

Living the Dream

To vintage car lovers "Living the Dream" means turning your passion for cars into a career. John "Gunner" Gunnell has been successful in making his living writing magazine articles and books about vintage cars and motorcycles.

Gunner's Great Garage was created to help other's live the dream. When he was a kid, John played with tin toy gas stations like those you'll find in his office today. His dream was to own a real "garage" filled with automobilia, tools and beautiful cars. Gunner's Great Garage was a practical way to realize his dream.

In January 2010, John began looking for a building to use as his garage. He had a Bank IRA that was not doing much and thought, "If I invest that money in a building the garage idea might work. No one will have to 'buy' me the building because I'm just swapping investments, so we can start a garage to fix collector cars at the lowest possible cost."

Gunner's Great Garage would be like a "mall" hosting other hobby businesses. Shane's Classic Sports Cars operated by Shane Hanke was the first tenant. He focuses on popular sports cars like the MGB, Alfa-Romeo Spyder, Triumphs, etc. We were soon joined by Monaco Vintage Motors operated by Ted Svejda who has experience with Ferraris, other exotic automobiles and Pebble Beach quality restorations.

In start-up phase is Gasoline GAL-Ree, an auto art gallery and gift shop that Suzy Vaughan is launching. Suzy will also sell collectibles on consignment and specialize in gifts and products aimed at woman who are into cars.

As far as out repairs and restoration work goes, Gunner stresses that the businesses "middle name" - GREAT - is the important thing. We want to do great work at the lowest possible cost to our customers. Due to our low rents, hobby parts connections and experience, we believe we can do high-quality commercial restoration work at the lowest possible cost you'll find anywhere. We are committed to the concept of treating our fellow car collectors fairly.

We are not trying to say that quality restorations can be done cheaply. Gunner recently rebuilt his own MG TD engine and parts and machining alone cost over \$5,000. The toys we love cost money to fix! But we've found in the long run that we don't mind paying a fair, realistic price if the car works properly - and for a good long time - after it's done.

We are all about GREAT mechanical restorations. We can also handle some upholstery and trim work.

So, this is what Gunner's Great Garage is all about. We still have three offices left to rent for \$150 a month and we have an outside area that would be perfect for selling collector cars. If you ever dreamed of "Living the Dream" maybe we can help you.

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Milwaukee Masterpiece Concours Adds a Racing Bike Class

Motorcycles will be appearing at The Milwaukee Masterpiece for a second year! Twelve extremely unique motorcycles graced the show field last year to prove that there is a place for two-wheel vehicles in the hobby.

In a city rich with motorcycle history, it is only fitting that these two-wheel works of art be put on display, so for 2010 The Masterpiece will welcome the bikes back. In addition, a Racing Bikes class will be new this year, in addition to the Street Bikes "circle of elegance."

The Milwaukee Masterpiece (www.milwaukeeconcourse.com) is a full weekend of automotive events with rare cars and unique people from around the world. It takes place Aug. 21-22, from 10am-4pm in Veterans Park on the Milwaukee lakefront. If you are interested in entering an antique or vintage bike in the show contact the chairman of the motorcycle classes: John Gunnell. PO Box 87, Iola, WI 54949. Call 715-281-5925 or email Gunnellj@TDS.net.



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Flag Protocol

With July 4th and the current affinity for patriotic display of flags, it's important to know the proper protocol for the display of flags on non-military vehicles. These guidelines are based on the United States Flag Code. No other flag should be flown higher than the flag of the United States of America, nor should any flag be noticeably larger than the U.S. flag. The U.S. flag is mounted on its own right as the vehicle is moving forward. It is also proper to mount the flag in the center of the bumper, tour pack or rear fender of a motorcycle. If mounted with other flags, the U.S. flag should be in the center and higher than all other flags (uppermost red stripe should be above the top of other flags). If all the flags in a multiple display are the U.S. flag, then the center flag can be higher in the case of an odd number of flags, or all flags the same height in an even number of flags. Remember, the flag is on the right side of the vehicle (passenger side if a car or carb side for Harley's and other bikes). If more than one flag is on the pole, the other flag is always below the U.S. flag. The flag should not be at half-mast. In case of mourning, the flag should be furled and secured with a black mourning ribbon, or it can be flown with the black streamer attached to the top of the pole (not attached to the flag itself). There are many other protocols that deal with state's flags, organizations, regimental colors and even flags of other countries. Visit <http://militarysalute.proboards45.com> for more information and proudly display our flag properly. God bless America and our troops.

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