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Welcome to the third annual Sports Car Market Insider’s Guide to Restorations. It’s an invaluable resource as you make plans to restore your car.

In the five decades I’ve been around sports cars, the classic-car world has changed. For instance, I’m currently refurbishing a 1960 Bugeye Sprite for my 10-year-old son.

In 1967, when I bought my first Bugeye, the car was only seven years old. While my particular example was fairly decrepit, it was tired in predictable ways.

Today, that same car, after another 50 years on the road, would be completely worn out. An engine rebuild might include line-boring the block and sourcing a crank. The head may have been cut so many times that it is no longer usable.

A restoration today is more than fresh paint and a valve job. By now, our cars have lived long and often hard lives. Think of how often they have been parked outside with their tops down, or suffered minor fender-benders that were solved by Bondo and a quickie respray — of a single body panel.

Use this Insider’s Guide as a starting point as you consider restoring your car. The shops in this guide can provide you with advice and an educated perspective on the route you are about to embark on.

My advice to you as you chat with them is to not take shortcuts. If it you have to wait a month longer to get the right upholstery material or finish the suspension, do it. It’s much easier to get things right when a car is apart than to revisit it later.

Restorations can be slow and expensive. But what you are doing is bringing a car back to life. If you are patient and thoughtful, the end result will be a fantastic car that is ready to bring you miles and miles of a great driving experience.

What more can you ask for? — Keith Martin, Publisher, Sports Car Market
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By Alex Finigan

Paul Russell and I started Paul Russell and Company in 1978. At that time, we had two other people working with us in a 2,000-square-foot, three-bay garage, doing just mechanical work on Mercedes-Benz cars of the ’50s era.

Today, 40 years later, we have 26 employees and we are doing mechanical work, metal fabrication, upholstery, woodwork, bodywork, paint and machining on Mercedes-Benz, Ferrari, Porsche, Bugatti and other European marques. We now operate in a 45,000-square-foot facility and have a three-year backlog — quite the journey from where we started.

Often, when people inquire about a restoration, they have no concept of what they want. To some, a restoration is a paint job.

All these years in the business have given me a great perspective on what people know — and don’t know — about the restoration process, which is a journey unto itself. Below is a list of the things you should consider before embarking on that journey.

1 Decide what you want
What are your end goals? To take a car to the local cruise night or to compete nationally? If it’s the former, go buy the best example of the marque you’re interested in and you’ll be way ahead of the game.

2 Buy the best car
If you have concours aspirations, start with the best and most complete car you can. You do not save money buying a rusty, incomplete car just because you bought it cheaper. In fact, I can almost guarantee it will cost you more in the end.

3 Find a specialist
Pick a shop that specializes in the marque you have. Don’t have someone “go to school” on your nickel. Don’t take a Ferrari to an MG shop, as nice as they may seem, as they won’t know all the ins and outs of the model, and it’ll cost time — and money — for them to learn what an experienced Ferrari restorer already knows how to do.
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4 **Do your due diligence**

Go visit the shops, get references and inspect prior work. Good shops typically have a year or more wait. Don’t be in a rush. A red flag should be raised if they can start right away.

5 **Estimates matter**

Get a rough estimate and time frame. A complete body-off restoration on a ‘50s European sports car can be 3,000–4,000 hours. Don’t underestimate what the job will cost and the necessary cash flow to keep the job going forward. It is very expensive and time consuming to stop and start the process.

6 **Follow the progress**

Demand monthly bills, progress reports and photos for your own protection. I’ve seen many supposedly fully restored cars with no paperwork or photos. Without these documents proving the work, the potential for getting top dollar at sale time is lessened. A restoration file will add to your car’s provenance.

7 **Visit your car**

Visit often and stay involved. Don’t allow your car to be shoved into the corner, as it may end up spending a lot of time there.

The squeaky wheel gets the grease.

8 **Stay in charge**

Make sure that no unspecified work gets done without your approval. Be available. Make sure the shop knows not to make decisions without contacting you first.

9 **Spend the money on your OE parts**

Even if it’s more expensive to restore your original parts than replace with aftermarket parts, do so. It will make a huge difference in the value of your car in the end.

10 **Inspect and sort**

Do a final inspection and test drive before you make your last payment and take delivery. A restored car is like a house renovation — there will definitely be a “punch list” to be addressed. We typically put 250 miles on a car before the customer gets it. It’s much easier to fix these sorts of items while the car is still in the shop.

A restored car should be a very satisfying experience, but it can be a nightmare if you and the restorer are not on the same page. If you do your homework and find the right shop, your journey should be a good and rewarding experience.
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— Luke Chennell, professor, McPherson College Automotive Restoration Program

Authenticity in the Classroom and on the Road

McPherson College has created generations of restorers, and Luke Chennell keeps the gears moving

By Chester Allen

Someone once told me that you judge the quality of a person by the quality of his or her friends. It’s safe to say that we can judge the quality of a teacher by the quality of the students.

