



# Newsletter

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**"I cannot  
discover that  
anyone knows  
enough to say  
definitely what  
is and what is  
not possible"**

*(Henry Ford)*

## CK ON THE MOVE

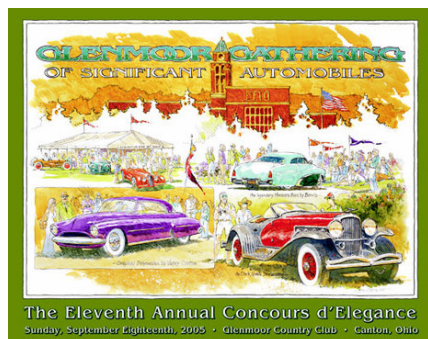
August 1 saw the CK Auto crew hard at work with hammer and saw instead of wrench and paint gun. We are renovating space for a new, larger Restoration Facility. Located just about a mile down the street from the shop where we currently lease space, our new facility features over 3,500 square feet of space, 14 foot headroom, and plenty of light. We hope to be moved over in September. (After suffering thru one of the hottest summers on record, we'll move into air conditioned space just when it starts to cool off!) We look forward to getting back to business in our new shop and we thank all our customers with cars currently in the shop - and all those customers waiting to bring their cars in - for their patience.



## Shows and Awards

The Summer car show season is in full swing, and cars restored and/or prepared by CK Auto have been very popular with spectators and judges alike. Starting out in June, the annual ORCCCA Father's Day show at Stan Hywet saw Chuck and Karen's '65 Mustang Fastback take **1<sup>st</sup> Place** in the Mustang Class. Just a few weeks later, Al Ferrara's 1931 Duesenberg Tourister received a **1<sup>st</sup> Place - Senior Emeritus** at the CCCA Grand Classic held on the grounds of Greenfield Village, MI. At the end of July, the Duesenberg again made an appearance at the FoMoCo Club's Gilmore Invitational held on the beautiful grounds of Gilmore Academy, where it received the **Best of Show**. At the same show, Chuck and Karen's 1960 Corvette was awarded **Best General Motors**.

Want to see something really special? How about the Duesenberg driven by Clark Gable? You'll get the opportunity in September, as the "Clark Gable" SSJ owned by Al Ferrara will be the **Feature Car** at this year's Glenmoor Gathering of Significant Automobiles. This very special car - it is one of only two roadsters produced in this "short wheel base" body style - is being detailed and delivered by CK Auto to the Gathering, which will be held on the grounds of the Glenmoor Country Club in Canton, OH on Sept 18.



**Visit**

**[www.glenmoorgathering.com](http://www.glenmoorgathering.com)  
for more information about this exciting event.**



*Al Ferrara's 1931  
Derham-bodied  
Duesenberg at the  
CCCA Grand Classic  
in Greenfield Village  
July 2005*



Chuck and Karen's  
1965 Mustang at  
the Stan Hywet  
Father's Day Show  
June 2005

### Detailing Tip:

#### What did we all do before there was Microfiber?

While you can pick up  
microfiber detailing cloths  
by the piece at most car  
events, check out your  
local warehouse store or  
wholesale club - you may  
find you can get 2 or 3  
dozen at a time at a  
significant saving!

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## Car Storage Tip: Water is the Enemy!

Many people store their collector car(s) in their family garage. Not the optimum environment when you consider the hazards -bikes, toys, and garden tools - however an even bigger hazard to your vehicle is a silent stalker: **moisture!** Your garage door goes up and down several times a day. Your family car drives in from the rain or snow and parks right next to your "baby". All that moisture is just waiting to condense on your frame, your chrome, your electrical system and your seats. Now you might think the only way to improve the environment for your vehicle is to incur the significant expense of putting in a heating and cooling system (or building another garage), but here's a couple low-cost tips that will significantly reduce the exposure of your collector vehicle:.

- 1) Pick up a roll of heavy duty plastic sheeting (4 mil works well) and spread it out on the floor under your vehicle. Any water that "wicks up" thru the concrete floor will condense on the underside of the plastic sheeting - not on your frame. You'll be surprised how well this works.
- 2) Watch the papers for when dehumidifiers go on sale - **and buy one!** This summer, besides being dreadfully hot, was also very humid. Reducing the humidity level from the 70 or 80s down to the 50s or 60s will greatly extend the good looks of your vehicle. (At our storage facility, we keep it around 45% humidity - even the spiders die of thirst it's so dry.)

Now, about the bikes and the garden tools? You're on your own.

## Watch the restoration process on the Web

If you haven't visited our website to view the "Projects" gallery, you're missing the week-by-week progress of our various restoration projects. This Summer so far you can see:

- 1) A front clip being installed on a '58 Corvette
- 2) A '62 Corvette going thru spray-poly, sand and prime
- 3) A '55 Chevy getting a new floor panel, rockers and trunk

Visit regularly, as pictures are updated often. As a restoration customer, a binder and a CD with all the pictures of your vehicle is assembled for you to keep.



## News from the Shop

In the past 2 months, CK Auto has bought out two major collections of early Corvette (Solid Axle) parts. Numbering over 300 items in all, our "stock" now includes a number of new, unused (NOS) bumper, trim, interior, electrical and engine compartment components from the factory, along with many, many hard-to-find used parts. If you are considering a restoration of an early Corvette, CK Auto can help you avoid that otherwise-maddening search for the parts you need.