

Park Avenue

MOTOR SKILLS European Auto Vault doesn't just store Atlanta's finest autos; it indulges them. **By Gavin Godfrey**

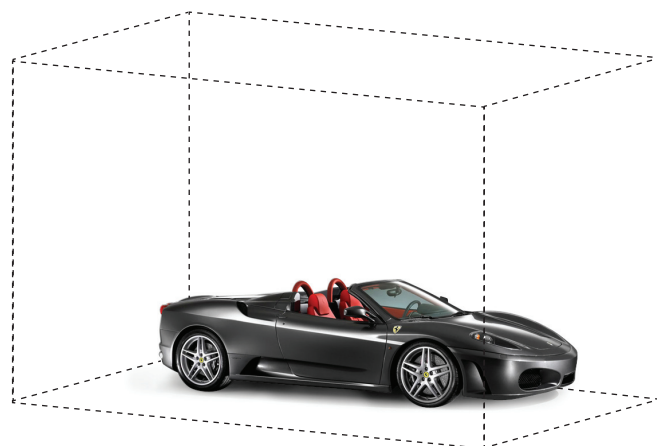
"YOU CAN BUY A FERRARI AND store it here, or we can have a baby." Those were the choices his wife presented to him . . . right before he took a trip to the Ferrari dealership.

That scenario earned a new client for Andrea White Tyrones. No, she's not a divorce attorney. She's the founder of European Auto Vault, a safe house for Atlanta A-listers' most prized automotive toys. Tyrones' clients, whose names she guards with vigilance worthy of crown jewels, range from well-known musicians to top-level executives and sports stars, but their mutual adoration for high-end European

cars brings them all to EAV's secret location in Tucker, the only car storage facility of its kind in the Southeast.

Before a car can be brought to the climate- and humidity-controlled facility for "babying" and storage, it—along with its owner—must undergo a meticulous interview process. Owners, regardless of status or wealth, must sign a confidentiality agreement before learning the facility's location.


Like getting your child into your top school choice, gaining access to EAV's exclusive services is cause for celebration. The Porsches, Jaguars, Ferraris, and other opulent autos receive regular



maintenance, emissions tests, and detailing at garages chosen by their owners. And because cars, like people, need exercise, they are driven every 14 days by one of EAV's two master technicians: Tony Lewis, renowned British car expert, and Terry Girone, a "car whisperer" who has worked with the likes of Paul Newman and Mario Andretti. Back behind the walls of EAV, an electronic

security system protects the vehicles. The system is so advanced that, according to Tyrones, "there is no need for a human guard or security personnel."

Services and storage cost between \$350 and \$600 per month. The location is, of course, hush-hush. ★

 Visit europeanautovault.com or call 404-317-4387 for information.

Well Groomed

ADVISER Tips for a stylish wedding from master of menswear Rik Ducar **By Jill Rudnitzky**

THOUGH MANY BELIEVE WEDDINGS ARE ALL ABOUT THE BRIDE, RIK Ducar, founder of Groom Studio, would seriously disagree. His love of formal wear and the lack of similar services for men inspired the high-end, exclusive stylist to start a business dedicated to helping grooms prepare for the big day.

Ducar's unusual expertise has been sought by the likes of ABC's *The Bachelor*, *The Bachelorette*, and *Extreme Makeover* and the Discovery Channel's *Greatest American*. Now more of a full-scale wedding planner than a pre-wedding day stylist, Ducar is often present on the day of the affair to help the guys get "fluffed and ready to roll." He handles everything from adjusting the bow tie to acting as a last-minute counselor for grooms with cold feet—even Tia Carrere's second husband required a reminder that, yes, he did indeed want to go through with marrying the *Wayne's World* beauty.

1 Don't try to match the bridal party's color scheme unless you're going for a high school prom thing.

2 Do invest in a tux. "It's something you'll have forever, and you'll use it time and time again. Every well-dressed man


needs to have his own tuxedo." Ducar compares rental tuxes to rental cars. "They're never treated as well as they would be by the owner. Do you really want to get married in something that some guy was throwing up in last week?"

3 Don't neglect your groomsmen. Coordinate their clothing and attend groomsmen's fittings.

4 Do ask the bride for help and advice. She knows more about men's clothing than you think.

5 Don't wear a formal shirt without a cufflink option.

6 Do look beyond the tried-and-true location options. Ducar says the 3,000-square-foot ballroom at The Highland Inn is "just about the coolest room in Atlanta" for those on a budget and the Le Moulin Rouge Room beneath Paris on Ponce is "the most fabulous single room for events in the city."

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