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"The question "Who ought to be boss?" is like as "Who ought to be the tenor in the quartet?" Obviously, the man who can sing tenor." (Henry Ford)

MOVE TO NEW SHOP

We are proud to announce the completion of our relocation to brand new facilities in Twinsburg, OH. Our new address for both office and shop is: 9241 Ravenna Rd., Unit C-12, Twinsburg, OH 44087. The main phone number is 330.963.0990. Our new, larger shop has already won accolades from customers and employees alike. At 3,500 sq ft, it has room for our restoration projects, and all the associated lifts, body bucks, parts, tools, equipment and even a reference library. It's so nice we're almost afraid to get it dirty, but we'll get over it! You can view pictures of our new digs on our website: www.ckautollc.com. When you are in the area, please stop in for the grand tour!

SEASON WIND UP – GLENMOOR, HERSHEY

The 11th Annual Glenmoor Gathering dawned to overcast skies and thick fog, but didn't dampen the enthusiasm of car owners and spectators. A gradual improvement of the weather was seen throughout the day so that the drive-by

awards were conducted under sunny skies. Al Ferrara's Duesenberg SSJ – the Clark Gable car – was presented with the Grand Marshall's award by Grand Marshall George Barris himself. Throughout the day we had several lively discussions about the links between the "custom" cars of the 30's like the SSJ, and the



1936 Duesenberg SSJ Roadster

Alfred Ferrara of Gates Mills, Ohio

later "kustoms" shown at Glenmoor. Both groups share that "one of a kind" appeal. Both groups share legendary designers with beautiful lines and workmanship, and both enjoy an active following. It was refreshing to participate in a concourse that brought the two together in such a wonderful setting.

And then there was Hershey. To paraphrase an old expression, "when Hershey is good, it's very, very good, but when it's bad, it's really, really bad". If you were lucky enough to arrive early at the largest collector car event in the world, you were treated to two days of glorious weather, but by Friday, the monsoon rains began, and kept going, and going, and going. Although Chuck and Karen brought their '61 Corvette for Saturday's show, we ended up giving it the old "round trip" in the trailer. The '61 was already doused once this summer so we figured it didn't deserve twice in one season. Apparently we were not the only ones – on Thursday there were a dozen car carriers in the hotel parking lot. By Friday evening, ours was the only one left.



*Move-in day at the new Shop
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Al Ferrara, after being inducted into the Collector Car Hall of Fame in Auburn, IN. He joins fellow inductees Bill Harrah, Carroll Shelby and J.B.Nethercutt. September 2005

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Detailing Tip:

Clean it up before you put it away!

Your collector car finish gets attacked regularly: Some of these, like tree sap and fingerprints, aren't always noticeable when "fresh"; however after a few months in storage, they can get ugly! Do your paint and bright work a favor – clean it well before you put your collector car away for the winter.

Car Storage Tip: Update your records!

Putting your favorite collector car away for winter storage can be a real bummer. If you aren't lucky enough to winter in Florida along with your car, then finding ways to "delay the inevitable" become paramount. One way to extend the season in a virtual kind of way is to take some time to update your records. Consider these for starters:

- 1) Where did you go with your collector car this year? Write down the shows, the cruise-ins, the tours and other events, along with any prizes, awards or certifications you received. Someday you will be asked, where and when did you get the AACA Senior for your car, and you'll have the answer!
- 2) What repairs or changes did you make to the car? Did you rebuild the steering linkage or replace the radiator hoses? Document it! Were there any problems that you will want to take care of before the car hits the road again? "Right front tire leaks" or "Shift from 2nd to 3rd is getting rough". In the Spring, it's easy to forget these sometimes minor issues until you're stuck on the side of the road.

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- 3) Write down the odometer mileage so you can track the number of miles driven each season.
- 4) Where are the pictures that you took of your car, your friends, and the sights you saw this summer? Get them organized, dated and be sure to identify the people in the photographs. Ten, 20 or 30 years from now, you can pull them out and show your friends what they looked like when they still had hair!
- 5) Last but not least, check your vehicle's value. For all sorts of reasons, including insurance coverage and eventual sale, keeping track of the current valuation of your collector car is important. Values of many collector cars are changing dramatically – now is a good time to review the updated Price Guides and Auction Results to establish an updated valuation for your vehicle. By writing down the valuation once a year, you can easily track the market changes over longer time periods.

