

# Car fancier's perfectionism brings \$2.9 million penalty

Collector on losing end  
of a bitter legal battle  
with Kent craftsman

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B. Scott Isquick wasn't thrilled with the repairs made to his Mercedes, and his beef only began with the \$500,000 bill.

He didn't like waiting 20 months for the work to be done. He thought the seat was too heavy and the handmade carburetor was a dud, despite allowing speeds up to 90 mph.

For all his money, all Isquick saw in his car was imperfection.

But others around the world saw a masterpiece. Isquick's 1911 Mercedes has become one of the most talked-about cars among world collectors.

The attention didn't matter to Isquick. To ease his pain, he filed a lawsuit blaming Dale Adams of Kent, considered by some to be one of the nation's finest car restorers, for his repair headaches.

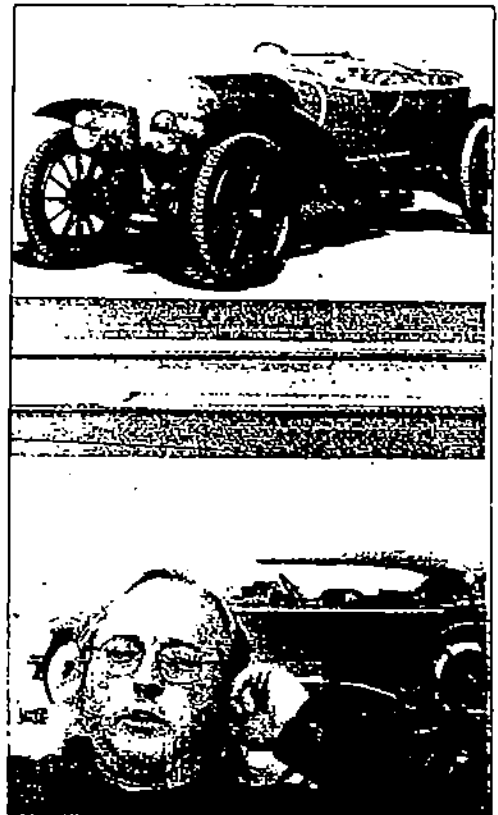
"Foolishly filed" is the way the 77-year-old insurance man from Pepper Pike described his suit last week.

In response, Adams filed his own claims of slander and business interference. He might now agree with the foolishness of Isquick's lawsuit, all while driving to the bank.

Last week, a Summit County jury awarded \$2.9 million to Adams, one of the top damage awards ever made in the county.

Evidently, the jury was sympathetic to the working man.

Dale Adams, an expert restorer of collectible cars, sits under a photo of the Mercedes that triggered a legal fight between Adams and collector B. Scott Isquick. Barring an appeals reversal, Adams is the winner.



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