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Newsletter Christmas 2008

Hello and we hope that during these difficult times you are 'bearing up under the strain'.

With Christmas just down the road, I thought we'd start by bringing you our current news, then back track through the months and tell you what we've been doing.

First up, and for us very exciting, is the news that we're on the move! Gatherer St has become too crowded. As many of you know, we store our overflow work and spare parts in a unit pretty much next door in Elmsdale Lane. This isn't an ideal situation, so we've been casting around for more suitable space. The building at 38 Mowbray St fits the bill. It is triple the size of our total space at present, plus it has a significant outside area with a security fence across the front. We will be moved in on Monday December 8th, so currently we're preparing the floor, painting, and planning the layout etc. - all that stuff you have to do when you have a totally empty building.

Mowbray St runs between Waltham and Wilson's roads, in Phillipstown, and is just over the railway line from Jade Stadium, so not too far from where we are now. Same phone number, so call if you can't find us, just call. If you're in the area, please drop in and check out our new setup. Of course with the extra space, we are better suited to carry out service and repair work on any of your vehicles, including mothers run about!

Many of you will be aware of the association that we have with Carcraft Restorations Ltd, a business run by Alex Ward and Tony Brown. Although they only started earlier this year, they have quickly out grown their small unit beside us in the lane. Hence, they will be moving in as we vacate Gatherer St. Alex and Tony are panel beaters in the true meaning of the word(s). Alex in particular has a passion for Porsche, currently owning a 1954 356 and a 1966 912. We

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have been very impressed by the quality and speed of their work. Work in progress includes a 1958 356 speedster, a 1973 911E, a 1976 Carrera 3, a 1966 Hillman Minx and a 1968 Camaro!

If you have and paint or panel issues with your car, we can highly recommend this business.



Our major project this year has been the creation of a 1973 RSR replica.

Although taking several months, this includes a lot of time waiting for parts from the USA, plus panel and paint work.

The donor car started life as a 1991 964 Carrera 2 tipo, which has undergone a huge transformation into a wide bodied pre-impact bumper RSR. Our customer wanted the mod cons of a late model car. This offered, besides a strong and rust free chassis, a decent heating and air conditioning system, ABS

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brakes and better suspension, A standard 5 speed with LSD replaced the auto of course, plus we installed a 3.8 litre stump pulling 400 hp motor complete with high butterfly injection and Motec engine management. The interior was stripped out and light weight seats, RS door trims and Prototipo steering wheel were added. There were a myriad of small details to attend to, not the least of which was removing most of the engine wiring loom and grafting in the Motec harness. The finished product was a real eye catcher, plus it's a very quick car. Unfortunately the car has now gone to its owner in the North Island, so you won't see it around, but we'd be more than happy to create another!



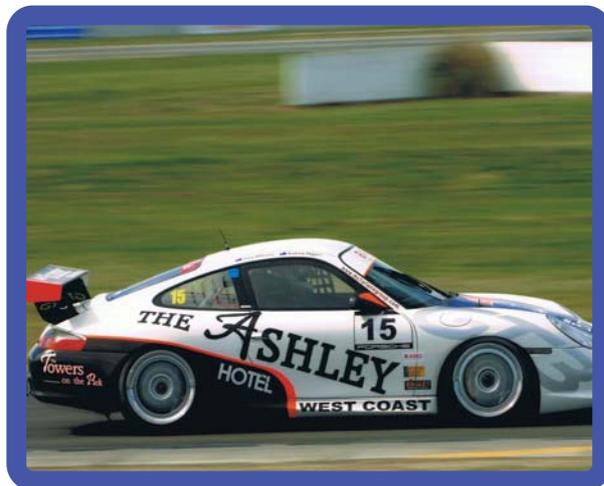
The RS replica project stalled at the painters while the RSR took precedent. It's now resplendent in Grand Prix white, the period colour, and reassembly will begin again in earnest in the new year. A recent purchase was a 1967 RHD sunroof '67 911. This is quite a rare car, so in partnership with Carcraft, this will undergo a full restoration before being offered for sale. If anybody fancies an early 911, here's your chance. Similarly we have a 1962 356B which has undergone some restoration work before we acquired it. This will be completed to our standards, before being offered for sale.

Early in the year we were involved in the preparation and running of two GT3cup cars in the enduro race series. This series consists of 3 x 3hour races, at Ruapuna, Levels and Teretonga.



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The races were great fun, and far less intense than the cut and thrust of the Battery Town GT3 series. The challenge of a long distance race is to get the car to the finish. Three hours work is peanuts to a Porsche, but the trick was to manoeuvre a path through the lapped traffic without getting taken out. The two pairs of drivers, and the pit crews, did a great job. We had 9 hours of racing a got away with one scrapped passenger door, picking up 3rd and 4th overall. The newer 997 cars driven by young hot shoes were first and second, so the challenge now is what can we do to an old GT3 to make it go faster? We have some ideas.....

That's about it. Thank you for taking the time to read this. We wish you a Merry Christmas and prosperous new year and thank you for your custom. We will close the workshop on Tuesday 23rd of December, reopening on Monday 5th of January. That's 2009 already!

Auf Wiedersehen,

Lionel, Glyn, Wayne

