

SPEEDVEGAS Announces Management Team

SPEEDVEGAS announced on January 30 its management team, comprising travel and tourism marketing executives and staff. These individuals are responsible for creating this exotic-car-driving and event destination. They bring decades of tourism industry expertise to SPEEDVEGAS, which will open this spring.

The SPEEDVEGAS team includes five executives led by co-founders **Aaron Fessler** (chief executive officer), and **Tom Mizzone** (chief financial officer). The new members of the SPEEDVEGAS executive team are as follows:

- **Allison Raskansky**, executive vice president of business development;
- **Darren Strahl**, executive vice president of operations;
- **Gina Mann**, vice president of groups and events;
- **Pavy Mueller**, director of global sales; and
- **Grant Blakeman**, director of regional sales.

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Reno, NV Repair Shop Introduces Loaner Car Feature

Auto body repair shop, *Liberty Collision*, now offers customers a loaner car while their vehicle is being repaired. The loaner car is a new feature for customers whose cars are receiving collision repair but do not have a rental car on their insurance plan.

“Not all auto accident insurance policies include a loaner car while your car is being repaired,” noted Liberty Collision owner **Donnie Thiessens**. “We wanted to make sure a customer whose car is in the shop can still get to work as we repair their vehicle after a collision.”

Thiessens has also hired an estimator in order to expedite the auto collision repair process with auto insurance companies. The recent hire allows the Liberty Collision to more efficiently help customers by giving estimates to insurance companies and customers, ordering parts, and getting additional damages approved.

Liberty Collision’s new estimator trained at the Vale Institute in Fresno, CA where Thiessens also received his estimator training.

To learn more about Liberty Collision, visit www.libertycollisionreno.com.

Darryl Hollenbeck Claims 2016 AMBR Award With His PPG-Painted Roadster

Acclaimed custom car builder and painter **Darryl Hollenbeck** won the 2016 America’s Most Beautiful Roadster (AMBR) award at the Grand National Roadster Show (GNRS) held at the Pomona Fairplex in Pomona, CA January 29–31. It was the third time Hollenbeck has painted an AMBR winner, and the first time he captured the prize with his own car—a PPG-painted 1932 Ford highboy roadster.



Darryl Hollenbeck’s AMBR-winning ‘32 Ford Roadster

The GNRS started in 1950 and is the longest running indoor car show in the world, and the AMBR, a towering eight-foot-tall trophy, is considered the ultimate recognition for a roadster-style hot rod. This year a field of thirteen outstanding cars—built by the elites of the custom car world—competed for the prestigious award. In the end, the judges

named Darryl and **Terri Hollenbeck’s** classically-styled roadster the winner, giving Darryl another honor to add to his long list of accomplishments including AMBR wins in 2013 and 2005.

Hollenbeck and his colleagues **Dan Webb** and **Cory Taulbert** built the car at *Vintage Color Studio*, the custom shop Hollenbeck owns and operates in Concord, CA, and where he has been using PPG products exclusively for more than 25 years. Hollenbeck then painted the car himself. He came up with the roadster’s unique color, dubbed “Rotten Avocado Green,” applying a custom mix created with the PPG ENVIROBASE® High Performance waterborne paint system along with Single-Stage DCC9300 from the DELTRON® refinish system.

“Winning an AMBR is a dream; to win it with my own car, wow, I’m over the moon about that,” said Hollenbeck. “As for the color, it is different. My wife wanted brown, I wanted green. Depending on the light, you see one color or the other—or both. The great thing was that the PPG paint was easy to work with. It gave us the chance to experiment, to really stretch our imaginations and come up with something cool.”

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