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## American Classic Cars Have Become A World-Wide Fascination

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(March 10, 2008 – Lebanon, Tennessee) Interest in the American classic car continues to grow and on most any weekend classic car shows are common throughout the USA during spring and summer months, most within a few miles of just about any community. The “American classic” phenomenon has made its way across the Atlantic Ocean to the European continent and is rapidly spreading to various other communities around the globe. Worldwide interest in these classic automobiles seems to have reached astronomical proportions.

A small company in Lebanon, Tennessee (about 30 miles east of Nashville) has recognized the importance of high profile positioning in this unique “global” market. Classic Cars Southeast buys sells and restores investment quality, American classic and muscle cars. The classic car dealership’s “all-indoor” “museum quality” showroom is a “world-class” facility for the most discerning car enthusiast and has evolved into a preferred attraction for many international tourists visiting the Nashville area, especially Europeans.

“Requests for our classic cars are received from auto enthusiasts worldwide,” said Dale Nunnery, founder and president of Classic Cars Southeast, “the internet has made it possible for everyone to seem as close as a next door neighbor and we have “pending” inquires from places such as Guam, Germany and Spain.” Autos have already been exported to international destinations such as Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Italy and Sweden. At least one has found its way to the Middle East and there have been several visitors to the showroom, along with numerous internet inquiries, from the United Kingdom. Such aggressive activity has made the small town dealership a prominent player in the international arena. Muscle cars seem to be favorites of the European clients, most preferred being the Corvette, GTO, Mustang and Camaro.

Nunnery, a dedicated classic car enthusiast himself, had a collection of 14 vehicles when, in early 2004, he learned that the local Lebanon, Tennessee Coca Cola distribution facility had closed and the building was for sale. Shortly afterwards he purchased the property and began one of the most interesting, exciting and challenging ventures one could imagine. The four-year-old company now employs a work force of professionals dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the American classic automobile.

Various types and models of vehicles may travel through the facility at times, however, Nunnery and his crew try to deal with the best sellers, which are primarily muscle cars and others manufactured between the late 50’s and early 70’s. The vehicles are acquired from various sources, including auctions, car shows and special sales. “The largest single purchase we ever made was in 2005”, Nunnery recalled, “that’s when a collection of 24 vehicles were acquired at an auction for close to one million US dollars.”

The dealership’s spectacular showroom has become a popular backdrop for various photo shoots and videos. It has been included in specific TV programming for CMT Canada, SPIKE TV, Spanish TV, Nashville’s NBC network affiliate, Nashville Public Television and special programming with the two local cable network providers, Charter Mainstream and Comcast Spotlight. These media outlets, coupled with a major internet campaign, have helped to acquire recognition from local, national and international automobile enthusiasts. Classic Cars Southeast is also involved in various car shows in the US. They will co-sponsor the 2008 Corvette Homecoming in Bowling Green, Kentucky June 18 - 20. Spectators and participants at this event will be treated to a tour of the Corvette plant and museum, check out their website at [www.corvettehomecoming.com](http://www.corvettehomecoming.com).

Not only does Classic Cars Southeast have one of the largest “world-class” showrooms in America, they have an impressive “state-of-the-art” classic car restoration center. Any automotive project can be completed in this 10,500 sq. ft. restoration facility where their professional staff can deliver a full service maintenance program from minor tune-ups and engine service to a complete “frame-off” restoration. To ensure that “eye-catching” and impressive “head-turning” professional finish, the staff uses and recommends quality DuPont Performance Coatings distributed by COLORMATCH Automotive Refinish Centers. NAPA truck and Auto parts are also used and recommended by the staff. The facility has acquired the prestigious title of “Preferred NAPA Auto Care Collision Center”. NAPA is known for maintaining an adequate stock inventory for classic and antique automobiles. Additional dealership information can be found on their internet website at [www.classiccars.com](http://www.classiccars.com).

There are numerous American car clubs already established in various international communities, particularly throughout Europe. Likewise, American car shows are becoming more common in these same areas, enhancing interest, desire and demand for these “vintage” vehicles. Denmark resident, Klaus Sorensen, saw a 1965 Mustang Fastback on the Classic Cars Southeast website and soon afterwards purchased it. He is completely satisfied with his muscle car and drives it often, especially when he attends meetings of the local Mustang club in his hometown of Ringsted. “The classic lines of the Mustang are what I like most about my classic auto”, says Klaus, “they are the greatest attraction and that’s why I wanted this exact car.” Italian entrepreneurs, Matteo Preziosi and Claudio Zanetti share a long time friendship and a mutual appreciation for the American classics. They recognize the potential of being involved in the growing trend in Europe and are currently coordinating plans to open an American classic car dealership in Milan sometime during 2008.

