

Stephen Becker Automotive Group Brings Nearly Five Decades of Expertise to the Global Collector Car Market

Collector Car Acquisition, Brokerage and Sales

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restoration, preservation and long-term collection stewardship, backed by nearly five decades of experience and founder Stephen Becker's 35-year personal and professional relationship with automotive legend Carroll Shelby.*

SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA -- For nearly five decades, Stephen Becker Automotive Group Inc. has built its reputation

around an increasingly rare concept in the collector automobile world: providing serious collectors with a single, trusted relationship capable of guiding an important automobile from acquisition through ownership, preservation, restoration and, ultimately, sale.

Based in Sugar Hill, Georgia, and serving collectors throughout the United States and internationally, Stephen Becker Automotive Group specializes in significant collector automobiles, with particular expertise in American muscle and performance cars of the 1960s and 1970s.

The firm's history in the automotive and collector car industries dates to 1977, the same year founder Stephen Becker began a personal and professional relationship with legendary racer, designer and automotive entrepreneur Carroll Shelby. What began as a business relationship developed into a lifelong friendship and business partnership spanning 35 years, continuing until Shelby's death in 2012.

That relationship, combined with Becker's nearly five decades of direct involvement with significant automobiles, provides clients with something that cannot be replicated through market data, auction results or online research alone: experience developed through decades of working with the cars, the people who created them and the collectors who preserve them.

For serious collectors, the difference between an exceptional acquisition and an expensive mistake can come down to expertise, provenance, authenticity and representation. Stephen Becker Automotive Group is structured around those realities. Rather than functioning solely as a traditional automobile dealership, the firm serves as an advisor, broker, appraiser, restoration resource and long-term steward for collectors and their automobiles. Its work often begins before a vehicle is purchased and can continue for years, and sometimes generations, after a transaction has been completed.

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Stephen Becker Automotive Group represents collectors on both sides of significant automobile transactions. For buyers, the firm can locate automobiles privately or publicly offered, evaluate potential acquisitions, investigate history and documentation, assess condition and authenticity, establish market value, negotiate the transaction and coordinate the details necessary to complete an acquisition. For sellers, the company develops an appropriate strategy based upon the automobile itself, its provenance, condition, documentation, significance and current market. That may include private brokerage, direct presentation to established collectors or broader marketing when appropriate.

The objective is not simply to complete a transaction. It is to place the right automobile with the right collector at a price and under circumstances that properly reflect the significance of the vehicle. For clients seeking particularly rare automobiles, Becker's decades of relationships within the collector car community can also provide access to opportunities that may never be publicly advertised.

****Appraisal, Valuation, Authentication and Advisory Services****

As collector automobiles have become increasingly valuable, determining precisely what a vehicle is and what it is worth has become more important than ever. Stephen Becker Automotive Group provides appraisal, valuation, authentication and advisory services designed to help collectors make informed decisions before committing significant capital.

With American performance automobiles of the 1960s and 1970s in particular, seemingly small details can have substantial implications for historical significance, desirability and value. Original drivetrain components, casting and date codes, factory specifications, documentation, provenance, restoration accuracy, body integrity and previous modifications can dramatically affect how an automobile should be evaluated. Understanding those distinctions requires more than consulting a price guide or reviewing recent auction sales. It requires familiarity with how the cars were originally built, how they changed over time, how they have historically been restored and how sophisticated collectors evaluate them today.

The firm's advisory role extends beyond individual transactions. Clients may seek guidance regarding restoration decisions, preservation, potential acquisitions, collection composition,

market timing and the eventual disposition of automobiles they have owned for decades.

****Restoration, Preservation and Collection Stewardship****

Acquiring an important collector automobile is often only the beginning of the ownership experience. Stephen Becker Automotive Group provides restoration, mechanical, preservation and stewardship services intended to protect both the historical integrity and long-term value of significant automobiles. Some vehicles require comprehensive restoration. Others require sympathetic preservation, mechanical recommissioning or the correction of work performed during previous restorations. Still others may require knowledgeable ongoing maintenance to ensure that an important automobile remains safe, functional and historically appropriate.

