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Greetings to all!

For those of you who are already Black Horse Garage clients, we hope you enjoy this debut issue of our newsletter: **The Black Horse Garage Bulletin.**



John & Frank Buonanno

For those we have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, we thank you for taking time to read about our company and the comprehensive collector car restoration, preservation and maintenance services we offer.

For more than fifty years, our family has been actively involved with caring for many of the finest automobiles ever created. From the performance-bred models of Ferrari, Jaguar, Aston Martin, Porsche and Mercedes Benz to the luxury oriented vehicles of Packard, Rolls Royce, Bentley and others, we and our team of master mechanics and collector car

experts are passionate about preserving these wonderful rolling art forms. Today, as the cold days of winter slowly give way to Spring, we look forward to the moment when our client's cars emerge from their garages, roar back to life and head for the long days of summer.

We also look forward to having you stop by and visit with us, tour our full-service 40,000 square foot facility and the opportunity to provide you with the integrity-based service, professional guidance, fair prices and superior craftsmanship on which we've earned our excellent reputation for more than half a century.

Porsche Club Meeting – Kicking Off 2009!

DESPITE BRAVING SWIRLING WINDS,
SNOW SHOWERS AND BITTER COLD

TEMPERATURES, MORE THAN 100 INTREPID

members of the Connecticut Valley Region Chapter of the Porsche Club of America made their way to Black Horse Garage on January 13th and participated in their first monthly meeting of 2009.



Following lots of hot coffee, a good meal and great conversation, club officers welcomed all members, kicked off the meeting and addressed club business in their usual thoughtful and well-organized manner. **Mitch Marsico**, Vice President of Business Development and Client Services at Black Horse Garage, delivered a very interesting and visually engaging presentation on his memorable experiences at the Rennsport Reunion events held at Lime Rock Park and Daytona International Speedway. As a respected collector car expert and long-time owner and restorer of 911 and 912 models, Mitch's life-long passion and hands-on experience with these wonderful cars was clearly evident throughout his extremely well-received presentation.

The fantastic evening also included a brief tour of the 40,000 square foot Black Horse Garage facility and its various shops along with a chance for club members to view the wide range of collector cars currently being carefully restored, repaired and cared for. Thanks to club officers **Mike Odierna** and **Nick Esposito** along with everyone from the PCA-CVR for making the event a great kickoff to the 2009 season!



INDUSTRY UPDATE

Collector Car Activity Brisk Despite Economy

Challenging economic conditions in 2008 and at the start of this new year have us all concerned, however the Black Horse Garage team is pleased to report that collector car enthusiasts around the world are continuing to buy, sell, restore and repair a wide range of great automobiles. Yes, prices may be down a bit from the all-time high water mark for collector cars reached in 2006, however high-quality cars are holding their value quite well. In contrast with the projections of some in the financial arena, we have observed that while there are individuals who are selling collector cars to raise cash, there are just as many shopping for good deals on great cars and moving quickly to acquire them. In fact,



since the downturn in our country's stock market began creating global headlines last fall, our firm has sold and delivered automobiles to domestic and international clients that include several beautiful E-type Jaguars, a fantastic DeTomaso Pantera, a stately 1923 Buick touring car, a lovely Daimler sedan, a concours level MG TD, an awesome 427 Cobra and several other beautiful collector cars. Those completed sales in concert with transactions now in process clearly confirm that collector cars are continuing to change hands at a brisk pace despite the current economic climate. Global interest in collector cars as low-risk investments with high potential return also appears to be at an all-time high based on the large volume of inquiries we have been receiving.

Restoration of the SS1 Two-Seater Walmsley Continues



With winter's chill filling the atmosphere here in Connecticut, the multi-year restoration we're performing of the SS1 Two Seater Walmsley is nearing completion as the vehicle's owner and Black Horse Garage team anxiously looks forward to the moment when this automobile glides gracefully across the lawns of the 2009 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Constructed in 1934 under the watchful eye of William Walmsley (a founder of Jaguar) this beautiful and historically important automobile was Mr. Walmsley's personal vehicle during the years before the SS moniker (for Swallow Sidecar Company) was abandoned after world war two and ultimately changed to Jaguar. To read a newspaper article about the restoration project and see photos of this world-class automobile, please visit: www.blackhorsegarage.com

Black Horse Garage: In the News

Congratulations to Black Horse Garage client and good friend **Ed Amsler** for taking Best of Class honors at the recent 2008 Fairfield County Concours with his beautiful Jaguar XK-E roadster! We're proud to say our team of vintage Jaguar specialists performed an in-depth restoration of this elegant British roadster along with preparing it for exhibition. Beyond being a dedicated collector and true automobile enthusiast, Ed is a wonderful guy and a pleasure to work with.

Tim Lynch is a fine guy, a true collector car enthusiast and a respected client here at Black Horse Garage. In light of this, we could not be more delighted at his achieving second place "peer judging" honors for his superb 1950 MG TD at the Fairfield County Concours d' Elegance event. Tim is a discriminating collector with a great eye for fine cars and it's our pleasure to provide services to such a delightful and knowledgeable gentleman.

Hats off to Black Horse Garage clients **Warren and Gina Hendelman** for taking Most Outstanding Jaguar honors for their elegant 1952 XK 120 Fixed Head Coupe at the 2008 Greenwich Concours d'Elegance. Presented by Jaguar Automobiles of North America, this prestigious award could not have gone to finer people or more passionate collectors. The Black Horse Garage team is most grateful to the Hendelmans for selecting our company to restore, preserve and care for their spectacular collector automobiles.

