

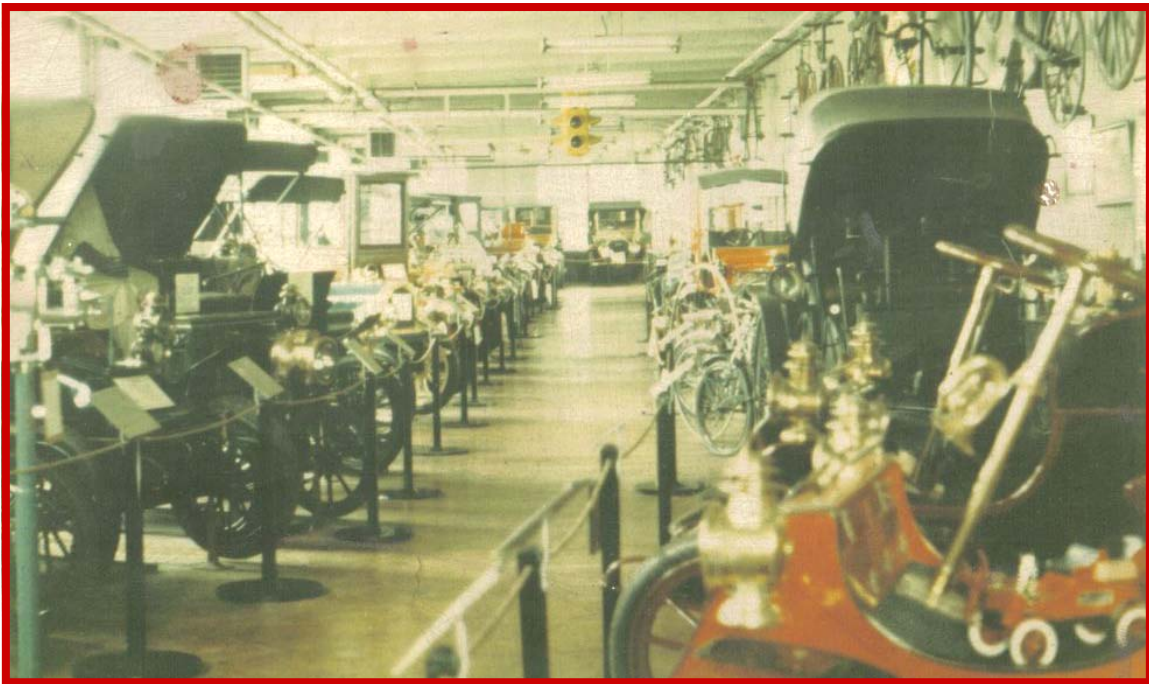
POLLOCK AUTO RESTORATION

SHOP TALK

GLOBAL ISSUE—WINTER 2009 Vol 15 Issue 2P

WANTED! POLLOCK AUTO SHOWCASE HISTORY AND PHOTOS

We are pleased to announce that Pollock Auto Restoration in Pottstown, PA is back in operation. We recognize that over the years many wonderful automobiles and people have come through our building; first as Bill Pollock's Auto Showcase and more recently, Pollock Auto Restoration, under the care and guidance of Ralph DeStefano.



We feel a deep commitment to preserving this incredible chapter of automotive history. In order to pay tribute to those who have come before us, we are seeking memories, stories and photographs about events, people and cars that were connected with Pollock Auto Showcase and Pollock Auto Restorations. Please contact Dave Hutchison at info@pollockauto.com or 610-323-7108

A TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM



FOR YOUR CLASSIC CAR OR TRAILER

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has developed a Federal Motor



Vehicle Safety Standard that requires the installation of tire pressure monitoring systems on new cars. Maintaining correct tire pressure saves you fuel, extends the life of your tires, protects against tire wear, and guards against dangerous loss of traction. Keep track of your tires in real time with a tire pressure/temperature monitoring system.

The four or five sensors transmit the tire data to a cockpit display, saving your hands from getting dirty every time you want to check your tire pressures.

The remote sensors replace the valve stems in your vehicle's wheels. These systems can only be used on tubeless tires. Proper installation, tire replacement, and wheel balancing should be performed by a professional mechanic. Pollock Auto Restoration can assist with fitting a TPMS to your classic car.



