

NJTA Sponsor Showcase

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Bill Thomas is an NJTA club member, sponsor, ASE Certified Master Technician and entrepreneur. He has been involved in the auto industry for over 30 years, working on both the retail and manufacturing sides of the business... including experience at Nissan and Ferrari/Maserati North America. Presently operating out of Hunterdon County, Bill owns four successful enterprises in the area: William Thomas Roadsters, Performance Garage Club, Drakan Cars East, and LTW Motorsports.

William Thomas Roadsters

William Thomas Roadsters (WTR) is located just a few miles outside the quaint Delaware River town of Frenchtown, in beautiful Hunterdon County, New Jersey. WTR specializes in servicing classic British Roadsters as well as new Lotus and Caterham vehicles. Regardless of brand, your British sports car will be well-cared for here. With over 25 years of experience in British sports car ownership, maintenance and restoration, Bill and his team can provide services ranging from basic servicing to full mechanical and cosmetic restorations. A few examples: pre-purchase inspections, engine tuning and rebuilding, carb rebuilding and set up, interior refurbishing, transmission rebuilding, suspension rebuilding and alignment, plus vehicle pick up and delivery.

All restoration work, except painting, is performed by Bill on-site. Painting is performed off-site. Bill is honest and reliable, and his work is first rate.

Additional information and shop details, including photos of Bill's work as well as customer testimonials, can be found at www.wtroadsters.com .



Bill Thomas can be reached at WTR by telephone at 908-313-4482 or by email at info@wtroadsters.com .

Performance Garage Club

Looking for indoor vehicle storage and a fully equipped facility to work in, with like minded enthusiasts in a club environment? Then co-owners and founders Bill Thomas, Steve Smotrich, and Kurt Nehlig have certainly come up with the solution in the Performance Garage Club (PGC).



PGC offers a workshop complete with auto and motorcycle lifts, general shop tools/ supplies, plus an automotive library and “how

to” tech seminars - along with a member’s lounge including a giant flat-screen TV, leather couches, driving simulator, digital slot car layout and air hockey. The storage facilities have full heat, sprinkler systems, secure access doors, smoke detectors, and indoor/outdoor 24 hour video surveillance. Outdoor storage is also available for member’s use.

PGC is located on Route 12 just outside of Frenchtown. NJTA members have visited both the Performance Garage Club and William Thomas Roadsters. Pictured is a section of the workshop at PGC. Bill is in the center of the photo, standing under his TR4 while hosting an NJTA tech seminar.

For an outline of fees and a full description of member benefits and discounts check the PGC website at www.performancegarageclub.com . The telephone number is 908-788-4743.



Drakan Cars East

“Fast, Pure, Wicked.” “Custom formula car concept roadster.” “Pure performance.” “Properly sorted.” All are words used in praise of the Sector111 Drakan Spyder. It is described by Sector111 as a variant of the Palatov D2 that was redesigned to meet their vision of a cool gentleman's road & track spyder. Engineered, designed, and built in the USA, it is a mid-engined vehicle featuring an emissions compliant 430hp (LS-3 Chevrolet E-rod) V8.

The Drakan Spyder seats two and weighs approximately 2000 pounds. With no ABS, traction control or driver aids, it has been further described as a “purist dream”. The Drakan Spyder’s reputation is that of a simple, lightweight, but not uncomfortable, road handling sports car that can be legally driven to and from the track yet also enjoyed on

local roads and corners such as those found in and about Hunterdon County.



Since its release the Drakan Spyder has been well received by the public and praised by media outlets such as Autoweek (11/12/15) and Jay Leno’s Garage (12/6/15). It is available through Drakan Cars East as a turn-key complete car (\$100k).

Bill Thomas worked closely with Sector111 to help design the Drakan. He and partner Kurt Nehlig are the owners of Drakan Cars East. They represent Drakan Cars here in the Northeast and can be reached by telephone at 908-313-4482 or by email at info@drakencarseast.com .

WTR is an authorized Sector111 dealer and installer. And they are the only New Jersey Sector111 authorized supercharger installation center. Sector111 also produces Lotus performance parts and WTR can perform full track modifications, race preparations, and street modifications on the Evora, Elise, and Exige models.

LTW Motorsports

Bill Thomas and Greg Miceli created LTW Motorsports. The formula for their success is catering to owners of lightweight sports cars. Hence the LTW acronym. Meaning less than 3,000 pounds and no more than 350bhp. They believe that the most enjoyable performance cars are the ones that weigh the least. Cars such as Drakan Spyder, Ariel Atom, BAC Mono, Caterham Super Seven, Lotus Elise and Exige, Radical, and Toniq are some examples of cars that LTW attracts to their events. For more information visit ltwmotorsports.com .

LTW Motorsports is oriented towards racing activities and achieving “performance through low mass”. The emphasis is on delivering high quality track events for owners of lightweight sports cars.

Services provided by LTW are described on their website; basically everything you’d need to get your lightweight car on track - technical inspections and track preparation, performance enhancements, instruction, and car storage. Plus driving events at the Northeast’s best facilities, including the New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville.

LTW Motorsports also provides event management for motorsports activities such as new model launches or customer demo days.

LTW Motorsports is located in Glen Gardner, New Jersey and can be reached by email at contact@ltwmotorsports.com . They can be found on the web at ltwmotorsports.com .