I got a chance to spend some time with McPherson College Automotive Restoration students at Amelia Island this year, and they were an impressive bunch.

Luke Chennell is one of their professors, and his students clearly love the guy. We at SCM are also good friends with Luke. He had the technical genius — and sublime sense of humor — to keep our notorious Bradley GT running last summer on its stop-and-go trip across the United States.

I recently had a chance to talk with Luke about his life’s work.

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I teach chassis and drivetrain restoration. I like to say that I teach the “dirty” part, but I’ve found that the details of how cars have evolved and are put together is why I’m fascinated with them. In my classes, I share that slice of automotive enthusiasm with my students.

**How did you find yourself at McPherson? Did you ever expect to be on a college faculty teaching about car restoration?**

I’ve been involved with vintage machinery since I was at least a toddler, if not sooner. I grew up on the Front Range of Colorado, where there was an amazing mix of people who were interested in “old stuff.” As a family, we were always going to see car shows, steam locomotives, airplanes, tractor shows — really anything mechanical. This was all in pre-Internet days.

I learned about McPherson at an early age from relations I had in Kansas, and I made up my mind early on that, if it turned out to be everything I seemed to see, I would attend. As it turned out, it was, and I spent my first two years at the college acquiring an associate’s degree in restoration. I loved my time at the college so much that I decided to continue my studies and pursue a bachelor’s degree, which I received in 2003. I didn’t really have a plan at the time (being at McPherson was a pretty good gig, after all), but the school saw a future with me, and so they hired me to teach the next semester after I graduated.

With a short break to spend some time pursuing my wife’s career, I’ve been here ever since. I never envisioned myself as a teacher. When I started, I initially loved sharing old cars with other people my age who were hungry to learn from someone who was a peer. As I’ve matured, I’ve learned that vintage cars offer one of many windows into the broader study of the past. I love integrating my historical training and mechanical training into my courses.

**Why college for a young person looking into a career in car restoration? Back in the day, it seems like young people learned this stuff in the trades or even in high school or tech school.**

Restoration requires more than just technical skill. It requires that one be able to view historical evidence, evaluate it against sources and use analytical skill to parse all of that and determine the technical path forward.

One must consider the goals of the people involved, the ethical nature of working with artifacts and the science involved.

Restoration is more than simply just “fixing” something — it’s thinking in a holistic way about cars. As the distance between vintage cars and the present becomes larger, the skills needed become larger.

At McPherson, we believe that the people who will do the best for the artifacts in the world will be the ones who thoroughly understand them from every facet — not just the nuts-and-bolts. Our program is well accepted and understood across our campus, and that makes it a unique place.

**What do you hope for your students after they graduate? What percentage go into entry-level jobs?**

I used to have the hope that our graduates would go to high-level restoration shops, museums or other major players in the in-
dustry. I’ve learned now that there are many
ways for people to make careers in the field,
and not all of them involve making a big
name.

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personalities, big to small, creative to intros-
pect. In terms of placement, 95% of our
2017 graduates were employed in the field
six months after graduation. Most years see
similar numbers.

Have you ever been envious of a job
that a grad landed? If so, why?

We have a number of graduates that work for high-end col-
lectors, servicing their cars as they travel around the world. I
love travel, so I wish sometimes I could be touring on some nice
twisty mountain roads with a bunch of good pre-war machin-
ery instead of sweating it out while mowing my lawn in the
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What makes McPherson a great choice
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Board and others to help shape our curricu-
lum to meet the needs we fill. Over the last
five to seven years, we’ve seen a major up-
tick from all over the collector-car industry
seeking out both interns and graduates.

What is the most rewarding part of
teaching these students?

The most rewarding part of teaching stu-
dents automotive restoration is
watching their trajectories. I’m
proud to count among the alums
that I’ve taught people who do
things as varied as reproduce
parts for Duesenbergs to those
who do complete restorations on
John Deere tractors. As I learned
in my youth, there’s something
about moving things that fasci-
nate people. To be a catalyst in
the way that both enthusiasts and
the broader public look at both
those items — and the heritage embodied in them — means a lot to me.

What do you see yourself doing in five
years? Ten years?

