

We saved the best for last! Thursday morning we checked out of the hotel with plans to see a private car collection, but not before stopping by the reasonably new So Cal Speed Shop in Vegas. Cool store, lots of your usual hot rod bits plus a couple of cars in the showroom, but nothing you couldn't see elsewhere.

We soon moved on to Nostalgia Street Rods, a small rod shop and the front for a private car collection of Art and Shirley Goldstrom. Successful in both demolitions and real estate, Art has managed to accumulate a selection of beautiful, muscular and sometimes quirky vehicles as well as a large quantity of signage and memorabilia. It's all housed in a warehouse complex not far from the Las Vegas strip and happily presented to visitors like us., even at short notice. In fact when we pulled into the complex we were concerned that we'd made a blunder, but a brief enquiry in our Aussie lingo had Art's daughter Sheri more than happy to drop everything to show us around. We were blown away by her hospitality, she just couldn't do enough for us, thanks Sheri.

First She introduced us to Ed Daniels who has run the hot rod shop on the premises for over 12 years. There were a couple of projects on the go but I'd imagine keeping Art's collection running is a big enough task for Ed as it is.

There are two large rooms with Art's collection, entering either one will have you bleating the word Wow over and over and pointing furiously like a three year old in a toy shop. There's some laughs to be had as well with cool creations like motorised bar stools and V8 lawnmowers taking part in the collection.



*One of daughter Sheri's favourite rides is this slammed 1949 Chevy fastback.*

