

Deceitful storage is actually an amazing collection of garages.



# The Pearl Within

## A Factory Serves as Home to Priceless Gems

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Real estate is a shrinking commodity in Southern California, especially along the coastal communities. For automobile enthusiasts, it's a perpetual problem, and growing. More often than not, the solution is offsite storage, which can become excruciatingly expensive. But, for a select few, the solution is quite simple – bring your hobby to work. Gary is one of the select few who was able to do just that. He built a set of garages within the factory his company owns, each one unique to the personality of the car.

"When you live near the beach, or rather on a harbor as I do, space is not only a premium, it's a luxury most cannot afford," he said. "The land simply isn't available for a multitude of cars."

Gary's garages house a 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gull Wing, 2004 Mercedes-Benz SL600, 1937 Cord 812, 1994 Dodge Viper and a 1931 and 1936 Packard. The garages were built by Emil Varga of Edgemont Construction Company, who took great care in creating the unique spaces each vehicle has.

"He outdid himself. He did a lot of work in my personal home as well, and that's how I discovered that he would be the perfect man for creating the garages that would suit the cars," Gary commented.

While it would have been easy for Gary and Emil to simply build storage chambers for the cars, Gary felt it was more fun, and showed a bit of respect to the cars creating special garages.

"Like people, every car has a personality. So, to me, it made sense to build garages that would suit each car," Gary



Cord 812 is a concours winner - the garage fits well.