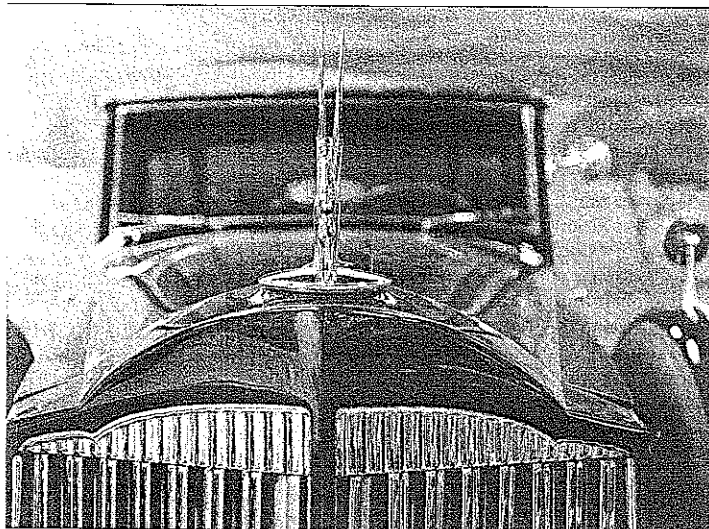


# Best Car Dealership



## 1. FAMILY CLASSIC CARS

33033 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano; 949-496-3000

[www.familyclassiccars.com](http://www.familyclassiccars.com)

- Marc Spizzirri founded the business in 2001 with classics such as a '57 T-Bird, a '57 Bel Air convertible and a '73 Pantera.
- Hot rods, muscle cars and exotics are mechanically restored at the dealership.
- The collection includes Duesenbergs, Rolls-Royces, Packards and Bentleys.

**Why they're No. 1:** Four partners and classic car enthusiasts have worked together to grow the business. "We have a unique niche," spokesman Frank Mattingly said.

**Claim to fame:** The dealership is a base for classic car collectors, Mattingly said. "The most in demand are '57 Chevys, '55 T-Birds, '65 and '66 Mustangs and '67 Corvettes. High-end people might want a 250 GTO Ferrari." "We also store classics in an air-conditioned and heated facility with video surveillance in a locked building." On the first Friday of every month, Family Classic Cars has an open house, and car lovers come from Orange, Los Angeles and Riverside counties.

**Fan favorite:** "Great guys to work with, always explain what car repairs are needed and why, and a fair price for the work."

—Mary Strazzulla, San Clemente

**Fun fact:** The public may view the rare cars from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. They're in a climate-controlled, 40,000-square-foot facility.

—Lois Rothschild

## 2. TOYOTA OF ORANGE

1400 N. Tustin St., Orange; 714-639-6750

[www.toyotaoforange.com](http://www.toyotaoforange.com)

- The company is part of the Wilson Automotive Group, which has 16 car dealerships.
- More Camrys are sold than any other Toyota model at the dealership.

**Claim to fame:** "People come to our dealership because we have a reputation for integrity," said Vikki Murphy, vice president

of the Wilson Automotive Group. "They look through our website and remember our slogan: 'You won't get a lemon at Toyota of Orange.' That's from the 1970s. It's become our philosophy." The dealership sells cars to customers who trust the company with after-market servicing, she said. There's a strong turnover in the car business, (but) all of the managers have been with the company for 15 to 25 years.

**Fan favorite:** "Friendly service." — Tomas C. Bueno, Fullerton

**Fun fact:** The Toyota of Orange/Chapman University Race around Orange Plaza in October raises scholarship money for Chapman University students.

—Lois Rothschild

## 3. FLETCHER JONES MOTOR CARS

3300 Jamboree Road, Newport Beach;

888-696-7128

[www.fjmercedes.com](http://www.fjmercedes.com)

- The dealership was founded in 1946 by Fletcher Jones Sr., who sold his first car for \$70.

**Claim to fame:** "We are the largest Mercedes-Benz dealership in the nation and have a host of customer service amenities for our guests at no charge," General Manager Garth Blumenthal said. "We have a free airport shuttle ... and we offer free carwashes six days of the week to our customers who have bought their cars here. What we're trying to do is provide great service and a lot of added benefits to our clients. It's also an opportunity for people to network and meet other people with the same tastes in cars."

**Fan favorite:** "They take good care of their customers! Makes you feel good about spending so much money for a car!" — Rob. Hicks, Rancho Santa Margarita

**Fun fact:** Every Thursday, all of the certified preowned cars are driven out of the lot to make sure they are in perfect condition. They're ready for the weekend.

—Lois Rothschild

Family Classic Cars in San Juan Capistrano restores hot rods and exotic cars. The dealership hosts an open house that attracts enthusiasts from Orange, L.A. and Riverside counties on the first Friday of every month.

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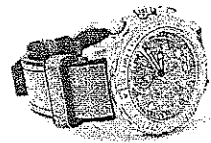
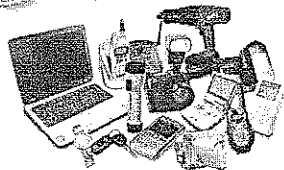
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
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


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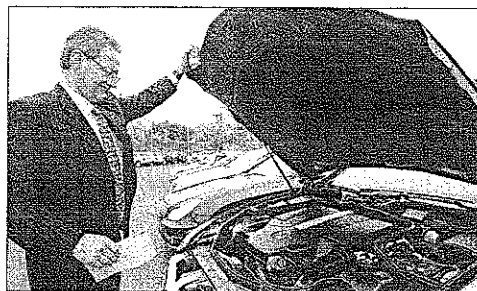
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Fletcher Jones checks out the engine on a Mercedes Benz. The Newport Beach dealership was founded in 1946 by Fletcher Jones Sr.