When I started doing this stuff as more
than a lad, we cast a shady eye at anything
that wasn’t pre-World War II. A number of
older fellows I knew didn’t think much of
things made prior to the Great War. I love
and revere all that stuff, but I’ve also come
to the conclusion that the industry is mov-
ing inextricably forward. I drove, at my
time at McPherson, a ’90 Ford Mustang GT
convertible (a great car that I loved). In five
years, I’ll be discussing the collector value
of that car (which I sold). In 10 years, I’ll
be sharing my first-hand knowledge of the
finishes, parts variations, and cultural signifi-
cance that the Fox Mustang had as we start
to consider them restoration projects. The
challenge, as always, will be to include the
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Square footage of shop: 18,000
Best/favorite restoration project: Some of the world’s most important cars have passed through our workshop, making it impossible to choose one favorite project
Most challenging project: Each project presents unique challenges. In any aspect of restoration, from initial research to final assembly, our experienced team consistently overcomes these challenges
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Square footage of shop: 24,000
Best/favorite restoration project: 1933 T-59 Bugatti GP
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Specialty: Ground-up restora-  
tions, full in-house service  
Other work/specialties:  
Maintenance, recommis-  
sioning, repairs and show  
prep  
Significant awards: 2017  
300SL Nationals, Best of Show and First Place Gullwing  
Number of cars restored yearly: We have about 12 projects ongoing. Typical duration for a restoration is a year and a half.  
Square footage of shop: 6,000  
Best/favorite restoration project: 1938 H.R.G. coupe  
Most challenging project: A Gullwing that had been rolled over and improperly restored  
Insider info: We utilize factory drawings and tem-  
plates derived from factory drawings. We pioneered  
3-D imaging and 3-D printing of parts in metal.

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**Leydon Restorations**

Location: Lahaska, PA  
Year founded: 1973  
Website: www.leydonrestorations.com; Facebook,  
www.facebook.com/LeydonRestorations  
Phone: 215.794.5535  
Owner: Oscar Davis  
Number of employees: Seven  
Specialty: Mechanical restoration of pre- and post-war European marques. All elements of chassis preservation, repair, restoration and fine tuning to allow use as the original designers intended. Rare and unusual engines are our forte.  
Other work/specialties: Engineering design of robust repairs for complex mechanical components, automotive and tool-room machining services, reproduction of destroyed or missing parts, external finishing to original period specifications, concours and tour preparation, general service and maintenance of vintage automobiles.  
Significant awards: Numerous class- and Best of Show-winning cars. Our engines, transmissions, axles and suspensions are featured in many award-winning cars restored by other shops.  
Number of cars restored annually: Two large engine or complete chassis restoration projects, plus six to eight smaller component or service projects.  
Square footage of shop: 8,000  
Best/favorite restoration project: The restoration of the two running Blitzen Benz engines, or the Miller 91 “Packard Cable Special” that resides in the Motorsports Collection at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History.  
Most challenging project: A 1903 White Model C steam engine  
Insider info: We can make “as-new” repairs or manufacture replacements for virtually any part we service. We are committed to preserving the work of the great engineers.
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Sargent Metal Works

Location: Bradford, VT  
Year founded: 1992  
Website: www.sargentmetalworks.com  
Phone: 802.222.5500  
Owner: Scott Sargent  
Number of employees: Four  
Specialty: French, pre-war, exotic cars. Bugatti is our favorite marque  
Other work/specialties: We specialize in the preservation, documentation, restoration and maintenance of pre-war European and domestic automobiles.


Number of cars restored annually: Two to three  
Square footage of shop: 15,000  
Best/favorite restoration project: Bugatti Type 57 SC Atlantic that won Best of Show at Pebble Beach 2003.  
Most challenging project: 1961 Alfa Romeo SZ. The challenge was the corrosion the car had seen throughout its life as well the previous poor restorations. Preservation of this multiple Targa Florio entrant was paramount, and we were able to successfully save 85% of the skin of this significant racing car.

Insider info: Sargent Metal Works is the caretaker of the cars we are entrusted with. We take the time to document and authenticate these cars as we move forward with the restoration. We take great pride in restoring cars in the same manner as they were produced originally, so that the cars and their inherent value are preserved for eternity.

HV3DWorks LLC

Location: Sewickley, PA  
Year founded: 2016  
Website: www.hv3dworks.com  
Phone: 724.266.7925  
Owner: Paul Vorbach  
Number of employees: Two and growing  
Specialty: 3-D scanning/design and 3-D printing management of restoration, customization and personalized components for the automotive aftermarket — including restoration/custom shops, parts dealers and individual enthusiasts  
Other work/specialties: Prototyping, parts modification. The possibilities are almost endless  
Best/favorite restoration project: As part owner of Hahn-Vorbach Collector Car Restoration for several years, I was involved in the restoration and display of several award-winning automobiles including the one-of-one 1938 HRG Airline Coupe, several Mercedes 300SL Gullwings and Roadsters, a 1963 Ferrari 250 GT Lusso, a 1951 Allard J2 and many more.

