

Terry Michaelis Featured in New Barn Found Book

Wally Wyss' The Baroness and The Mercedes & 49 other Entertaining True Tales

Napoleon, Ohio - - Terry Michaelis, founder of Pro Team, is prominently featured in Wallace Wyss' latest barn find book: "The Baroness and The Mercedes & 49 other Entertaining True Tales From the World of Rare and Exotic Car Collecting."

The 272-page softbound book has 50 chapters on 50 different collector cars, many found gathering dust in barns or garages. Wyss selected Terry to write the introduction because Terry was responsible for finding two of the barn finds in the book--the L88 of Ronnie Lee Joyner and the tanker Corvette that was raced by Lang Chevrolet. Also in the book is the 1964 Worlds Fair Corvette.

"I knew Terry for 40 years but never realized his sense of humor until I read your website," says Wyss. "He knows how to express the joy of the hunt." Wyss also said Michaelis has by far the most memorable quote in the book. "At the end of each chapter I have a lesson-learned section where the reader can learn something from each example. In Terry's case, on the 'tanker 63' he says: 'Sometimes you just go to go with your gut.' "

The cover features the Prussian heiress who left her Mercedes behind at a Connecticut hotel before the outbreak of WWII and never returned. The car was eventually sold for over \$11 million. This story is one among many including the Bizzarrini Manta prototype abandoned at Italian customs; the Maserati Boomerang prototype spotted on a street in Spain; the bubble topped Rolls Royce Wraith rescued from a nightclub; and the Ferrari 250GTO donated to a high school in Texas eventually selling for \$52 million.

Wyss has authored ten automotive histories, including SHELBY: The Man. The Car. The Legend. (Enthusiast Books). You can purchase his book at the Enthusiast Books website or email the author directly at photojournalistpro@gmail.com

Terry Michaelis is co-owner of ProTeam Corvette and has bought and sold more than 10,000 Corvettes in his storied career. Michaelis began his Corvette love affair over 40 years ago on a local car lot. By the mid-1970's, Michaelis was dubbed "King" of Corvette aftermarket parts. Michaelis and his brother, Fred, formed ProTeam Classic Corvette in 1987, where they assembled the largest most dynamic collection of classic Corvettes in the world. He has become such a world-renowned expert on Corvettes that his knowledge has been the focus of hundreds of radio interviews and newspaper articles, as well as a long list of industry publications. Terry continues to lobby for the collector Corvette community with the same passion and affection for over the top marketing that he first had when he bought and sold his first Corvette in 1971.

ProTeam's world famous classic Corvette collection, Napoleon, OH. The inventory of 1953 to 2003 Corvettes is open to the public in climate controlled indoor showrooms. Many of these Corvettes have been beautifully restored to like-new condition and carry prestigious honors such as the Bloomington Gold Certification, NCRS Top Flight award, and the Triple Crown designation. ProTeam Corvette is recognized as the nation's leader in classic Corvette sales, service & restoration selling an estimated 10,000+ Corvettes over the past four decades. Email: proteam@proteamcorvette.com or on the web: www.proteam-corvette.com