

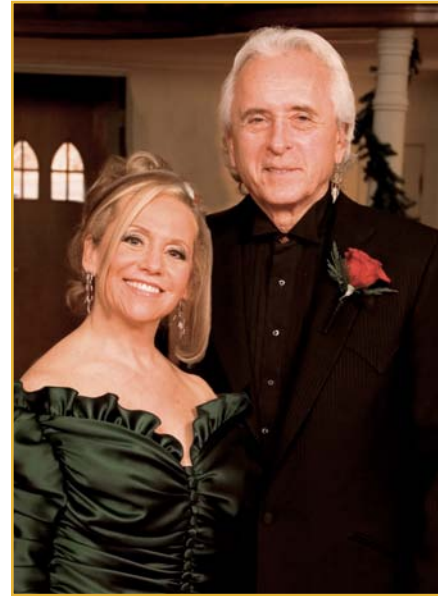
## CAN A GUY WHO'S IN THE BUSINESS OF DEMOLITION ALSO BE A CONSERVATIONIST?!

Well, it appears that our client, Vaughn Veit, is able to play both roles. His 800 employee business, Veit Companies, headquartered in Rogers, Minnesota, is engaged in demolition, earth moving, soil solidification, specialty construction, foundation work, roll off containers, and demolition landfills. And, in his spare time, he collects cars, motorcycles, gas pumps, automobile memorabilia, and much more.

Vaughn and his wife, Chryse, live on approximately 400 acres of wooded property near Monticello, Minnesota. A significant portion of the property has been donated to the Veit Automotive Foundation for use as a museum for classic and vintage automobiles, automobile memorabilia, and other collectible items. Moss & Barnett helped Vaughn create and design the Veit Automotive Foundation in order that many others could enjoy the collection for many years, while Vaughn enjoys tax benefits associated with the Foundation. He has also personally planted over 300,000 trees and thousands of wildflowers on the property.

Vaughn, who calls himself a “motor head,” has over 60 cars and motorcycles and over 200 gas pumps that were manufactured from 1910 through the 1950s. Some of these pumps, which he refers to as “works of art,” are the only remaining one of its kind in existence. A 1950 Chevrolet was Vaughn’s first car; it now resides in his office.

“I believe I acquired my desire to collect and save from my mother, who grew up in the Depression and saved everything,” says Vaughn. He still has his original stroller and several of the toys he played with as a child.



*Chryse and Vaughn Veit*

Chryse owns and raises American Saddlebred horses. During the 2007 season, some of the equines from their breeding program received awards in Futurities and Sweepstakes programs on a national level. Currently the Veits are building a horse stable on their property with materials from an auditorium deconstructed at Macalester College.

A culminating symbol of their joined interests (horses and hot rods) is THE CHROME COMMANDER, a chrome sculpture made totally out of car bumpers, including some from Vaughn’s personal collection from '50 and '55 Chevys.

We salute Vaughn and Chryse for the important role they play in the success of our regional economy and the quality of our community life!