Most challenging project: 3-D printing the top of a rare Weber carburetor for a Ferrari

Insider info: As the former owner of a restoration shop, I am deeply familiar with the challenge of tracking down “Unobtainium” parts. 3-D printing has grown significantly beyond plastic trinkets and is now entering the mainstream. With the ability to print low volumes in a variety of materials including metals, composites (carbon fiber), plastics and rubber-like materials, we are making this technology available to automotive enthusiasts on all levels.
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Location: Piqua, OH
Year founded: 1998
Website: www.brightworkrestoration.com
Phone: 937.773.5127
Owner: Ryan Filbrun
Number of employees: 14
Specialty: “Passionately restoring brightwork for the world’s finest rolling art”
Other work/specialties: The only authorized restorer of Ruote Borrani in the world.
Significant awards: Our work appears on 12 Best of Show cars at Pebble Beach — and many more best-of-show cars from concours all around the world.
Square footage of shop: 10,000
Best/favorite restoration project: 1931 Daimler Double-Six
Most challenging project: Making an entirely new radiator surround for a 540K Mercedes.
Insider info: Many people think we are a plating shop. We believe we are a shop that restores brightwork, and plating is only a step in the process of correct restoration. We at Brightworks take great pride and appreciation in all of the projects that our customers allow us to restore. If you are an existing customer, thank you for choosing us to help finalize your project. If you are a new or future customer, we look forward to restoring your brightwork to the highest and most authentic level possible. We are constantly expanding our field of brightwork restoration, the latest being partnering with Ruote Borrani and becoming the only authorized restorer of Borrani in the world.

Cooper Technica Inc.
Location: Bristol, WI, and Lyon, FRA
Year founded: 1989
Website: www.coopertechnica.com
Phone: 262.240.4000
Owner: David Cooper
Number of employees: 10
Specialty: Complete restoration of French and Italian cars from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s.
Other work/specialties: Meticulous research of a car’s history, provenance and context.
Significant awards: Many concours awards, including Best of Show
Number of cars restored annually: Nine major projects in work currently
Square footage of shop: 18,000 (Bristol); 15,000 (France)
Best/favorite restoration project: 1935 Bugatti Type 57 Atalante “The Paris Salon Car”
Most challenging project: 1937 Delage D8-120 Aérosport Coupe
Insider info: We are known for our commitment to authenticity, including preservation of original parts when possible. In our restorations, we use original nitro-cellulose lacquer paint, original upholstery dyes, and original welding and sheet-metal forming techniques. Our restorations include complete mechanical restoration, making the cars run as well as new. We have complete facilities in-house for machining, metal forming, engine building, painting and bodywork. David Cooper is an automotive historian, international Concours d’Elegance judge and FIVA/HVA scrutineer.
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D&D Classic Auto Restoration Inc.

Location: Covington, OH  
Year founded: 1985  
Phone: 800.332.7742 and 937.473.2229  
Owners: Dale Sotzing, Roger James and Mark Kennison  
Number of employees: 26  
Specialty: We work on classic cars, with an emphasis on pre-war Rolls-Royce, Bentley and Jaguar XK 120, XK 150 and XKE. We also work on European classics such as Hispano-Suiza, Delahaye, Delage, Bugatti, Isotta Fraschini and many other makes.  
Other work/specialties: Metal shaping, design studio and 3-D printing. We have a complete body shop, a full mechanical shop and upholstery services.  
Significant awards: We have won more than 20 Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance awards, including Best in Class, Most Elegant Open Car, Most Elegant Closed Car and the Chairman’s Trophy.  
Number of cars restored annually: Four to five complete restorations, about 20 partial restorations, and many service and repair jobs.  
Square footage of shop: 35,000  
Best/favorite restoration project: 1938 Hispano-Suiza Dubonnet Xenia  
Most challenging project: 1941 Cadillac 4-door convertible sedan  

