

# The Mississippi Example

## Home Away from Home at Home



A side door makes access easy to this Hot Rod garage.

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**W**hat is it about the garage that has such a multi dialectic appeal?

Garages speak every language fluently, and exclude no one. Not a bad place to start when the task at hand is to shed some light on this phenomenon we call garagedom. Since you are reading this, you're one of the ones. You get it at some level, whether you can explain *it* or not. This story is more than a story. It's an attempt to present you with a place in the world that exemplifies the heart of the matter. Truth be told, any shop or garage would do, as long as it was somebody's favorite place. This particular garage in Mississippi happens to be just that, and is the example of the day for good reason.

The design, construction, and décor of this garage were born of deliberate intent. As fate would have it, function lost out to form in the overall scheme. Fellowship took first place, with décor and efficient work flow following. Why? First, the priorities for this garage were planned differently than most, and secondly, nobody has to make a living here. That being said, yes you can work here, and yes the equipment is here (you name it), and yes the tools are here – but so is a significant allotment of space for visiting – comfortably.

Built on a slope, the foundation steps down in the middle to accommodate the landscape; as such, the idea of one big room was avoided, and the concept of divided space evolved. The result is two interior levels, which adds character and makes things more interesting. The lower level, or car shop as it's been coined, has a taller ceiling making it possible to add a lift if need be. Tools, benches, jacks, stands, air compressors, vices, parts washing equipment, hardware and the like each