



Vaughn Veit letter of Referral,

As President and Founder of the Veit Automotive Foundation it became apparent we had once again out grown our exhibit space for our vintage automobile collection. After a full study of our needs, the foundation's design team opted for an early 1900's gothic arch dairy barn. Not only would the barn have to be authentic looking, it had to support the automobiles and large - scale farm machinery.

Rick worked with us in 2008 to build our previous barn where he exhibited craftsmanship and detail. When we were ready to expand the collection, Rick was once again our craftsman of choice. He brought the ability to realize our dream to its finished state. Rick and his team, executed the finite details of the build with care and correctness. Details include:

- 700 lb trap door allows access for items to be craned up to 3rd floor
- The 1895 Rock Island structural bridge supports hold the staircase walls as supports
- 40-foot timbers perch atop the 12" x 12" wood reclaimed columns
- The three restored vintage cupolas adorn the building's roof line.
- Reclaimed heavy timbers were brought in from the Northeast, Southeast and the Northwest to hold up the building.
- 14,000 sq ft of reclaimed tobacco barn hardwood flooring
- 27,000 lineal feet of ship-lapped interior - completed in a horizontal application

Despite many intricate details, Rick and his team offered well thought out solutions to carefully and methodically integrate the overall vision of the new space.

As the 1900's replicated gothic arch barn now stands, it's truly an amazing piece, brought to life by his team. Future guests from all over the world will share in the energy he brought to the build. Should the need or the desire ever arises to build another building we will be calling upon Rick and his team. We can say with all sincerity we wish Rick the best on future projects. It is without reservation, I am sincerely recommending Rick for your next building project needs.

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Veit Automotive Foundation