Euro Classics

Location: Dayton, OH  
Year founded: 2000  
Website: www.euroclassix.com  
Phone: 937.299.1311  
Owner: Dale Oakes  
Number of employees: Nine  
Specialty: Porsche  
Other work/specialties: Vintage Porsche race cars  
Significant awards: Best of Class, Amelia Island 2016 and 2017, Best of Class, Rennsport Reunion III and V, Lion Award at Meadow Brook 2008  
Number of cars restored annually: Two to four  
Square footage of shop: 18,000  
Best/favorite restoration project: Porsche 910 Le Mans winner  
Most challenging project: 1948 Rolls-Royce  
Insider info: We specialize in all European automobiles, including maintenance, restoration and preservation of original automobiles. We also maintain newer exotics as well.
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Location: Hamel, IL  
Website: www.gatewaybronco.com  
Phone: 314.302.6988  
Owner: Seth Burgett  
Number of employees: 15  
Specialty: 1966–77 Ford Bronco  
Square footage of shop: 60,000  
Best/favorite restoration project: Our Modern Day Warrior™ with Coyote 5.0L and 6-speed Raptor transmission fitted with Porsche leather from the 911R. Vintage yet modern, delivering 0–60 in five seconds from a vintage Bronco.  
Most challenging project: GRMPS69. An heirloom project for Phil Falconer, whose grandfather purchased the Bronco new. The Bronco started life as a 1969 Sport. A true one-owner Bronco. It now has Phil’s father’s 351W from the family station wagon and is a 500-hp powerhouse in brilliant Brittany Blue paint. It required 60% new sheet metal, which made this project even more special for our team and the owner.  
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Location: Tipp City, OH  
Year founded: 1932  
Website: www.macysgarage.com  
Phone: 937.667.3014  
Owner: Mark Macy  
Number of employees: Nine  
Specialty: Triumph TR2 through TR6 cars  
Other work/specialties: We exclusively work on Triumph TR2–TR6 cars. All phases of restoration work are completed in-house.  
Significant awards: Our clients routinely win Best of Show, First in Class and Popular Choice awards throughout the U.S. and Canada.  
Number of cars restored annually: Seven to nine full restorations — plus dozens of cars and components for partial work.  
Square footage of shop: 11,000  
Best/favorite restoration project: Most of our restorations are for clients with a strong emotional attachment to their TRs. It is especially rewarding to return these special cars and memories to their devoted owners.  
Most challenging project: TS1LO, which is the first production TR2 and the most valuable Triumph in the world.  
Insider info: Repairing and restoring the Triumph TR2–TR6 models exclusively has allowed us to justify a large expenditure on special TR tools and equipment that would not be possible if we were attempting to work on everything that came to our door. We have also made a significant investment in new and used parts to support our shop projects. That means progress on our clients’ cars is never stalled while we wait for the UPS truck to arrive. When combined with our years of intimate TR experience, these factors allow us to complete TR2–TR6 restorations in less time and to a higher standard than is possible anywhere else in North America.
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**Location:** Durand, IL  
**Year founded:** 1991  
**Website:** www.sportandspecialty.com  
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**Owner:** John Saccameno  
**Number of employees:** Seven  
**Specialty:** European sports cars, with in-depth experience in Jaguar, Austin-Healey and Alfa Romeo  
**Other work/specialties:** Vintage/historic race prep and builds  
**Significant awards:** Marque Gold Concours awards  
**Number of cars restored annually:** Five to seven  
**Square footage of shop:** 10,000-plus  
**Best/favorite restoration project:** Factory 100M Gold Concours Austin-Healey  
**Most challenging project:** Ferrari 330 GT 2+2 rebody  

**Insider info:** We are a full-service restoration shop with customers from around the country. We do virtually all of our own work in-house to best control the quality of the build. A quick visit to our website will show the breadth of our abilities and depth of our work.

**Vintage & Auto Rebuilds Inc.**

**Location:** Chardon, OH (35 miles east of Cleveland)  
**Year founded:** 2001  
**Website:** www.ghostparts.com  
**Phone:** 440.285.2742  
**Owners:** Steve and Susan Littin  
**Specialty:** Pre-war Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost and Bentley restorations, rebuilds and repairs.  
**Other work/specialties:** Engineering and fabrication of pre-1930 automotive, aircraft and marine engines. British, European and early American car preservation and coachbuilding.  
**Significant awards:** Dozens of major Concours d’Elegance awards won at Pebble Beach, Amelia Island, Hilton Head, Ocean Reef and more, as well as many club and organization gatherings including the Rolls-Royce Owners’ Club.  
**Number of cars restored annually:** Two complete restorations in addition to a number of partial restorations, with ongoing servicing and maintenance of 30–40 cars per year.  
**Square footage of shop:** 28,000  
**Best/favorite restoration project:** Restoration of the winning 1914 Austrian Alpine Trials car  
**Most challenging project:** Re-creating a 1913 Roberts aircraft engine for a re-enactment of the first commercial passenger flight  

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**The Werk Shop**

**Location:** Libertyville, IL  
**Year founded:** 1997  
**Website:** www.thewerkshop.com  
**Phone:** 847.295.3200  
**Owner:** Mike Marijanovic  
**Number of employees:** 16  
**Specialty:** BMW restorations  
**Other work/specialties:**  
  - Porsche restorations.  
  - Preservation and service.  

**Significant awards:** Many concours awards at Pebble Beach, Hilton Head, etc.  
Several Best of Show awards won as well.  

**Square footage of shop:** 18,000  
**Best/favorite restoration project:** 1935 BMW 315 Barchetta Special -- it was a barn find out of Belgium.  
**Most challenging project:** BMW M1 art project.  
  - Two BMW M1s were brought to us. One was in a major wreck, and the other in a fire. Half of each was salvageable. We were tasked with merging the two surviving halves and make one gorgeous specimen that would be mounted to the wall of our customer’s man cave.  

**Insider info:** The Werk Shop has built an international reputation on our rich history of restoring classic BMWs. We’re honored to be recognized around the world for the care and quality of our work. With extensive experience in both pre- and post-war models, our client restorations have won numerous prestigious awards.

