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ROAD SCHOLARS



North Carolina-based Road Scholars was established in 2001 by Kevin Watts, who worked as a sales associate at the Raleigh Porsche Factory dealership. Whilst at a Porsche concours event, he bumped into fellow air-cooled enthusiast Cameron Ingram and the two got chatting about all things Porsche. It transpired that the two shared a passion for the Stuttgart make and were both frustrated by the fact that few dealerships understood car enthusiasts. They decided to combine their experience and Cameron joined the Road Scholars team as one of the owners.

With Kevin's Porsche sales background and Cameron's time spent working on 356 restorations, the two were perfectly suited to offer classic Porsche enthusiasts the service they wanted. Road Scholars offers a wide range of services which include buying and selling vintage Porsches, servicing, concours preparation, collection, consulting and management and restoration, having recently opened a full restoration facility for loyal clients.

The company got going when Kevin and Cameron were asked to build up a Porsche collection focusing on limited edition production cars and their quest put them in contact with many people in the Porsche collector world and their reputation spread. Now, Road Scholars has a portfolio of loyal customers with new ones calling on a daily basis with Porsche wish lists.

Along with Kevin and Cameron there are three other members of staff who

complete all the work on the cars, and the company sells between five and ten a month. The biggest challenge is finding the right cars and the guys have a very stringent grading system to ensure that only the finest Porsches make it – this means they have to turn a lot of cars down as they just don't make the grade. Typically, they find cars from Porsche collections or from very particular long-term owners and they almost always have vast amounts of paperwork that trace the history of the car's entire life. Cars are either completely original or have been fully restored to an exceptional standard and most come from the US though they will buy cars from abroad if a customer has a specific model in mind, for example a special limited edition.

The company's commitment to obtaining the best possible cars for its clients has given it quite a reputation and with it comes a steady stream of new and loyal customers. 60 per cent of the company's business is made up of repeat customers and they're not all limited to the US, with calls from Porsche enthusiasts around the globe who want the best coming in on a daily basis.

As far as the future is concerned, Road Scholars is currently preparing to move into a more elegant facility that will offer more space but beyond that Kevin, Cameron and the team intend to continue providing the best service and cars possible. It's good to know that the future of vintage Porsches is in good hands.

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