

# Treasure map to craftsmanship

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**D**o you need the carburetors rebuilt on your Shelby GT350? AZ Collector Cars does that. Do you need your 1938 Austin 7 Grand Prix car prepared for the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion? They do that. Do you need a body-off restoration on your vintage Ferrari GTO? They do that, too. AZ Collector Cars' master mechanics have decades of

experience working on all types of classic collector cars.

Located in a spanking clean facility on Ogden Road in Mesa, AZ Collector Cars is just a stone's throw from Falcon Field. However, it is nearly impossible to find, unless you have the street address. The building is unmarked, and this is by design, because it also serves as the museum for Brent Berge's priceless vintage car collection. Security is paramount for both Mr. Berge's and AZ Collector Car customers' cars. If you want the address, call them; they will be glad to direct you to their shop.

Ken Schutze is a former aircraft mechanic for the military and for Boeing. Ken has worked on

Bill Pope's vintage car collection, which has won many concours honors, including the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance and the recent new Arizona Concours d'Elegance. Ken has also worked for Terry Larson's Jags restoring vintage C-Type, D-Type and Lister-Jaguars. (Larson is quite simply the most celebrated restorer of vintage racing Jaguars on the planet).

Schutze's counterpart at AZ Collector Cars is Zack Wornbacher. Zack was formally education at the Colorado School of Mines, before he became enamored with vintage car restoration. He worked under the master Mike Dopudja on Ferraris, Maseratis and Shelby Daytona Coupes. Zack is not just a mechanic—he is a master restorer of vintage cars.

Between Schutze and Wornbacher, they have more hands-on experience in the repair and restoration of vintage cars than anyone should have a right to.

A vintage race car driver once told us that "Ken Schutze is the MacGyver of vintage race car mechanics. At the track, he can make a part out of almost anything." True enough, Ken is a trackside genius with an amazing ability to fabricate parts on the spot. When you give Ken a great shop, remarkable tools and some time, he produces even more amazing results.

For a one-on-one with AZ Collector Cars, call 480-985-2675. Check out their state-of-the-art facility and the remarkable work they do on classic cars. You will be impressed. ■

