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Cotter and company hit the road in Cotter's 1939 Ford Woody, the kind of car that opened doors and started the conversations that revealed where interesting cars were squirreled away. The result? The discovery of over 1,000 collector cars and some of the most amazing barn-find stories Cotter has yet unearthed, all accompanied by Ross' evocative photography. If you love stories of automotive adventure, this is the book for you!

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"Three car-loving buddies took a two-week, 2,700-mile expedition to hunt down as many "lost collector

cars" as they could find. By the end, they'd discovered 1,000 neglected and mostly rusted autos - Chevys, Dodges, Fords, Mercuries and even a 1932 panel delivery truck. Tom Cotter and photographer Michael Alan Ross tell their adventure in *Barn Find Road Trip* - **Sacramento Bee**

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About the Author

Before writing his first book, **Tom Cotter** had long been involved in nearly every end of the automotive and racing industries. From mechanic and auto salesman to heading the public relations department at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Cotter formed his own racing and automotive PR and marketing agency, Cotter Group. The agency represented some of the largest clients in NASCAR, IndyCar/CART, drag racing and road racing. He has written biographies of the legendary Holman-Moody race team, Tommy Ivo and Dean Jeffries, but is best known for his series of barn find books, such as *Cobra in the Barn*, *50 Shades of Rust* and *Barn Find Road Trip*. Cotter appears in the *Barn Find Hunter* video series, which is distributed by Hagerty Insurance. He teaches public relations at Belmont Abbey College, sits on the advisory board of McPherson College's Auto Restoration program, and is a member of the Road Racing Driver's Club (RRDC.) He is married to Pat, has one son, Brian, and lives in Davidson, N.C.

Michael Alan Ross has carved out a career photographing the studied nuances, latest models, adrenaline-rushed raceways, and proud owners of the car world. His love of automotive design includes an encyclopedic knowledge of sculptural engineering details with a parallel appreciation for the evolution of componentry. Michael's photography is featured in Motorbooks' *Barn Find Road Trip* and *Rockin' Garages*, as well as in a wide range of editorial and advertising in the US and Europe. He lives in San Rafael, California.

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