

Wayne Carini

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Wayne Carini is one of those guys that pretty much any car guy can relate to. He's constantly on the quest for the rarest, most sought after, most unique cars ever built, cars that he personally loves, and more to the point, that his clients are looking for. His dealership, F40 Motorsports, in Portland, Connecticut specializes in locating the rarest of the rare, and placing them in new, enthusiastic homes. If you're a subscriber to Discovery HD Theater television, you probably know this, as you've likely seen Chasing Classic Cars produced by Essex Television.

"Chasing Classic Cars isn't just a title, it's what I've always done," said Wayne. "Interestingly, the concept came from a Hudson Italia that I had been chasing for years, and finally acquired. It came into my Dad's shop for a scratch repair, and I just kept after it. When I finally got the car, the story got a write up in the New York Times, and that caught the attention of Essex Television, who came out to see me, and the next thing you know, we're doing a TV show about the business and the hobby."

Wayne's love for automobiles spans back to childhood, working with his father, who enjoyed restoring and maintaining cars such as Duesenbergs, Packards and Model As. Carini senior was an avid fan of the Model A and one of the original founders of the first Model A Restorers Club. Wayne recalls traveling to Dearborn to attend the first Model A Restorers Club meet in 1952, an event that elicited only about 10 Model As. Currently, it's one of the largest clubs in the world. With this exposure to cars, he was learning to love them, but his

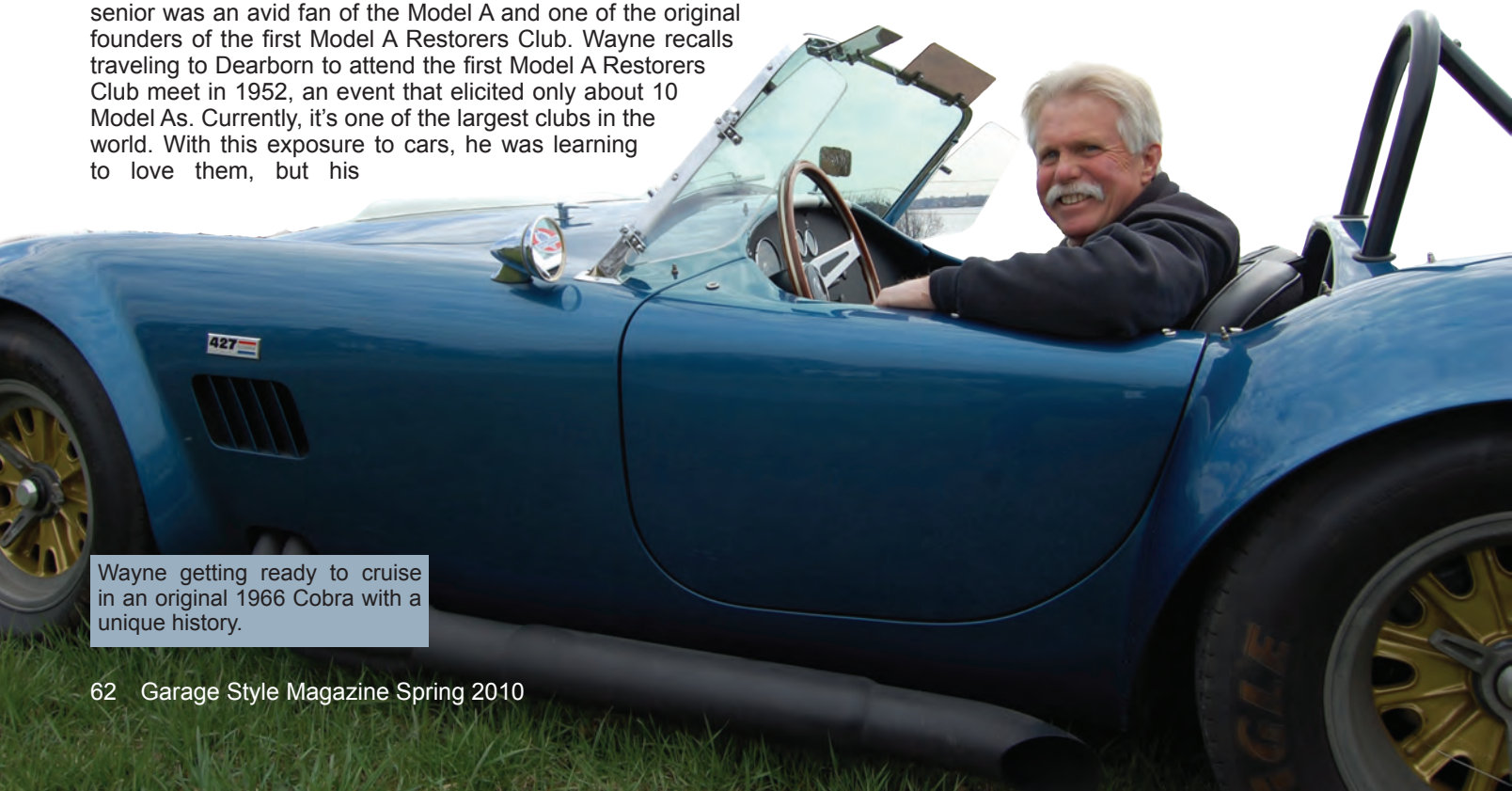


appreciation for cars would be sealed on a vacation with his family when he was 10 years old.

"We used to vacation in the Catskill Mountains, and there was a doctor who also vacationed up there, and one time he brought a short wheelbase Ferrari 250," he said. "That car just made such an impression on me, I couldn't shake it. He took me for a ride, and that was it, I was hooked."

Largely because of that day, Wayne became a huge fan of European racing and cars from all walks of life. Having a good grasp of automotive restoration from his father, Wayne began to learn about Ferrari restoration from specialists in the know such as Luigi Chinetti Jr. and Francois Sicard. As his talent and appreciation grew, his interests leaned toward vehicles seldom seen and rarely known, a trait that continues today. Currently, his personal collection is comprised of cars like Mini Coopers, a Davis Devine, a Hudson Italia, an MG Airline Coupe, an Arnolt Bristol Coupe, a 1926 Bentley 3-liter, Renault Jolly, Fiat Multipla and some Ferraris, to name a few. In total, he has roughly 35 cars that he's bought over the years.

"I love to share my cars, but I don't normally talk



Wayne getting ready to cruise in an original 1966 Cobra with a unique history.