

more to store. I built a temporary carport to hold the six cars. This did not work well as the moisture and cold was hard on the cars. We bit the bullet and started designing our "showroom" garage. An 80' x 48' pole building with radiant heat and a raised den in one corner. It seemed big enough to display our growing 13 car collection while affording the

protection and climate they needed. I moved the cars inside even before the garage door was on and moved them around while I finished the garage. The garage was designed so we could get into any of the cars and drive away without moving the others.

The garage turned

out to be more than a parking lot for the cars. The garage is perfect for club tours, usually six or seven a year. We have plenty of parking, two restrooms and usually a pot of coffee brewing! We also have had several 50's parties complete with a live band. Our youngest daughter celebrated her wedding reception in the garage before hopping in the red '55 Thunderbird with her husband and driving off on their honeymoon. My six grandkids all want to go out to the "Big" garage and "drive" the cars. Friends ask what's new in the garage and never seem to tire of going out for another "tour." I recently held my Kiwanis Club meeting out there at seven in the morning, it was a great success.

Problem solved? I hope so, but we're pushing the limit again. Maybe just one more garage! I'm looking forward to receiving my first issue of "Garage Style" soon. Maybe I'll build a fourth garage!

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A Day at the Garage



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At Work

Do you want to know what I was like at 6 years old? When I went

to work with my grandpa. The people at work they

are my family members. I cleaned the car and then it shines like a

diamond. I swept the floor with a big broom. Next it is lunch time!

I ate my spaghetti for my lunch. I said hi to the boss. After lunch I

got back to work just like the workers! I stayed for a nother two

hours. I had to go home now. Then we closed the car repair shop.

I will

never forget

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that day! Tony M.