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Car Show Highlights,
Auction News and More!



Wally's Speed Shop, Loveland, Colorado

GREAT RESOURCES - WALLY'S SPEED SHOP

I am excited to be able to feature another great resource for collector car enthusiasts in this issue. As I have stated here many times, we are blessed to have so many great shops in Colorado and surrounding areas that cater to the needs of collector car owners who either do not have the time or all of the many skills that it takes to work on their cars themselves. Another great thing about the shops in our area that most people may not realize,

is that while they are somewhat competitive in nature, most are very helpful to one another and generally maintain a good working relationship with many shops.

The shop featured in this issue is a relatively new one called Wally's Speed Shop, which opened for business in September of 2016 with Wally and one employee in a small space near downtown Loveland, Colorado. They quickly outgrew that space and moved

to their current location at 254 Barberry Place, on the south side of Loveland, in December 2017 where they now have Wally plus four employees and about 7,000 square feet of space that once again they have quickly outgrown and are looking at a possible move to a larger space in the future if they can find a suitable facility.

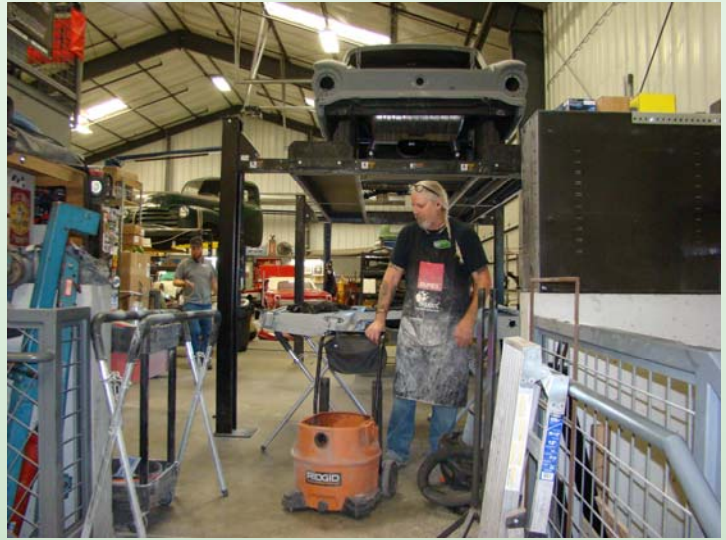
Walter "Wally" Veigel

was born in southern California but his family moved to Texas when he was just four years old. He grew up there graduating from high school in Arlington. Like many car guys that I've known, myself included, Wally's father was mechanically inclined, but he wasn't really a car guy, he was a welder by trade and had some friends that were into hot rods. Having no influence from his father, Wally wasn't into cars in his youth, he loved baseball and scouting. He later owned a 1963 Chevrolet C10 Pickup that broke down on him on multiple occasions. He was young and couldn't afford to have needed repairs done at a shop, so out of necessity he worked on the truck himself. He taught himself how to repair and do maintenance on the truck the old-fashioned way, by reading books from the library and asking parts store counter employees and other people who were into cars how to do things when he needed some guidance. Fortunately, he was able to find good people who were willing to share their knowledge.

Wally - Unpacking A Parts Delivery



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Sharing knowledge is something we all need to do more of when we have the opportunity to help younger people in the hobby.

After high school Wally had a scholarship playing baseball while studying pre-med in college. After an injury that ended his baseball dreams, he decided that college wasn't for him. Fortunately, he had something he could fall back on, his developing passion for cars. After leaving college, he attended Lincoln Tech in Grand Prairie, Texas. While there, one of his buddy's was involved in dirt track racing and drag racing. Wally developed an interest in racing and building race cars. After graduating from Lincoln Tech, he worked at AutoZone, then Toyota and Lexus dealerships for about twelve years. He moved to Colorado in 2006 to help open the Stevinson Lexus dealership in Frederick, Colorado. During this time he had several different cars of his own and his

passion for cars was growing. He left Stevinson Lexus and worked for Ron Jones Garage for a short time. In the meantime, Wally had been married and was starting his own family. Wally and his wife decided they would move back to Texas where he worked for House of Hot Rods for about a year. They decided to move back to Colorado in



2014 when he went back to work for Ron Jones Garage until he decided to open his own shop in 2016 and put down permanent roots here in northern Colorado.

Wally's Speed Shop has grown to a crew of five, including Wally himself. Todd, Lance, Jarod, Bill and Wally are a cohesive crew of guys that all have a passion for cars.

All of the guys are active with projects of their own and share a common bond for all things automotive. With over 114 years of cumulative experience in automotive mechanical work, metal fabrication, body work, paint and automotive restoration, Wally's Speed Shop is a full service shop that does everything from complete builds to minor repairs, engine swaps and wiring to full restorations. Everything is done in-house except for upholstery work. With an unwavering commitment to quality and service, Wally and his crew are quickly growing into one of the top resources in the area for collector car owners. Wally's is currently looking for two qualified people to expand on the foundation he has already established.

As always, we suggest you look at all your options when selecting a shop that fits your needs. Give Wally a call at 970-669-1869 to talk about your project. **HC**



2019 CAR SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

As the 2019 car show season draws to a close here in Colorado and much of the country, it's time to reflect on all the cruise nights and car shows we have attended.

When I think of the events I've personally had the pleasure of attending in 2019, there are several that stand out in my mind. I've shared a few photos here, as limited space has allowed. I always enjoy the NSRA Rocky Mountain Nationals in Pueblo and the Blue Light Special by the Road Knights is always a great show. The Good-Guys show in Loveland is always a lot of fun and the largest show I always look forward is the NSRA Street Rod Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky. This year's show was the 50th Anniversary and drew about 13,000 cars! I also enjoyed the Wellington show July 4th, the Windsor show and the Cheyenne show in September and many other smaller shows. While the small shows are fun too, the larger shows usually gives you a chance to observe a more diverse selection of cars. As an auto appraiser, attending cruise nights and car shows keeps me better informed about new trends in the hobby as well as gives me the opportunity to enjoy the car culture at its grass roots. I don't get to drive my street rod as much or attend as many events as I would like, summer is usually my busiest time of year for appraising.

The last time I checked, just a few months ago in fact, there were over 115,000 registered 1975 or older cars and trucks in the state of Colorado and yet the larger car shows in the state sometimes struggle to top 2,000 cars. I know we all have busy lives and it's hard to justify spending two or three days at some of the events. But there is much more to being there than just the cars. They are social events where you can meet new people and make new friends. To me, it doesn't get much better than that!

If you normally don't attend cruise nights or car shows, I urge you to try a few next year. Drive your collector car as often as possible, join the fun, meet new people, nurture friendships and enjoy all the great cars. Car enthusiasts are generally good, friendly people who thoroughly enjoy their hobby. I hope to see you out there next year! **HC**



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