



Custom-built structure blends well with Washington wilderness.

Dock Street Garage

A Special Place Upon the Shores

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The Pacific Northwest, despite its reputation of having enough rainfall to cause Noah to visit the local lumberyard, is overflowing with great cars and great garages to park them in. One of these outstanding garages is known in the local car community as the Dock Street Garage. The Puget Sound shoreline is a stones throw from the garage and some good advice to Noah is to stop by the garage on his next cruise to any nearby mountain top.

Ed, the owner and builder of the Dock Street Garage, wanted a "playroom" where he could display his 16 collector cars, neon signs, jukebox, Coke machine, automotive and petroleum memorabilia, and also have a separate office. When the tunes blasting from the jukebox demand it, there's also a dance floor where he and his wife, Tanya, can kick off their shoes and dance the night away like a couple of high school sweethearts.

Ed began construction of his 4,000-square foot garage in 2000, and by 2005 he'd completed what is considered by his neighbors to be either a fantastic garage or the place where that nice eccentric guy down the street keeps all of that old car stuff. The cars displayed are a bit heavy on the Ford Motor Company side but Ed has allowed the marques Desoto, Kaiser, Studebaker and Packard to take up several hundred square feet.

One of the most striking visuals that greet visitors is the continuous neon that runs along the wall behind each car. The neon tubing, once it has arrived at any particular car's nearby wall, spells out the make of the car and then proceeds on to the next car to do the same. Also behind each car is a two foot by three foot hermetically sealed display case built within the wall. Each case is filled with era memorabilia that is particular to the car parked in front of the display case. The walls,