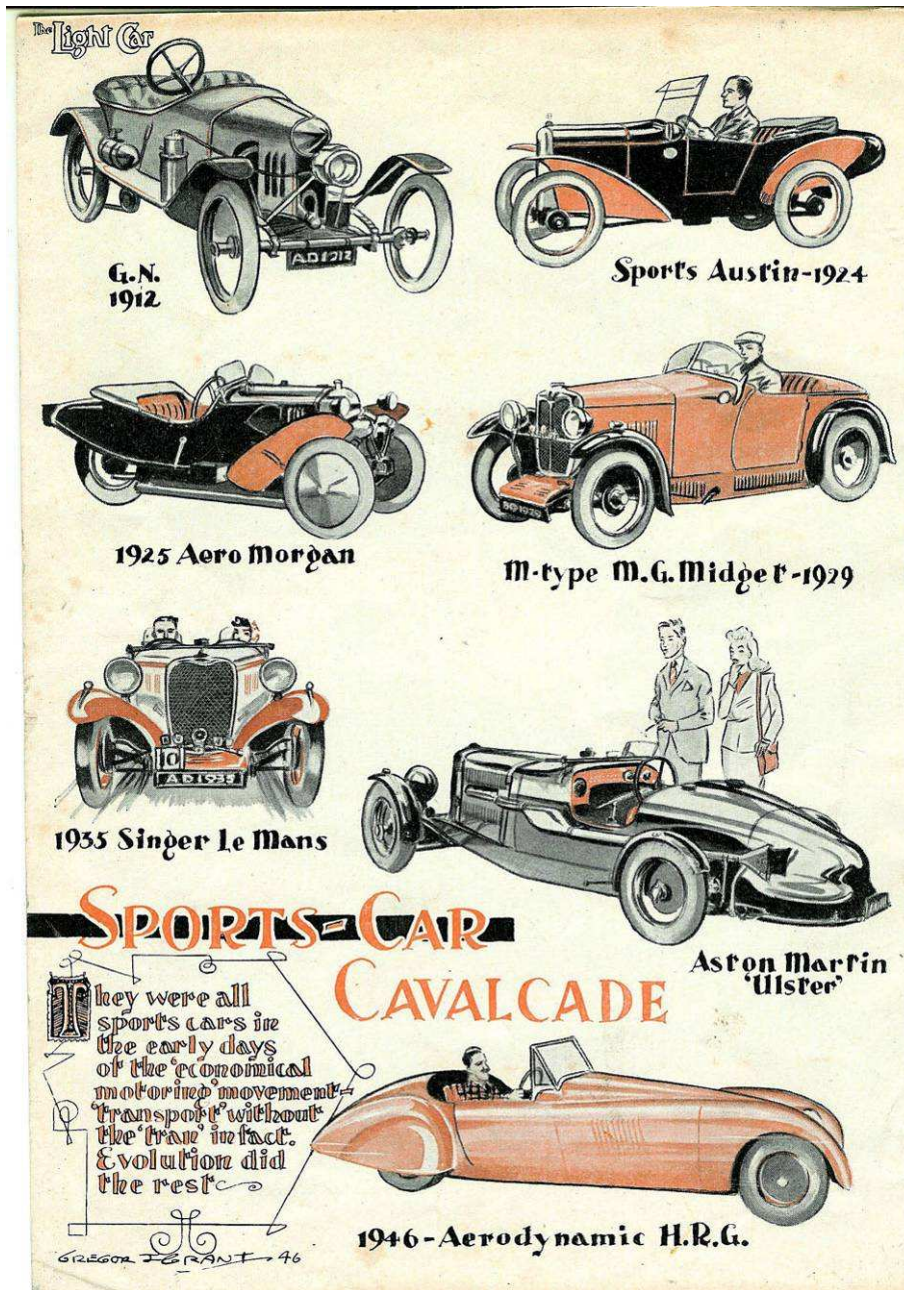


GREGOR J GRANT

1911 - 1969



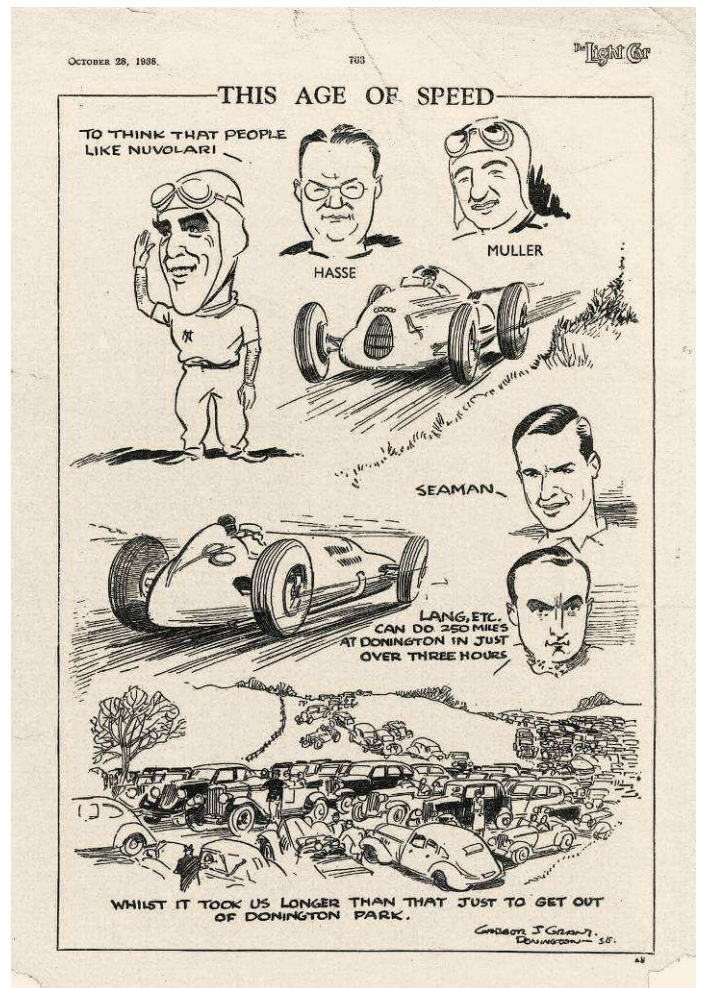
Artwork for The Light Car magazine 1946 – Image courtesy of Don Grant

Well known Journalist and author, best known for founding Autosport magazine. Gregor Grant had a formal art training at the Glasgow School of Art in the early 1930's.

Before the war, he was a cartoonist, caricaturist and illustrator for a number of Scottish newspapers, including the Glasgow Evening Times,