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**Location:** Douglasville, GA  
**Year founded:** 1977  
**Website:** www.budsbenz.com  
**Phone:** 770.942.8444  
**Owners:** David and Sandy Latham  
**Number of employees:** 15  
**Specialty:** Parts, service and restoration work for Mercedes-Benz  
**Other specialties:** Late-model service work on Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Mini Cooper  
**Significant awards:** The satisfied look on our customers’ faces when they first see their finished cars.  
**Number of cars restored annually:** Varies, as we work to meet our customers’ expectations, and that determines our quantity per year. If it’s up to our customers.  
**Square footage of shop:** 13,000  
**Best/favorite restoration project:** They are all favorites — that’s why we are in the business!  
**Most challenging projects:** A 1955 Mercedes-Benz 220 and a 1965 Mercedes-Benz 300SE cabriolet  
**Insider info:** We sell a full line of Mercedes-Benz parts for cars from the 1950s through the 1980s. We do minor and major service work on most Mercedes. We also do restoration work, including paint, interior, mechanical — and other restoration work. We do work that is tailored to our customers’ needs and budgets. We also (locally) work on later-model Mercedes, BMW and Mini Coopers. We do all the computer diagnostics and work related to keeping your daily driver on the road.

**The Creative Workshop**

**Location:** Dania Beach, FL (just south of Fort Lauderdale, 25 minutes north of Miami, 25 minutes south of Boca Raton)  
**Year founded:** 2001  
**Phone:** 954.920.3303  
**Owner:** Jason Wenig  
**Number of employees:** 15  
**Specialty:** Rare, exotic, one-off, prototype and Etteterini cars  
**Other work/specialties:** The Creative Workshop is a full-service classic, specialty and performance vehicle restoration and coachbuilding business that specializes in authentic concours restorations of rare, exotic and one-off cars and bespoke car building  
**Significant awards:** Numerous awards won at most major concours events across the world, including Pebble Beach, Amelia Island, Villa d’Este and Cavallino  
**Number of cars restored annually:** We normally have a full shop with approximately 20 cars under restoration, with projects being finished on a regular basis. Finishing schedules are usually coordinated around unveiling vehicles at major shows, rallies, races or client-specified events throughout the year.  
**Square footage of shop:** 10,000  
**Insider info:** The workshop is housed in a unique, 80-plus-year-old historic building that has been fully converted into a comprehensive restoration and coachbuilding facility. With over 10,000 square feet of workspace, Creative can handle nearly all aspects of restoration, customization, repair and maintenance in-house.
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Jeff’s Resurrections

Location: Taylor, TX  
Year founded: 1990  
Website: www.jeffsresurrections.com  
Phone: 512.365.5346  
Owner: Jeff Snyder  
Number of employees: 10  
Specialty: Automotive restoration  
Significant awards: Amelia Island Concours d’Elegance 2018 Design & Styling Award, 1961 Jaguar XKE; JCNA International Jaguar Festival 2017, Best in Show (100 points), Jaguar XK 140 FHC / First in Class, 1966 Jaguar XKE; NCRS Regional Convention, Top Flight Award, 1969 L88 Corvette convertible; and many more.  
Number of cars restored annually: Two to six  
Square footage of shop: 20,000  
Most challenging project: Cars that arrive disassembled  
Insider info: Jeff’s Resurrections LLC is a full-service auto restoration facility specializing in classic, exotic and antique vehicles. With a full-time team of 10 skilled mechanics, metal craftsmen, specialist refinishers and detailers, we offer complete mechanical and coachwork services, and our work has received multiple major awards. We are based in Taylor, TX, a short drive from downtown Austin.

Porsche Classic Workshop—Porsche NA

Location: Atlanta, GA and Stuttgart, DEU  
Year founded: 2007  
Website: www.porsche.com/usa/accessoriesand-services/classic/  
Phone: 888.204.7474 (or email Classic.Service@porsche.us)  
Owner: Porsche Cars North America Inc.  
Specialty: Restoration of Porsche classic vehicles  
Other work/specialties: Engine restoration, partial restoration, service and maintenance of Porsche classic vehicles.  
Number of cars restored annually: Two to three; we perform partial restorations and services on 30–35 classic Porsche vehicles annually.  
Best/favorite restoration project: 1973 911 RS, Viper Green, rarity and provenance of vehicle  
Most challenging project: 1988 911 Targa; severe fire damage to front trunk.  
Insider info: Our goal: As good as new — but with even more character. Porsche Classic Factory Restoration provides restoration and preservation services to customer vehicles that fit the definition of a Porsche Classic — which is 10 years old and out of series production. Currently, this includes everything from 986 Boxster, 996 Carrera, and Carrera GT all the way back to the 356. We utilize both modern and period-correct tools and techniques. Our expert, classic technicians take pride in maintaining the integrity of the classic Porsche motor design while bringing its performance and appearance back to new. Our technicians maintain access to factory archives and documentation to support and confirm accuracy. Factory preservation and restoration — your classic Porsche is in expert hands. Inquiries invited to classic.service@porsche.us.
Past projects restored by Sargent Metal Works

