

Flashback

It's Been Around the Block



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The fenders used to be fuel tanks. The plexiglass windows and sheet metal once flew in the skies above Europe. Nothing was wasted at Debden, UK, during World War II. A war-weary jeep and parts of several aircraft wrecked on the field were brought together and given a new life by members of the 4th Fighter Group, Eighth Air Force, when they put together this snazzy runabout. "The Eagles" of the 4th Fighter Group were accustomed to innovation. The group had been formed out of the RAF's Eagle Squadrons, composed in large part of Americans who had joined the fray before the US entered World War II in late 1941.