

Updating a Classic Station Wagon: A 1963 Buick LeSabre Gets a Makeover!

Hold onto your surfboards and beach umbrellas, because we're diving headfirst into a restoration project that's sure to turn heads! We're thrilled to announce that a stunning 1963 Buick LeSabre Station Wagon mild restomod is rolling into the V8 Speed and Resto Shop for a complete exterior refresh.

These 1960s wagons are the epitome of cool, offering spacious comfort and timeless style. But let's be honest, even the coolest classics need some love after years on the road. This beauty is no exception, and we're excited to bring its original shine back to life.

The plan? A meticulous repaint in its factory-fresh color will be the star of the show. But that's not all! We'll also be meticulously restoring the trim, ensuring every detail gleams like new. We have a few other surprises up our sleeves, but let's just say this iconic wagon will be ready to cruise in style once again.

Stay tuned as we document this exciting journey! We'll be sharing behind-the-scenes glimpses, restoration tips, and of course, the final reveal of this magnificent Buick LeSabre. Buckle up, gearheads, and get ready for a trip down memory lane - with a twist of modern magic!

P.S. Have a classic car that needs some TLC? We'd love to hear about it! Drop a comment below and tell us about your dream restoration project.

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Machine Shop Job Opening: Now Hiring Auto Engine Machinist Technician

The V8 Speed and Resto Shop Team has a performance engine machine shop job opening! We are hiring an Engine Machinist Technician for Restoration and Custom Cars at the V8 Speed and Resto Shop in Red Bud, IL!

Are you an experienced engine machinist? Can you disassemble, clean, measure, machine, and reassemble engines and take pride in your precision work? Are you passionate about breathing new life into classic cars? Do you have a keen eye for detail and a thorough understanding of engine operation and how to make power? If so, the V8 Speed and Resto Shop is looking for you! We are a renowned automotive restoration and customization shop with a great Team culture, competitive salaries, and outstanding benefits. We are seeking a talented and experienced Engine Machinist for our in-house Engine Machine Shop.

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Engine Machinist Technician Job

Description:

Technician Responsibilities:

- Understand all the workings of an internal combustion engine, including design, theory, operation, and performance modifications.
- Possess knowledge of all engine parts and their functions.
- Ability to identify failure points and diagnose internal engine issues.
- Understand engine and valve train geometry, camshaft operation and specifications, seat pressures, head flow, cam timing, oiling systems, and other internal systems.
- Understand the effects of performance modifications to engines and how to implement them.
- Possess knowledge of the differences between daily-driver, weekend cruiser, and various levels of high-performance engines.
- Rebuild vintage and original engines for re-use in restored classic and muscle cars.
- Have familiarity with aftermarket and high performance engine products.
- Understand the operation of power adding devices such as superchargers and their internal engine requirements.
- Be resourceful in finding specifications for vintage engines to facilitate their repair or rebuild.
- Operate lathe, milling machine, engine parts Operates machine lathes to modify water pump castings, piston heads, valves and other such automotive components.
- Operate boring and crankshaft grinding machinery.
- Clean parts, before and after machining in agitator type cleaning tanks to remove grease and oil particulates.
- Operate lathe, boring, or honing machines to refinish internal surfaces of bearing connecting rods.
- Verify dimensions using micrometres, calipers and height gauges to ensure adherence to tolerance and specifications.
- Ability to make recommendations to achieve performance goals of an engine.
- Apply modern technology to vintage engines where required / requested,

such as coatings, sealers, main seals, etc.

- Grind metal surfaces of engine blocks and cylinder heads using portable and fixed machinery.
- Repair cracks in engine cylinder heads or other vehicle parts using heliarc welding equipment.
- Operate drum lathe to resurface brake drums or discs.
- Operate flywheel grinder to resurface flywheels.
- Assemble engines in short, long or full assembly configurations.
- Ability to effectively work with individuals at all levels including management, customers, vendors and co-workers.
- Ability to work independently.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Reconditioning various parts such as heads and connecting rods, assisting with or performing crank, valve and flywheel grinding and the installation of valve seats, helicoils, sleeves and valve guides.
- Operate various other shop machines as needed such as drills, lathes, mills and other shop hand tools.
- Collaborate with our passionate team to ensure every project meets our high standards of quality.