Kudos to Black Horse Garage client **Bob Weiss** for taking top honors in the Most Outstanding Open Car 1937-1940 category at the 2008 Greenwich Concours d'Elegance for his spectacular 1937 Packard Model 120 Convertible Coupe. Bob is a dedicated collector and world-class guy, and we are honored to have him as a client. Thank you, Bob!

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TECHNICAL TIPS

Proper Preparation for Winter Storage Pays Off in the Spring

We all know preparing collector cars properly for winter is extremely important. From antifreeze needed for cooling systems to moth balls that will help to deter rodents from nesting or eating their way through wiring, taking the time to get your vintage auto set for winter is essential. It's a good idea to top off the gas tank or drain it completely especially if your car is stored near a furnace or in a closed space. Adding a little bit of Marvel Mystery Oil to the gas and running the engine before storage will lubricate internal components and inhibit rust. It's also smart to plug exhaust pipes and air cleaner intakes to keep little visitors out as long as you remember to remove the material before starting your car when the weather gets warm. Although Winter 2008/2009 is well on its way to being behind us, remembering to prepare



your collector cars for cold weather storage in the years ahead will help to avoid a wide range of unpleasant and potentially costly surprises when Spring finally arrives.

Spring Is Just Around the Corner - Will Your Car Be Ready to Enjoy? The best time for preparing your collector car for Spring driving is February and March. Tending to your car's needs during the remaining weeks of winter will also ensure any service, repair or body work your car may require will be completed before the spring crunch is in full swing and our shops fill to capacity once again. If getting your collector auto prepared for driving before the tulips bloom is something you'd like to do, please give us a call and we'll make sure your car is ready for Spring!

Black Horse Garage 2009 Calendar of Events

(partial listing)

- Porsche Club of America, CT Valley Region at Black Horse Garage (January)
- Ferrari Cavallino d'Eleganza – Palm Beach
- Jaguar Club at Black Horse Garage (March)
- Newport Rhode Island Concours
- Meadow Brook Hall Concours
- Greenwich Concours
- Pebble Beach Concours
- Scarsdale Concours
- Fairfield County Concours
- Wheels & Wings Collector Automobile and Vintage Aircraft Show
- Black Horse Garage Autumn Open House

Collector Cars for Sale:

(partial listing)

- 1915 Model T Runabout
- 1917 Dodge Brothers Touring
- 1956 Jaguar XK 140 MC – OTS
- 1957 Austin Healey 100-6
- 1962 Ford Thunderbird – Rare 2 Seat Roadster
- 1963 Jaguar XK-E Roadster
- 1965 Shelby Cobra 427 by Mid States
- 1967 Ferrari 330 GTC Coupe
- 1967 Corvette 427/400hp Coupe - One of a Kind
- 1967 Corvette 427/400hp Convertible
- 1969 Jaguar XK-E Roadster
- 1971 Mercedes Benz – 280 SE 3.5
- 1974 Jaguar XK - E Roadster – V-12
- 1988 Mercedes Benz 560 SEC
- 1999 Rolls Royce – Silver Seraph
- 2005 Aston Martin DB-9

BLACK HORSE MOBILE ON THE MOVE

THANKS TO OUR CLIENTS FOR MAKING BLACK HORSE GARAGE MOBILE SERVICES A GREAT SUCCESS!

Launched in November of last year, we enjoyed providing services that included winterization, oil changes, tune-ups, battery replacement and mechanical repairs on collector cars and late model exotics right in the comfort of their own garages.

From vintage Jaguars, Aston Martins, Porsches and Bentleys to a fantastic Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren, our master technicians thoroughly prepared a wide array of great cars for cold weather driving or a long winter's storage.

In addition to **Phil Fecher's** superb 1963 Ferrari 250 GTE being a two time winner of the prestigious Ferrari Coppa Bella Machina award, we are delighted to announce his winning Most Outstanding Italian GT honors with this car at the 2008 Scarsdale Concours d'Elegance. Phil kindly commissioned Black Horse Garage to perform an in-depth restoration of this lovely automobile and our team could not be more honored by the prestigious accolades it has received. Phil, we salute you!

Magnificent is only way to describe **John Warner's** 1936 Packard V-12 Cabriolet Two Door Convertible and we're delighted that this historic automobile earned top honors in the Most Outstanding American Pre-War category at the 2008 Scarsdale Concours. John and his family have relied on Black Horse Garage to care for for their collection of spectacular automobiles for many years and we're most grateful for that privilege. Congratulations to John and his family for receiving an award that clearly reinforces their dedication to preserving and enjoying world-class collector cars.

Black Horse Garage's Wheels & Wings Event – A Great Success



We're delighted to report that even after rescheduling the event three times due to inclement weather, the 2008 Wheels & Wings event proved to be a fantastic success!

The picture-perfect New England Autumn day inspired more than 300 collector car owners to bring an amazing array of vintage European and American automobiles to the scenic

fields of New Milford's Candlelight Farms Airport for the second annual Wheels & Wings exhibition. Organized by Black Horse Garage and the Housatonic Valley Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, the show provided attendees with a rare opportunity to view amazing automobiles and colorful vintage aircraft performing aerobatic stunts in a setting that can only be described as Autumn splendor at its very best. From an amazing selection of spectacular vintage Ferraris, Jaguars, Porsches and Aston Martins to elegant Cadillacs, Packards, Lincolns and rows of iconic performance cars, more than 1000 attendees spent the day strolling the pastoral grounds, feasting their eyes and enjoying great food and music. Please be sure to put Wheels & Wings on your autumn 2009 calendar of events as a "must attend" event and watch the Black Horse Garage website for details.



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