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Meet the Crew

Greg Steadman
General Manager

Greg Steadman drove Petty's Level Cross transformation from NASCAR race shop to aftermarket powerhouse. As Petty Enterprises' former competition director and No. 43 Dodge crew chief, Steadman applies a whole-vehicle approach to every auto Petty's Garage touches.

Cutting his teeth as a drag racer in Central Florida, Steadman's automotive passions grew alongside his skill. Today he blends racing strategy with streetcar smarts and creates savvy street vehicles optimized for strength, speed, safety and design.

Steadman's understanding of a vehicles suspension is where he really excels. Caster, camber, bumpsteer, suspension travel, static ride height, camber gain, tire deflection, contact patch, compression and rebound are all second nature to him. His ability to tune the suspension of a performance vehicle, be it a racecar to handle the 31° high banks of Daytona at 200MPH or the switch-backs of rural roads, is all second nature to him.

Steadman also has one of the best all around mechanical minds in the business. Decades of building cars from the ground up and fine-tuning them in trackside garages around the country gives Steadman – and Petty's Garage – an edge.

Bunk Long
Paint specialist

To Bunk Long, the smell of automotive paint fumes produces as many childhood memories as his mom's cooking. Growing up in a family of automotive paint specialists, Long learned painting techniques right alongside reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic.

With four decades of automotive experience under his belt, Long started painting auto bodies professionally before he turned 15, and spent countless years painting Richard Petty race cars from the high banks of Daytona to the flat short track at Martinsville he has finished and painted them all. And what does he do in his spare time? That's right, paints select custom cars!

Today, Long is a master painter and is a BASF R-M certified refinishing specialist, a designation that ensures Petty Garage's automotive finishes are top quality and guaranteed for life. His particular strength: Remaining a stickler for details every step of the way and making sure everything is correct before customers get the keys.

You can talk about body lines, billet, chrome, leather and today, even composite components, but it's paint that draws you in. Whether it be a custom or OEM color, maybe even the famed Petty Blue, award

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winning paint and body work is the show stopper! It's the first thing you see and it's the only thing you remember. And the man behind the paint gun, that's Bunk Long!

Bruce Berger

Automotive Technician

When the quality of your work means life or death to the person piloting the aircraft you service, having a meticulous work ethic is priority No. 1. Bruce Berger knows; In addition to being Petty's Garage's automotive technician, he's also a certified helicopter and aircraft mechanic. His training has taught Berger the importance of maintaining top-quality skills and the critical importance of doing things right, the first time.

More recently, Berger was responsible for the buildup of race cars built by Petty Enterprises. When a car arrived ready for race preparation, it was Berger that went to work readying cars for 200+MPH.

These days, Berger is the first guy to touch the vehicles rolling into the Petty's Garage shops and the last guy to work on them before they roll out to the customer. His primary responsibility is the conversion of a stock Dodge Challenger into the tarmac shredding machine the Richard Petty Signature Series Challenger is known for.

It's his attention to detail that our customers feel each and every time they sit down in a Richard Petty Signature Series Challenger. Our customers can rest assured that their vehicle has been checked and rechecked by one of the industry's best.

Bruce Berger

Title: Automotive technician

Age: 44

Racing credentials: Former car production mechanic for Petty Enterprises.

Automotive passions:

Berger is a generalist who favors every make and model, rather than one line in particular.

Doug Murph

Master Fabricator

Doug Murph believes cars should have personalities. When NASCAR's increasing standardization took away cars' individualities, Murph found customizing aftermarket streetcars was his perfect fit.

Murph's passion for fabricating car parts and body panels started decades ago while racing stock cars in Concord and Kannapolis. Unable to find guys to create the parts he wanted at a price he could afford, Murph picked up a torch and learned to trade.

After years of "hanging" bodies for some of NASCR's elite teams, Doug comes to Petty's Garage with a wealth of knowledge and talent. Truth be known, he's back to his roots. For the past 20 years he has spent his free time at home restoring early and mid year Corvette's for a select group of longtime customers. If you have a 60's/70's question about a Corvette or Camaro, he's your guy.

Like the other members of the Petty's Garage team, Murph is always pursuing new ways to make street vehicles sweet. His specialty: Giving cars of the past the fabrication precision and modern automotive conveniences of today. Just check out his '69 Camaro in our photo gallery

Doug Murph

Title: Master fabricator

Age: 53

Racing credentials: Hung bodies for some of NASCAR's most-respected teams, including Petty Enterprises, Bill Davis Racing and Richard Childress Racing. Former shop foreman for Petty Enterprises.

Automotive passions: All things GM

Tony Hancock**Master Fabricator**

Tony Hancock eats, sleeps, breathes – and even married – the hotrod life. In fact, when he's not in Petty's Garage, Hancock is probably in his garage at home, shoulder to shoulder with his hot-rodding wife as they overhaul her '65 Mustang.

Hancock's passion: Automotive creativity – no matter whether the job's producing a tube chassis, fine-tuning the driveline or overhauling the body. Tony's one of the few craftsman that can do it all. He's made his living building transmissions and rear gears for NASCAR elite as well as the Saturday night racers that make up the foundation of the sport. Tony is one of the most creative people you will ever meet when it comes to shaping, fabricating and welding metal into automotive perfection. There's simply no challenge too great!

A master welder who refined his technique while building nuclear power plants, Hancock today produces one-of-a-kind pieces with head-turning results. In the early '90s, Hancock returned to his racing and hot rod roots, spending the next two decades in secretive rooms within some of NASCAR's most dominant teams perfecting individual components one piece at a time.

Tony Hancock

Title: Master fabricator

Age: 53

Racing credentials: The behind-the-scenes guy fine-tuning transmissions and hammering out parts for NASCAR's Petty Enterprises and Tex Racing teams.

Automotive passions: All things Ford. Spent 6 years on a bumper-to-bumper '34 Ford truck project that's so spectacular it often takes top billing at U.S. car and truck shows.

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