Engine Machinist Technician Skills, Experience, and Job Requirements:

- Proven experience as an Engine Machinist Technician.
- A keen eye for detail and a commitment to delivering exceptional results.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team and independently on projects.
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- Excellent communication skills and a customer-centric approach.
- Passion for custom cars and the automotive culture.

Join Our Enthusiastic Team!

If you have a deep love for classic cars, take pride in your craftsmanship, and possess the skills to bring engines back to life, we want to hear from you! At the V8 Speed and Resto Shop, you'll have the opportunity to work on remarkable projects and collaborate with fellow automotive enthusiasts.

About The V8 Speed and Resto Shop:

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- Competitive salary based on experience.

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If you want consistent, rewarding work every day, every week, building award winning show cars this is a job for you! We are hiring for this auto body shop job opening now.

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Are you an experienced auto body repair technician? Are you passionate about breathing new life into classic cars? Do you have a keen eye for detail and a skill set that transforms vehicles into automotive masterpieces? If so, the V8 Speed and Resto Shop is looking for you! We are a renowned automotive restoration and customization shop with a great Team culture, competitive salaries, and outstanding benefits. We are seeking a talented and experienced Auto Body Technician to join our dynamic team.

Auto Body Technician Job Description:

As an Auto Body Technician specializing in restoration and custom cars, you will play a vital role in transforming vintage vehicles into works of art in our body shop. You will be responsible for a range of tasks, **including bodywork, panel installation and fitment, minor ding / dent repair, fitting of trim, block sanding of fillers, and primers, and body assembly.** Your expertise will help preserve the timeless beauty of classic cars while adding custom modifications to meet our clients' unique visions. You will be a critical member of the team working to perfect our customers' dream cars!

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Auto Body Technician Skills, Experience, and Job Requirements:

- Proven experience as an Auto Body Technician, with a focus on restoration and customization.
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1968 Ford Torino GT 428 Cobra Jet: Family Heirloom Restored | David Sullivan's Story at MCACN

We were honored to meet David Sullivan at the 2023 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals and help unveil his amazing 1968 Ford Torino GT 428 Cobra Jet, a family heirloom with a history that's as thrilling as it is sentimental.

David Sullivan, known for his roles in television and film, unveils the heartwarming narrative behind this exceptional muscle car. A car show isn't merely about machines; it's about the profound stories woven into them. Watch as David shares the emotional journey of his father purchasing this unique vehicle brand new in '68, only to sideline it for decades to prioritize family.

The Torino, ordered with a rare all-black exterior and red interior, was a symbol of speed and passion. However, family responsibilities led to a pause in its journey until David took the reins, restoring it with a dedicated team from Billups Classic Cars.

Witness the touching moment as David and Kevin Oeste unveil the once neglected Torino GT, now gleaming in the spotlight, a tribute to a father's legacy and a son's devotion.

More than just a muscle car show, the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals (MCACN) is a place where stories come to life. David's Torino is more than just a car. It's a symbol of family, love, and the choices we make in life. His journey to restore it is an inspiring testament to the power of perseverance and the

memories we hold dear.

But this video is just the beginning. We want to hear your stories too!

- Do you have a family heirloom car?
- What special memories are tied to it?
- Are you considering restoring it?

Share your thoughts in the comments below, and let's celebrate the cars that connect us to our past and inspire us for the future.

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V8 Speed and Resto Shop Team at 2023 PRI Show Celebrating Our 20th Anniversary!

As 2024 dawns, we at V8TV Productions are thrilled to mark our 20th anniversary—a milestone that signifies an incredible journey in the automotive world. Two decades ago, our venture began with the launch of the V8TV Television show, captivating audiences across the USA via satellite and cable systems. The response was overwhelming, with viewers reaching out to commission us to build cars for them, thus laying the foundation for the V8 Speed and Resto Shop.

Fast forward to today, and we find ourselves crafting dream cars for enthusiasts worldwide, powered by a dedicated team of 30 highly skilled technicians. Our presence isn't just limited to our shop; we're actively engaged in automotive events across the country, immersing ourselves in the vibrant community that shares our passion.

One such recent event was our attendance at the 2023 PRI Show in Indianapolis—a hub of innovation and camaraderie. Here, we had the privilege of exploring cutting-edge products while reconnecting with cherished friends and companies who stood by us from the outset. It's a testament to enduring partnerships and shared commitment that some of the finest names in the automotive aftermarket, who collaborated with us two decades ago, continue to be integral in our journey, collaborating with us to create exceptional content and unforgettable cars for our valued clientele.

