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THE BUGALOO BUGGY

One of the more expensive cars in Hollywood is an odd-looking contraption that was designed to resemble an insect. It's the Bugaloo Buggy, an auto designed for use on NBC Television Network's Saturday morning colorcasts of "The Bugaloos" (8:30-9:00 a.m.).

"We decided that the kids on the show would need a method of transportation, and since the kids have wings we decided that we'd give them a car that had wings," explains producers Sid and Marty Krofft. The Krofft brothers asked custom car specialist George Barris to create a Bugaloo Buggy.

Barris and his team of designers started their "creation" with a visit to the stage. They chatted with the four young stars of "The Bugaloos" and asked what they'd like to have, in the way of a car, if they could have anything they wanted.

They also studied the scripts to get the "feel" of the show, and then set out to give the Kroffts a car that was so fancy it is almost like another star on the show. The Bugaloo Buggy was born two months later.

It has wings and a taillight that glows, as well as headlights that appear to be insect eyes. It also contains four stereo systems with individual earphones.

Barris, who also built the Batmobile and the Munster Koach for television shows, says the car is perfectly safe for use on city streets, but the Kroffts, "who don't want any scratches or dents on the mobile "bug," won't allow it anywhere near those Los Angeles freeways.