



Dear Friends,

With the holidays quickly approaching I wanted to take a few minutes to say thank you for making last year a fantastic one for Autowerks of Northbrook.

In 2008 Autowerks grew substantially and our commitment to excellence has not gone unnoticed. We are pleased to say that we have been awarded "direct repair" and/or "preferred provider" status with several major insurance companies including State Farm, Allstate, Travellers, Chubb, AAA, Farmers and many others. Additionally, we have become certified by several manufacturers as a "factory authorized repair center". Our current staff of twenty-eight full time employees include some of the most skilled tradesmen in the auto repair industry.

As our business grows, so does the scope of our work. In the past year I have added several pieces of premium equipment to better serve my clients. The scale of our capital investment in a CNC router for custom fabrication, a soda blasting/restoration room and multiple trailers and tow trucks truly sets us apart from other collision centers. While collision repair will always be our core business, our excellence in the industry has earned us the privilege of working extensively on custom and collision projects for such exotic auto dealers as Lamborghini and Bentley.

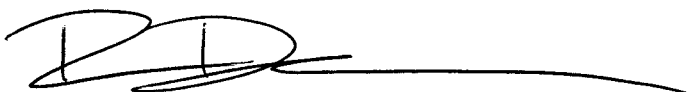
In the last year Autowerks has been featured in over twenty major publications including multiple cover stories. Publications such as "Turbo", "Restyling", "Sheridan Road", "Michigan Avenue" and "Pioneer Press" have all featured our facility and cars built by us. In addition, we had a music video and several trade videos feature our cars and facility.

The highlight of 2008 was "Autowerks Weekend". We started by hosting a benefit for Childrens Memorial Hospital. The "Summer Soiree" was attended by over 300 guests who sampled signature dishes by twenty of the Chicago's finest restaurants and danced to music provided by the Bandeleros. Working with the NSMRJB we were able to raise over \$100,000. It ended with our Midwest Luxury Car show which featured 300 cars from 6 states.

Our commitment to providing the finest collision and custom work in the Northshore will be redoubled in 2009 and beyond. My personal goal to provide the best possible experience for all my customers has not wavered since I opened our doors two years ago. 3000 cars later, I am happy to say I have exceeded my own expectations and made alot of friends along the way.

At Autowerks I am running a big bodyshop with small business values. You can find me personally overseeing your repairs, 6 days a week. My door is always open, and we hope you will continue to name Autowerks your bodyshop of choice.

Warm regards for the holiday season,



Ron Durchin, Owner