Reflecting on our evolution—from a television show to a global entity delivering automotive excellence—fills us with immense pride. This journey has been marked by unwavering dedication, tireless craftsmanship, and an unbridled passion for creating automotive marvels.

As we celebrate this milestone, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our loyal customers, supportive partners, and our incredible team whose commitment fuels our success. Here's to 20 years of thrilling rides, unforgettable creations, and the unwavering pursuit of automotive perfection. And as we look ahead, we eagerly anticipate the exciting ventures and innovations that the future holds for V8TV Productions, V8TV, and the V8 Speed and Resto Shop.

We hope you'll join us in our celebrations throughout 2024!

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1970 Buick GSX Prototype Show Car Muscle Car Of The Week Episode 284 Video V8TV

**** UPDATE:** It's with heavy hearts that we regret to inform that the owner / caretaker of the 1970 Buick GSX "Prototype" show car Brad Conley has passed. He's owned this extremely special car since 1978, and it is largely responsible for our host Kevin Oeste's obsession with Muscle Cars. Please join us in extending our condolences to the Conley family, but also our deepest appreciation to Brad for finding, restoring, and showing this amazing car that touched so many lives.

Most of us have a particular car that left a mark on us, and this Muscle Car Of The Week left a burnout on host Kevin Oeste's brain like a Buick 455 burning bias ply tires across a slick parking lot. This week, Oeste is united with a childhood dream car, seeing the 1970 Buick GSX Stage 1 "Prototype" show car in person for the first time at the 2018 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in Chicago. It was one of many special moments from the MCACN show, and a great example of why all muscle car fans should attend this amazing event. Special thanks to car owner Brad Conley for the personal tour of the GSX.

Interview With Owner Brad Conley: <https://youtu.be/KWdznFjK4fs?t=7702>
(2:08:20)

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V8 Speed and Resto Shop Seeks Upholstery Technician for Restoration and Custom Car Work

The V8 Speed and Resto Shop Team has an opening in our automotive upholstery shop! We are hiring an Auto Upholstery Technician for Restoration and Custom Cars at the V8 Speed and Resto Shop in Red Bud, IL!

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Automotive Upholstery Technician Job Opening Description:

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Auto Upholstery Technician Skills, Experience, and Job Requirements:

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2023 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals After Hours Walk Through Video MCACN

Take a lap through the 2023 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals with us after hours! The 2023 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show once again was jammed with unbelievable cars and displays. In this video, we take a walk-through the show after hours where the general public was not allowed to get up close in personal with many of the cars and feature exhibits. We cover the great "Who's The Boss?" Ford display, the dual engine 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado, then we see the big bodied Buick display, cars from AMC and Pontiac and Chevrolet, special featured 1968 Ford Torino GT 428 Cobra Jet, Saleen Mustangs, and much more.

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This amazing 1970 Oldsmobile 442 W-30 convertible is wearing an unusual color for an Oldsmobile, it's actually a factory Chrysler color called Plum Crazy Purple! However, this amazing car was painted by General Motors in this Chrysler color back in 1970 and is considered correct for the car. How can this be? We got the whole story from restore Allan Steinbock at the 2022 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show in Chicago.

This is not just a pretty face, as this 442 features the 455 V8 engine with the W-30 performance package, including an aluminum intake manifold, hotter camshaft, tuned carburetor, and other blue-printed engine parts. It also features sport suspension, and the W 27 rear axle as well.

Although it is not a typical car, it is typical of the types of amazing and rare muscle cars found each year at the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals Show in Chicago, we hope to see you there!

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#442 #mcacn #musclecar

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Today's hot rodding and high-performance parts industry can be directly traced back to veterans who enthusiastically put their newfound skills to work following World War II. This was a time where their enthusiasm and passion for speed and creating machines was coupled with an availability of low cost jalopies and cars to hop up, And a booming American economy, provided financial resources for them to make it happen. We love the fact that many veterans have started high-performance parts businesses many years ago that are still in business today helping us all realize our passions and enjoy our cars with friends and family. Thank you to all veterans From the V8 Speed Shop team!

#veteransday2023

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