Caricature of Prince Bira, also signed by Bira 1937. Image courtesy of Don Grant



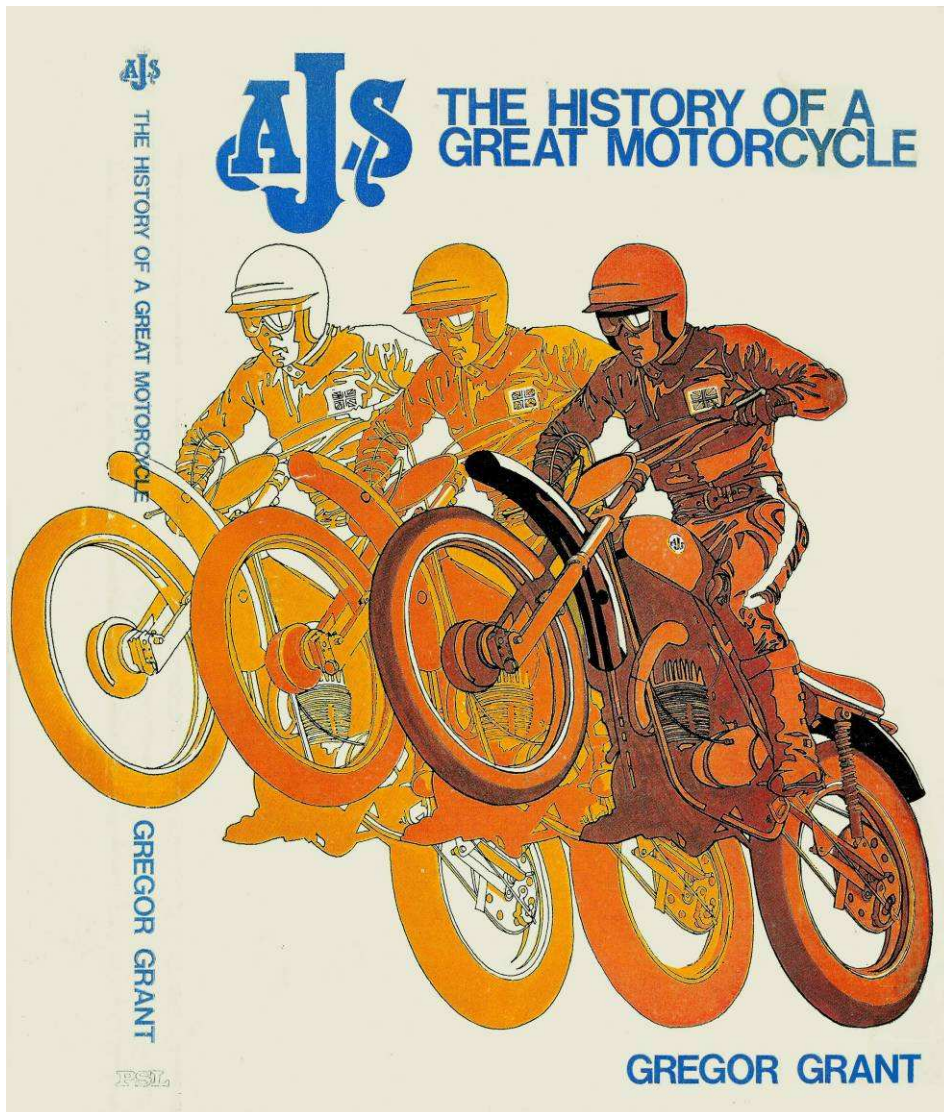
1938 artwork for The Light Car magazine Image courtesy of Don Grant

The Evening Citizen and The Bulletin. He also drew and wrote for The Light Car and Popular Motoring magazines. The caricatures in The Bulletin were mostly sportsmen, including footballers, cricketers, rugby players, golfers, hockey and tennis players, as well as musicians, such as Fritz Kreisler and film stars, like Charles Laughton and the Marx Brothers. The captions would read, "An impression by Grant of Greta Garbo as she appears in Queen Christina", or "Alfred Hitchcock, as seen by Grant." The caricatures were of a style that befitted that period, with large heads and little bodies, and they displayed a certain affection for the subject, unlike artists before, such as Gilray, or after, like Gerald Scarfe. The drawings in The Light Car magazine were all to do with motoring, including illustrations for articles, caricatures of drivers, cartoons and vignettes, normally done in black and white, pen and ink with an easy style and fluidity. After he founded Autosport in 1950 he continued to contribute the odd drawing, usually unsigned, for various articles. In 1947 he wrote British Sports Cars, the first edition of which had a cover designed a drawn by him, with hand-drawn lettering! When

subsequent editions came out, they had a 'proper' type face, but were eventually replaced by a photographic dust jacket. Below is a list of some of the books he wrote.

Gregor Grant is the father of Don Grant the modern artist/illustrator/designer. Don in the past has also produced motoring art and has helped with this biography. Don was responsible for the dust cover design of Gregor's book on the AJS Motorcycle. See the Artists Listing page for details of Don Grant

In Gregor Grant's memory Autosport magazine continues to support an annual motor sport trophy in his name.



Cover design by Don Grant of the AJS Motorcycle book

FURTHER REFERENCE

British Sports Cars by Gregor Grant published by Foulis 1947

Modern Motorcars by Gregor Grant published by Temple Press 1949

500cc Racing by Gregor Grant published by Foulis 1950

The Boys' Book of Motor Sport by Gregor Grant published by Foulis.
1951

Formula 2 by Gregor Grant published by Foulis 1953

High Performance Cars (annual) by Gregor Grant and John Bolster
published by Autosport 1955 and subsequent years to 1966

World Championship by Gregor Grant published by Autosport 1959

AJS - The Story of a Great Motorcycle by Gregor Grant Published by
Patrick Stephens 1969