

## **When the Student Becomes the Teacher (an inspiring coaching story)**

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I love my job. I love it like I like a good steak. This week, I was served up a particularly juicy filet mignon and I had to share it with all of you (with my client's permission). Allow me to give you a little background. I started working with John Fields about six months ago. He told me that he was in the business of rehabbing houses for resale, but he really didn't enjoy it, and he felt like he couldn't get an idea of his real passion. Over the last several months, I have had the pleasure of helping John work through material that was blocking him from getting to what really mattered to him and uncovering his passion.

Two weeks ago he finally said to me, "I think I want to restore antique cars for a living." As I inquired more about this he told me about a car that he had already restored. He told me that he had brought it to the Antique Pontiac Dealers meeting and had won best in show. He told me that he realized that his dream had always been to take this car around the country and use it as a business card to convince people to hire him to restore their old cars. I got very excited about John's idea and asked him to bring me some photos of the car.

The next week he came to my office with the photos that we are including to the right of this article. To say the least I was blown away by these pictures. I think you will agree with me that John is a master craftsman. I was deeply moved by the incredible attention to detail John had given this project. That is amazing enough, but the story gets even more incredible. John told me that when he started working on this car **it was in boxes!** So, he completely built this car from the ground up. He told me it took him 5000 hours to create this masterpiece. I was and am blown away by this story. John is an inspiration to me.

I wanted to write this story for two reasons. One, was to hopefully inspire you as John has inspired me. The other is to ask you to help John make his dream come true. If you know anyone who might be interested in antique car restoration and who might be interested in hiring John please contact him at ([fields.28@osu.edu](mailto:fields.28@osu.edu)) or 614-296-5596. The name of his company is Custom Care Restorations. Thank you for your help!