1962 Ferrari 250 GTO
- Enzo Ferrari Trophy, Pebble Beach 2011
- Best of Show, Cavallino Classic 2012
- Louis Vuitton Classic Concours Award 2012
  (aka "The Best of the Best Award")

1936 Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic
- Best of Show, Pebble Beach 2003
- Chantilly Arts & Elegance Best of Show 2017
- The Peninsula Classics Best of the Best Award 2017

1937 Talbot-Lago T150-C SS Teardrop Coupe
- Best of Show, Cartier Style et Luxe, Goodwood 2015
- Won The Peninsula Classics’s Best of the Best 2015

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Rare Classics Restorations LLC

Location: Coconut Creek, FL
Year founded: 2017
Website: www.americancoachbuilder.com
Phone: 954.333.2365
Shop manager: Jon Dega
Number of employees: Four
Specialty: Post-war Italian sports
Other work/specialties: Fabrication and machining of unobtainium parts

Significant awards: Second in Class, 2017 Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance “American Dream Cars of the ’60s.”
Number of cars restored annually: Two plus
Square footage of shop: 5,500
Best/favorite restoration project: 1966 Bosley Interstate Mark II

Most challenging project: 1951 Fiat 1400 Vignale cabriolet
Insider info: Rare Classics Restorations LLC was founded in May of 2017 by a passionate South Florida car collector. The four-member team is responsible for restorations and maintaining the collection.

White Post Restorations

Location: White Post, VA
Year founded: 1940
Website: www.whitepost.com
Phone: 540.837.1140
Owners: W.R. Thompson III and Billy Thompson IV
Number of employees: 15
Specialty: Concours restoration — all makes and models
Other work/specialties: Comprehensive in-house services include mechanical, paint/body, sheet-metal fabrication, woodworking, coachbuilding and upholstery. We also offer hydraulic-brake sleeving and rebuilding.

Significant awards: Numerous concours d’elegance top class and show awards, including awards from Pebble Beach, Amelia Island, Hilton Head, St. Michaels and St. John’s (formerly Meadow Brook).
Number of cars restored yearly: We typically have 10 to 15 restoration projects in progress at all times.
Square footage of shop: 44,000
Best/favorite restoration project: We have completed too many rare and significant cars to choose a single project.

Most challenging project: It’s a tie between a 1934 Mercedes-Benz 500K Cabriolet A and a 1939 Stout Scarab. The Stout Scarab was one of the five made — and only three were known to still exist at the time of restoration, which made parts sourcing very difficult. Nearly every component had to be fabricated in-house from limited patterns.
Insider info: Now in its fourth generation of family ownership, WPR is a renowned leader in the world of restoration. Our name has become synonymous with exquisite attention to detail and unsurpassed workmanship. Many of our employees have been with us for over 25 years. Clients from all over the world seek our services. We pride ourselves on providing you with an experience and exceptionally restored automobile that you will treasure.
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Location: Coeur d’Alene, ID
Year founded: 2007
Website: www.classicgaragellc.com
Phone: 208.755.3334
Owner: Brad Enders
Number of employees: Eight
Specialties: Full and partial restorations, including custom builds. Classic-car collection management and storage; consulting and classic-car valuations
Significant awards: National Antique Oldsmobile Club First in Class, 1938 Oldsmobile; Goodguys Rod & Custom Mopar Pick, 1967 Plymouth GTX; Goodguys Rod & Custom Award of Excellence, 1967 Plymouth GTX; Goodguys Rod & Custom Restorer’s Award, 1929 Chrysler.
Number of cars restored annually: Varies, but there are 25 different projects currently under way.
Square footage of shop: 8,000 main shop and 5,000 off-site storage facility.
Most challenging project: 1968 Dodge Charger R/T with major body damage and rust
Insider info: Classic Garage is a full-service classic car shop offering full-restoration and partial-restoration work. We also work with many reputable shops around the country that send us their projects for bodywork and paint.

Classic Showcase Inc.

Location: Oceanside, CA
Year founded: 1978
Website: www.classicshowcase.com
Phone: 760.758.6100
Owner: Tom Krefetz
Number of employees: 22
Specialty: Jaguar restoration
Other work/specialties: British, German and Italian car restoration.
Significant awards: JCNA Events, La Jolla Concours, Torrey Pines Concours, Amelia Island Concours, The Quail, Santa Barbara Concours, Hilton Head Concours, Palm Springs Concours, Greystone Mansion Concours and Carmel Concours.
Number of cars restored yearly: 30
Square footage of shop: 40,000
Best/favorite restoration project: 1949 Jaguar XK 120 Alloy roadster
Most challenging project: 1938 Jaguar SS 100 roadster
Insider info: For over 35 years, the team at Classic Showcase has been creating award-winning examples, restoring automotive history and introducing all facets of the hobby to collectors worldwide. Located in Oceanside, CA, our company has evolved into a world-class facility, performing all phases of restoration in one location. Our restoration services are geared towards collectors who want restorations performed properly, using only the best parts and original materials with a perfect blend of past and present techniques. Restoration of classic vehicles is a highly personalized endeavor, and our goal is to provide clients with a great experience and vehicles they will admire, enjoy and collect for many years to come.
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Phone: 530.241.8337
Owners: Kevin Kay and Walter Boehringer
Number of employees: 14
Specialty: British and European classic cars. We are Aston Martin specialists.
Other work/specialties: British and European motorcycles
Number of cars restored annually: 20 to 30
Square feet of shop: 22,000
Best/favorite restoration project: 1955 Aston Martin DB3S
Most challenging project: 1954 Aston Martin DB2/4 Graber drophead coupe
Insider info: Kevin Kay Restorations has moved into new buildings with world-class restoration, paint and engine-building facilities. We have over 25 years of experience, and we live British and European cars every day.