According to Nunnery, American customers buy the automobiles for various reasons. Some just want a memorable part of Americana, others go for that personal sentiment and may want the same vehicle in which they acquired their first drivers licenses. Couples often ask for assistance in finding the car driven during their earlier “dating” years, if not the special one used when that important question was asked that would link them together for eternity. There are more cases emerging where the customer desires a particular vehicle to hold in a garage for a few years and treat it as an investment opportunity. Other than investments, international customers seem to just want these vehicles because of their great looks, great feel and historical backgrounds.

To satisfy such a healthy appetite for the American classic car, some entrepreneurs are remaking favorite brands of the most popular autos of the past. These “limited edition” or “built-to-order” super cars come with a variety of “special order” specifications. The vehicles can have highly sophisticated styling and come equipped with modern technology and high velocity. The 1969 Camaro “super car” remake is just one example of the exciting models that have emerged from the past. In fact, this particular new convertible body shell can even be considered a “mail-order” muscle car, as it is possible to separately purchase a new body shell and all other parts to begin the building process.

One company has come up with the ultimate concept to memorialize the classic auto era. **N2A Motors** has already captured the attention of Chevy lovers worldwide with their new “789” model automobile. This iconic vehicle portrays an image of combined design elements of three very popular classic Chevy models. Named for the three years represented in the overall design, the “789” has the “hooded eyes” and chrome grille bar of a 1957 Bel Air, a mid-section and tri-toned interior that is reminiscent of a 1958 Impala and the “bird in flight” rear tailfins of a 1959 Impala. These three vehicles are all instantly recognizable classics celebrated by enthusiasts around the world.

The “789” is built on a 2005 – 2007 Corvette C6 chassis, the same “consistently winning” chassis, in its class, at the 24 hours of LeMans for the past few years. It is known in the car world as the best value in a performance chassis ever produced. The price of a turnkey “789” is \$135,000 USD and will come well equipped with all corvette standard equipment, including the 400 horsepower aluminum block V8 engine. There will be limited production of this “one-of-a-kind” ride and no two cars will have the identical paint scheme or colors. With more than 10,000 interior combinations, every proud owner can remain an individual. In fact, the name of the company, **N2A Motors**, is derived from their philosophy of “**No 2 Alike**”. Additional information on the 789 can be obtained on the company’s website at [www.ntamotors.com](http://www.ntamotors.com).



*One of America's most favorite classic automobiles is the Ford Mustang. Pictured above is a beautiful red 1967 convertible with black interior. It has a rebuilt 200 hp engine that is complimented by a C-4 automatic transmission and power steering. The Mustang is also favored by many European enthusiasts because of its size, comfort, power and particularly due to its ease in maneuvering around narrow streets.*



*Ask any classic auto enthusiast to name a favorite American classic vehicle and the Chevrolet Camaro will most likely come up in conversation. This beautiful white 1968 model is sure to make heads turn with envy no matter where it is seen. With a 327 ci / 250 hp engine, automatic transmission and 4 barrel carburetor, this "super car" speaks for itself in any language.*



*The Pontiac GTO has proven to be a fierce competitor with enthusiasts throughout America and many international communities. This 1969 GTO JUDGE model, equipped with a 400 cu, 360 horsepower engine and 4-speed transmission, always receives the proper respect it deserves.*



*By the 50's, styling had evolved into a feature that was of equal importance to performance for the automotive enthusiasts. This prompted General Motors to come up with a sports car that provided them with a competitive edge in both areas. That's when, in the early 1950's, the first Corvette model was introduced to the public and it remains a prevalent contender in today's market. Pictured above is a beautiful 1959 model that came equipped with a 283 cubic inch V8 engine and three-speed manual transmission as standard equipment. A very popular option was an innovative removable hardtop. This breathtaking sports car commands the attention of everyone it passes, at home or abroad.*



*The “789” model is the brain child of California based, N2A Motors. Their limited production “dream vehicle” gets its name from the body being styled from a combination of several popular classic Chevy designs. The front appears as a 1957 Bel Air, the mid-section as a 1958 Impala and the rear tailfins are the image of a classic 1959 Impala. This new body style sits on a Corvette C6 chassis powered by a 400 horsepower aluminum block V8 engine.*



*The Classic Cars Southeast showroom has become a favorite place to visit for many enthusiasts. This 28,000 square foot “all-inside” facility is truly a unique place where any car lover can reminisce on a very special walk down “memory lane”. It has developed into a popular destination for local motorcycle and car club cruise-ins and has also become a favorite backdrop for entertainment industry photos and videos. It is easy to understand why it is on the list as a favorite destination of so many American and international visitors.*