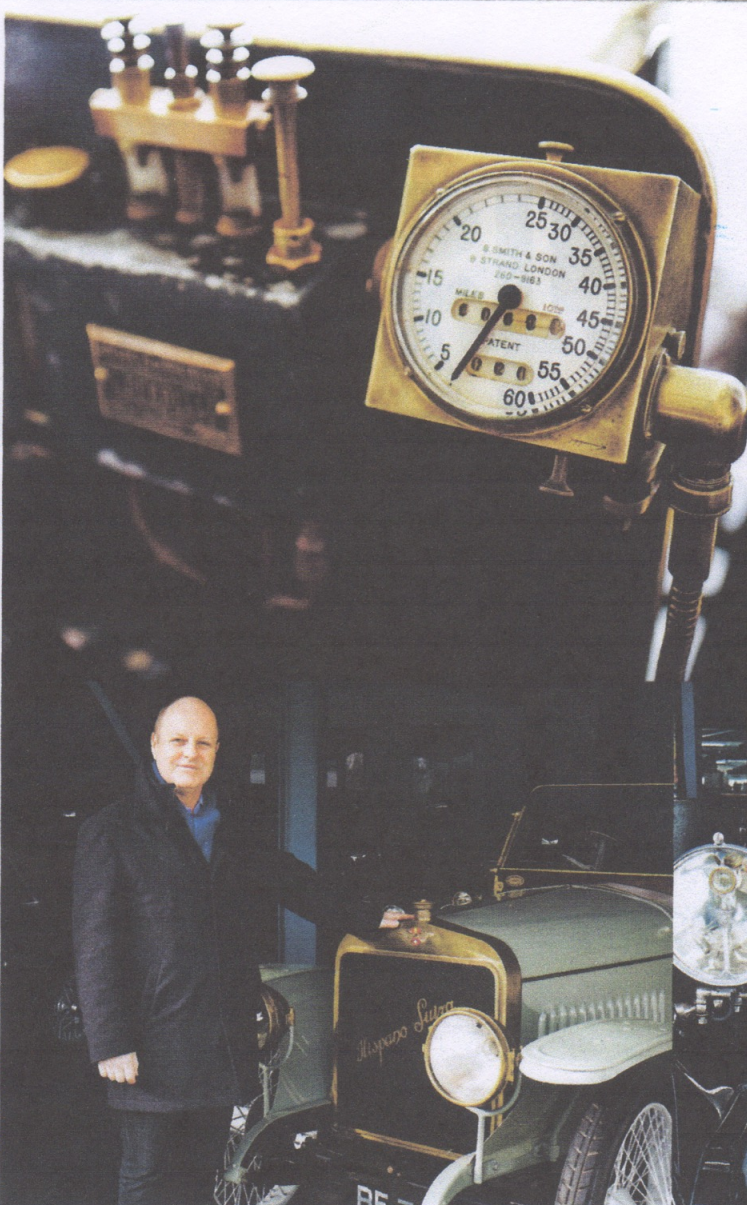


## ➔ CHRISTOPH GROHE FINE CLASSIC CARS

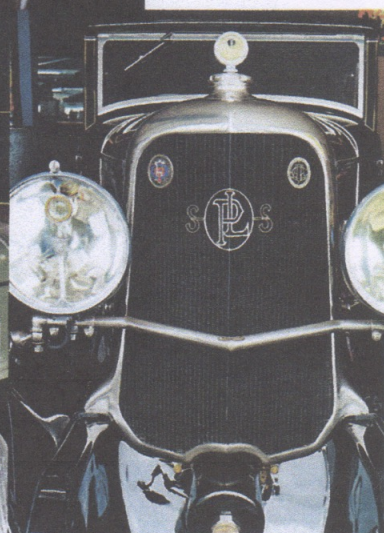
Christoph Grohe says the cars he offers "bear witness to an artisanal skill and lifestyle of a by-gone era." A former economic forecaster for a German bank, Grohe started his business in 1991 because he had always loved Swiss-bodied vintage cars and thought buying and selling them could fill a niche in the classic-car market. He says he selects each car he offers based both on its relative rarity—witness a Georges-Irat MDU and an Alvis Graber Special on sale on our recent visit—and what kind of shape it is in. Some he leaves in original condition, some have been restored. One of his sales, a 1937 Delahaye 135 MS he found in the Czech Republic, went on to win a Pebble Beach Concours class award in 2001. He's shown cars at Retromobile, Techno-Classica in Essen and Swiss Classic World in Lucerne.

For more details, including archival photos of cars for sale and those Grohe previously sold, or to make an appointment to visit his outfit for yourself, see christophgrohe.com—his shop, located approximately 40 miles outside of Geneva, is definitely worth a stop.

GUILLAUME MEGEVAND (3); MARC WÖLTINGER (3); STEPHEN BUTTERWORTH; ALEX PITTET (2); EMERIC PINON



Opposite: Hot-rod clubs abound, like the Cheaters Gang (thecheatersgang.blogspot.com), a group devoted to SoCal-style kustoms and rods (the guys run their highboys through the Alps!) and the Crazy Cruisers (crazycruisers.com), a club run out of Momo's Kustoms Repair shop.



## ➔ CAR SHOWS

Take a Lake Geneva setting, add 1,400 British cars and motorcycles, throw in free attendance for all and you have the **Swiss Classic British Car Meeting** (opposite) in Morges, Switzerland. This year's show on Oct. 1 fetes the 70th anniversary of the resumption of U.K. car and bike production after World War II. More info at british-cars.ch

The name of this next show is simply the **Swiss Car Event** (left), a cross between SEMA and Autorama. Held this year on July 2-3, more than 1,150 modified vehicles show up, as do some 12,000 spectators. Info at swisscarevent.ch

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