Mercedes-Benz Classic Center

Location: Irvine, CA
Year founded: 2006
Website: www.mbusa.com/Classic
Phone: 866.622.5277
Owners: Mercedes-Benz USA LLC, a fully owned subsidiary of Daimler AG
Number of employees: 22
Specialty: Restoration of Classic Mercedes-Benz vehicles
Number of cars restored annually: Varies, but there are always between four to seven full restorations in progress at any given time.
Square footage of shop: 28,000
Best/favorite restoration project: 1957 Mercedes-Benz 300 SLS Tribute of the 1957 SCCA Championship-winning car driven by Paul O’Shea.

Most challenging project: Vehicles that have been poorly restored elsewhere in the past. The biggest challenge is to erase past restoration errors and restore these vehicles to uncompromised authenticity and quality.
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Location: Morgan Hill, CA  
Year founded: 2008  
Website: www.ontheroadagain-classics.com  
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Owner: William Hiland  
Number of employees: Nine  
employees; five full-time craftsmen and mechanics with 140 combined years of experience.  
Specialty: Classic and British auto restorations, full-time service and repairs.  
Other work/specialties: The shop is a Hagerty Expert Repair Facility and has an in-house certified Glasurit paint shop and body shop.  
Significant awards: More than 21 concours winners  
Number of cars restored annually: Varies, but a usual year sees 10 complete restorations and numerous partial restorations.  
Square footage of shop: 12,000

Best/favorite restoration project: E-type Jaguars  
Most challenging project: 1938 Jaguar SS 100 drophead coupe.  
Insider info: Our reputation has spread throughout the western U.S., thanks to our stunning paint and our detail-oriented restoration work.

Scott Grundfor Company

Location: Arroyo Grande, CA  
Year founded: 1977  
Website: www.ScottGrundfor.com  
Phone: 805.474.6477  
Owner: Scott Grundfor  
Number of employees: Seven  
Specialty: Mercedes-Benz 300SL restoration and sales  
Other work/specialties: Preservation  
Significant awards: Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance Best of Show, Newporter Invitational Concours d’Elegance Best of Show. We have 35 Best of Show awards.  
Number of cars restored annually: Four  
Square footage of shop: 6,000

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Website: www.sccarcenter.com
Phone: 480.968.5000
Owners: Joe and Pat Ritz
Number of employees: Six
Specialty: Mechanical service, restoration and repair for sports, classic, European and American muscle cars.
Other work/specialties: We are experts in multi-carbureted European, Classic and American muscle cars. Experts in engine repairs — 4-cylinder to V12 engines.
Square footage of shop: 10,000
Best/favorite restoration project: The next one
Most challenging project: 1954 Arnolt Bristol or a 1958 Tojeiro — both complete engine rebuilds.
Insider info: We have been in the industry for some 40 years. We focus on all levels of mechanical service, restoration and repair. We find that many full-on restoration shops do not or cannot do maintenance and rally prep due to the nature of their schedules. Our niche has been the ability to prep, repair and/or restore all things mechanical. We service and prep classic restored vehicles for rallies and shows. We have created great relationships over the years with exceptional painters, body guys and upholsterers, but our passion is the mechanicals — engines, transmissions, differentials, carburetion, tuning and suspension. We’re committed to the preservation of investment-grade automobiles.

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Year founded: 2011
Website: www.vintageunderground.us
Phone: 541.510.5296
Owner: Joseph Potter
Number of employees: 11
Specialty: Restoration
Other work/specialties: Coachwork, panel beating, body and paint, Italian and British.
Number of cars restored annually: Four
Square footage of shop: 15,250
Best/favorite restoration project: Abarth and Jaguar
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• 1951 Ferrari 212 Export cabriolet, Gran Turismo Ferrari Cup at Cavalino Classic
• 1964 ATS 2500 GTS coupe, The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering
• 1933/1935 Lancia Astura Aerodinamica coupe, Concours of Elegance Hampton Court Palace

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1939 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Spider, winner of the 2017 Amelia Island Concours de Sport

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