



## Mr. Richard Williams Pickering

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“ Richard was a great man - highly intelligent, unpretentious, humble, a great teacher, mentor and friend. I worked with Richard over the course of several years at the AutoShow during his involvement with the show as the classics co-ordinator. Richard recognised in me a love of automobiles and took me under his wing telling me the intricate stories concerning some of the great machines he had arranged to put on display. I remember all the stories from the Dusenberg dual cowl phaeton to the C and D type Jaguars, LM 250 Ferrari, 289 and 427 Shelby Cobra's and the entire Shelby story including the GT 350's/500's, GT 40's and Sunbeam Tigers. I remember him proudly displaying his 1968 Z28 'Z Skunk' and him showing me how close it was in its setup to the 1968 Trans Am Penske race Camaro's during a year where he had both cars on display side by side. His knowledge of automotive history was unparalleled and I never tired of listening to a new tale concerning another interesting piece of rolling history that Richard had managed to secure to create the fabulous classic's displays that he was famous for. .

*Richard and I also shared a love of aircraft - particularly warbirds - and when we found ourselves on an AutoShow related trip to California we couldn't resist visiting a U.S. Military warbird aircraft graveyard that was located in the local vicinity. He spoke non stop to me about the various types of aircraft that were there as well as his involvement in the warbird and soaring communities and even how he came to be in the ownership of a genuine Martin Baker ejection seat!*

*I remember all of these and many more memories of Richard like they were yesterday although I should perhaps mention that they happend more than a quarter of a century ago. He made that kind of an impression. Rest in Peace Richard. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

*Tom Tonks Jr. (Tommy)*

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