STORAGE AT POLLOCK AUTO

When it comes to Classic and Antique Automobiles, we feel that the best storage is to not store your car. Drive Your Car as much as possible to preserve it in top condition and you can enjoy it all year. Whether you believe in Global Warming or not, there's no denying that even during January and February there are weekends with bright sunny skies and beautiful conditions for getting in at least a short ride in your favorite car. And we encourage you to do just that—get out and enjoy it!

However we also are aware that there are times when it is necessary to put your car up for several months for a variety of reasons. At Pollock Auto Restoration we offer indoor, heated storage for your Classic and Antique cars and motorcycles. Our building in Pottstown has a security alarm system, a full fire suppression sprinkler system and we are fully insured. We would be happy to take care of your special car for any length of time that fits your needs. We can also offer any level of maintenance that you feel is appropriate for the time your car is staying with us. This includes properly putting your car into storage, protecting the car while it rests with us and preparing it when you are ready to put it back into regular service.



SPECIAL OFFER

STORE YOUR CAR THIS WINTER AND GET THE FIRST 31 DAYS FOR FREE!

If you'd like to learn more or visit the facility, please call 610-323-7108.

WINTER STORAGE

by John Twist, University Motors

Ask a dozen classic car owners how each of them stored his special car last year and you will receive a dozen different answers. Methods range from abandoning the vehicle under a tree in the front yard, to complex routines involving raising the classic off the ground and removing the seats. There is not a "proper" method as each owner has slightly different considerations and requirements -- yet there are basic rules to follow in any storage procedure that will reduce the probability of damage during storage. In addition to the normal precautions for freezing temperature, some thought must be given to location, access, traffic around the stored car, humidity, rodents, etc. It is important to develop a plan that you can easily follow and that you implement before winter shows its icy Arctic fury.

Continued on page 6



Cars and Parts for Sale

When we moved into the Pollock building in Pottstown, we also got responsibility for everything that was inside the building. This included equipment and many high quality tools that will enable us to maintain the high standards of workmanship that Pollock is know for. But, it also included some cars and lots of parts of questionable heritage.

But, along with all the 'junk' there are some real treasures. Below are some cars that the owners would like to sell. If you or someone you know might be interested in a closer inspection of any of these vehicles, please call Pollock Auto Restoration (610-232-7108) and ask Barb to set up a time when you can come out and look them over. And remember; Pollock Auto Restoration would be happy to help you with the restoration of these fine automobiles!

We also acquired many parts for antique and vintage cars, some of which are not yet identified. Feel free to come out & browse! Maybe you'll find what you need to finish your project!



**1928
ESSEX
\$2500**



**1931
MODEL A
\$1800**

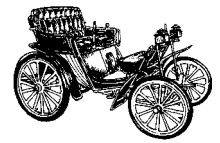


**1930
DODGE
\$1800**



**1928 INVICTA Touring Body;
Fabric covered body
white leather interior,
trunk, top, rear fenders
\$35,000**

Please note; color photos are available in the digital version of the newsletter on our website: www.pollockauto.com



Many of these loose parts (and there's a lot more than pictured here!) are for sale. We're not sure of the application of everything, but you're welcome to come and take a look at what's here.



(Continued from page 3)

STORAGE DAMAGE WE HAVE WITNESSED!

Damage during storage results from neglect or abuse - and we've "seen it all!" Cars stored without antifreeze resulting in cracked blocks, burst radiators and heaters; old gasoline evaporated until all that's left are giant, hardened blocks of varnish knocking around inside the tank; gasoline lines, fuel pumps, and carburetors plugged with gooey aged petrol. Dented fenders, cracked glass, perforated soft tops caused by carelessness or accidents from adults and children -- corroded chrome, scaly undercarriages, frozen brakes and mildewed interiors from damp storage. But the damage from rodents is most pervasive - those nasty creatures burrow into the seats, the bonnet insulation, the interior - even the exhaust pipe. We have found nests in the boot, fender wells, pedal boxes, inside the heater boxes and air cleaners, in the folded tonneau ... nearly everywhere. We disassembled an engine once to find a mouse nest **INSIDE** a cylinder. We've removed 20 pounds of dogfood from the engine bay! One convertible had a perfectly round hole the size of a silver dollar gnawed right in the middle of the top (it had remained folded down all winter).

