

MCC's 4th Annual Garage Tour Was Unbelievable!



If you did not get a chance to participate in the 4th Annual *MCC Garage Tour* last Saturday (March 5, 2011) you truly missed out on something very special. More than 70 die hard

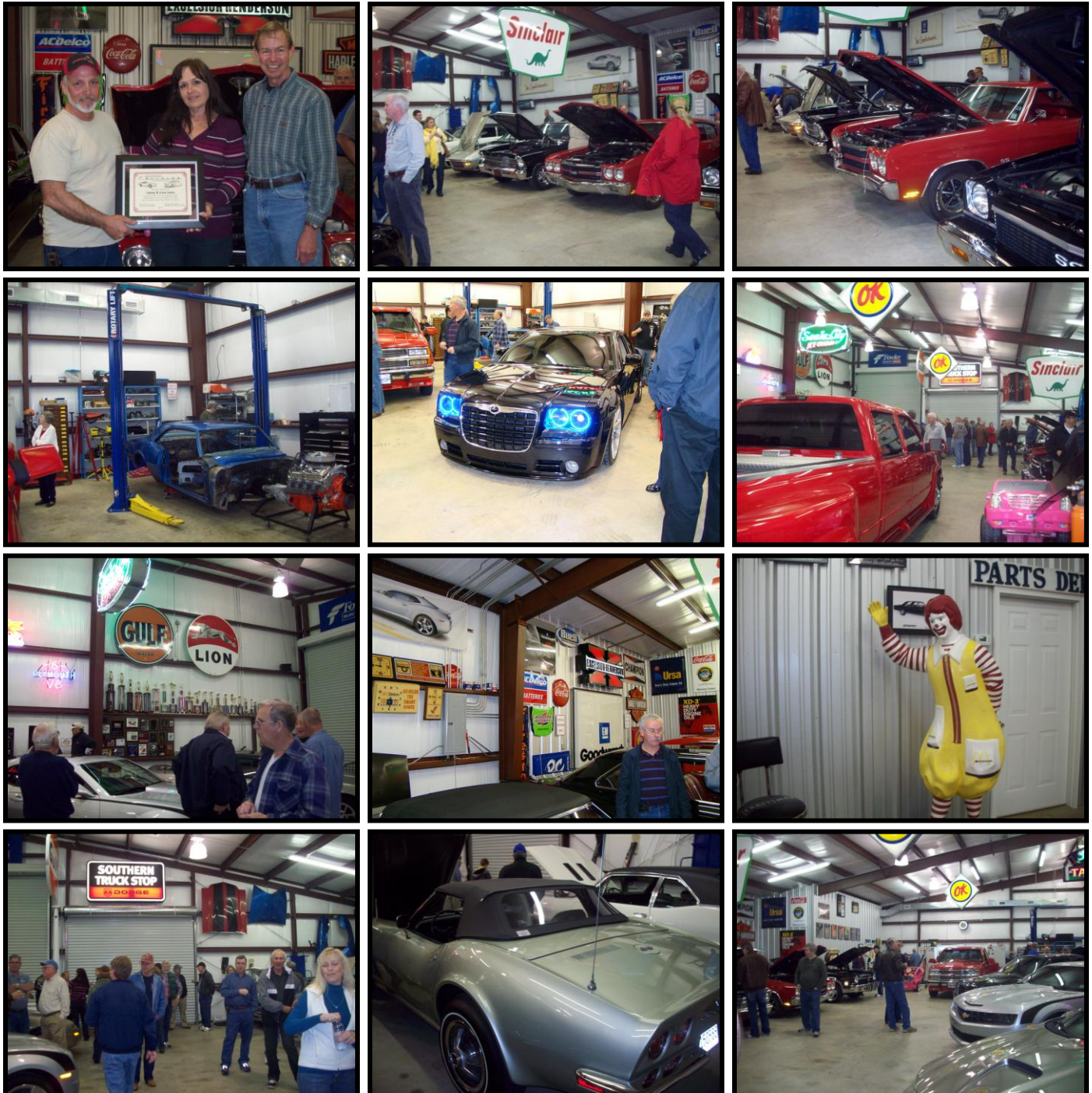
car guys (and gals) braved the rain to make the tour to all three outstanding garages. It may have rained but it certainly didn't dampen the attendance and excitement. Each garage offered something uniquely different. One garage was definitely a working man's shop, one took on more of an appearance of a museum much like that of Jay Leno's place and one garage took everyone back in time to the 50's when the diner was the ideal place to hang out. It was very obvious that the owners of these three garages spent a lot of time getting their places ready for the tour. A big thank you goes out to Bill Echols, Jimmy & Lissa Jones and Paul & Karen Westwood for their part in making this a grand event. Another big thank you goes out to MCC member Mike Martin who organized this unbelievable tour. On behalf of MCC Mike Martin presented the garage owners with a very nice certificate of appreciation for their efforts.

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The first stop was that of Bill Echols located in Richland. Bill is a true craftsman building street rods from the ground up often times starting with a basket case and turning them into unbelievable works of art. His current project shown in the pictures below is a 1937 Ford truck painted BURPLE (a cross between blue and purple) with a small block Chevy, custom chassis, 4-wheel disk brakes, with all power including air conditioning that he hopes to finish this fall. With a little luck it will be finished in time for the *Scarecrow Cruise & Car Show* later this year. His garage is fully equipped to turn out some of the finest street rods in the country. His garage and his cars have been featured in several local and national magazines and it is easy to see why they have gotten so much attention. Shown below are some of the pictures taken of this amazing garage.



The second stop was that of Jimmy and Lissa Jones in Brandon. A beautiful and secluded setting set the stage for what was inside the very large garage. As everyone made their way into the garage all were amazed to see some of the most beautiful muscle cars around. There they were all perfectly lined up, extremely clean, each one nicer than the one before it, all Chevys (one lone Chrysler) taking on the appearance of a museum much like that of Jay Leno's garage. One beauty was a rare 1972 Corvette was once on display in the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. The colorful neon signs, the large major oil company signs, a life size Ronald McDonald and Shoney's Big Boy also added to the museum like feel of this outstanding garage. It just doesn't get any better than this! His only problem is deciding which car to take out on cruise night. Shown below are a few of the many pictures taken inside this stunning garage.



The 3rd stop on the tour was that of Paul and Karen Westwood in a park like setting in Madison County. This was far from being your typical garage. As folks entered the front door they were amazed at what they saw. Many expected to be greeted by a cute waitress handing them a menu and then taken to their table. There they were, several booths and tables, black & white checker floors, an old Coke machine, beautiful neon signs and the smell of BBQ, baked beans and potato salad. A 1934 Studebaker, a 1955 Oldsmobile Holiday and a Nash Metropolitan parked out front added to the Al's Diner and Happy Days feel of the 50's. At any moment we expected to see The Fonz walking out of the restroom combing his hair! Seeing is believing so take a look at some of the photos below taken at the Westwood's garage.