The company's philosophy is that the automobile itself should determine the approach. Preserving originality may be more important than restoring a particular vehicle. In other cases, a historically accurate restoration may be necessary to return an automobile to the standard its history deserves.

For clients with multiple automobiles, Stephen Becker Automotive Group also provides broader collection stewardship, helping owners make informed decisions regarding maintenance, restoration, acquisitions, valuations and sales as their collections evolve. This long-term approach is particularly valuable for families whose collections may represent decades of acquisition and significant financial and emotional investment.

****A 35-Year Relationship With Carroll Shelby****

Central to Stephen Becker's history in the performance and collector automobile world was his decades-long personal and professional relationship with Carroll Shelby, one of the most influential figures in American automotive history. That relationship began in 1977 and developed into both a business partnership and a lifelong friendship that continued until Shelby's death in 2012.

Over those 35 years, Becker had the opportunity to know and work with Shelby personally, gaining a perspective on Shelby automobiles, their history and the culture surrounding them that extended far beyond what could be learned from books, auction results or historical records. That relationship became an important part of Becker's professional life and helped shape the philosophy he continues to bring to Stephen Becker Automotive Group today: understand the history behind the automobile, respect its authenticity and provenance, preserve what deserves to be preserved, and recognize that the most important collector cars represent far more than their monetary value.

Becker's decades of involvement with Shelby and Shelby automobiles have contributed to the specialized knowledge he brings to the acquisition, authentication, appraisal, restoration, preservation and sale of significant Shelby and Ford performance automobiles.

"Carroll was much more than someone I did business with," Becker said. "He was my friend for 35 years. The opportunity to know him, work with him and learn from him from 1977 until his passing in 2012 had an enormous influence on my life and my career. When you spend that many years around the man whose name is on these cars, you develop an understanding that goes well beyond specifications, serial numbers and market values. You understand the people, the history and what these automobiles were intended to represent. I consider it both a privilege and a responsibility to carry that knowledge forward."

****A Business Built Around Long-Term Relationships****

The firm's clients range from individuals purchasing their first significant collector automobile to experienced collectors maintaining substantial collections. What they share is a desire for knowledgeable representation, discretion and a relationship that extends beyond a single purchase or sale.

"I have never looked at this business as simply buying and selling automobiles," Becker said. "These cars represent history, craftsmanship, investment and, very often, a deeply personal connection for the people who own them. My responsibility is to protect all of that. Whether I am helping someone acquire their first collector car, representing the sale of an important automobile, restoring a piece of automotive history or advising a family on an entire collection, I approach it the same way I have for nearly five decades: know the car, know the market, tell the truth and take care of the client long after the transaction is complete. At Stephen Becker Automotive Group, our business is ultimately about more than automobiles. It is about trust, relationships and being responsible stewards of automotive history."

A relationship that begins with the acquisition of one automobile may continue through restoration work, subsequent purchases, appraisals, collection management and eventually the sale or transition of an entire collection. The relationship does not end when the title changes hands.

****About Stephen Becker Automotive Group Inc.****

Stephen Becker Automotive Group Inc. is a collector automobile brokerage, acquisition, appraisal, authentication, restoration, preservation and collection stewardship firm headquartered in Sugar Hill, Georgia. Active in the automotive and collector car industries since 1977, the company serves collectors throughout the United States and internationally and is particularly recognized for its expertise in significant American muscle and performance automobiles of the 1960s and 1970s. Founder Stephen Becker's experience includes a 35-year personal and professional relationship, business partnership and lifelong friendship with legendary automotive figure Carroll Shelby, beginning in 1977 and continuing until Shelby's death in 2012. The firm provides personalized services encompassing collector car acquisition and sales, brokerage, appraisal and valuation, authentication, restoration, preservation, advisory

services and long-term collection stewardship.

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