BASIC RULES FOR STORAGE

Freezing temperatures require a 50/50 solution of antifreeze and water to prevent the coolant from freezing in the engine block, radiator, or heater. A full tank of gasoline reduces the amount of water that can be absorbed by the petrol and slows the rate at which the gasoline turns to varnish. Fresh oil in the sump reduces bearing etching, caused by dirty, acidic, contaminated oil. A topped off master cylinder reduces water contamination in the hydraulic lines.

Store your convertible with the top up, windows and vents closed. The folding top can develop nasty creases when left folded throughout the winter. Closed vents and windows make it more difficult for small furry creatures to foul or devour parts of the interior. It's always nice to clean the car's interior prior to storage—discarded bottles and cigarette butts do not enhance the interior bouquet. Ensure that the trunk is dry. The trunk lid seal is not always positive and some moisture can collect on the floor. Left to nature throughout the winter, this can rust the floor or inner fenders about the trunk area. Discharging an entire can of WD-40 (or similar product) on all the engine components, especially the bright metal or aluminum parts (carbs, coil, etc) easily protects the under-hood area (engine bay). A large piece of plastic on the floor protects the underside of the chassis from moisture rising up through the concrete

Finally, take your automobile on the last run of the season allowing it to heat up fully. A half-hour run is wonderful. This will evaporate all the moisture in the exhaust and engine. Park the car in its winter home and leave the handbrake OFF. If you will not see the car until Spring, either remove the battery to a heated environment - or fit one of the new constant maintenance battery chargers and simply leave the car plugged in all winter. If you cover your car, use cloth, never plastic.

(Continued on page 7)



(Continued from page 6)

Insurance is a MUST -- even on your stored classic! Always keep a theft/damage/vandalism/fire policy in effect on your car. Vintage cars are still stolen; garages collapse under the weight of snow; nasty neighborhood children may wish to redecorate your antique -- or worse; and fire is always a possibility. This comprehensive insurance is very inexpensive and you simply cannot afford to be without it. Be certain to establish the value of your car with the insurance agent before the loss!

STORAGE CONSIDERATIONS

Consider the following questions and make your own storage plan from these concerns:

- 1) Location -- Will your cars be stored close to home or in a barn forty miles distant? Will they be stored inside or outside?
- 2) Access -- Will the vehicle be locked in a building to which you will have little or no access, or will it be available every day? Will it be possible to drive your car during the winter or will it be positioned in the corner of the garage?
- 3) Traffic -- Will the car be isolated from movement, or will the family Vista Cruiser discharge four energetic, careless children who will open doors against it?
- 4) Humidity -- Will the storage area be very dry or will there be a puddle of melting snow forever swilling under the car?
- 5) Temperature -- Will the storage temperatures be room temp, just above freezing, or dead cold?
- 6) Animals -- Will the family cat use the soft top as a springboard, will Spike jump against it, are there furry rodents which may use the car as a hotel or find the leather seats tasty at mealtime?
- 7) Owner Maintenance -- will you really have the opportunity, inclination, time, and resolve to visit your car every week or month?

This information was provided by John Twist, the owner of University Motors in Michigan. John has been working on MG's since some time in the early 1600's and has forgotten more than most people know about these wonderful British cars.

John H Twist, Service Manager
University Motors Ltd
6490 Fulton Street East
Ada, Michigan 49301-9006 USA
Phone (616) 682 0800
[www. universitymotorsltd. com](http://www.universitymotorsltd.com)

© University Motors Press 1st 030893 102004 jht

For more thoughts on storing your antique or classic automobiles please visit this webpage <www.ragtops.com/article_winter.html>

POLLOCK AUTO RESTORATION

a division of RAGTOPS & ROADSTERS, Inc.
70 SOUTH FRANKLIN STREET
POTTSTOWN, PA 19464
610-323-7108

Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
PAID
Perkasie, PA 18944
Permit No. 30

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



610-323-7108 • FAX 484-941-6605 • www.pollockauto.com • info@pollockauto.com

www.pollockauto.com is under construction.
Please continue to check the website as we add
photos, articles and useful information.

Also view www.ragtops.com

