



One of many outdoor events at AutoMotorPlex, with the main clubhouse at top.

"Some of the gals like to cook, some of the gals like to have wine, some like to read, some like to work on cars," he said. "It's not an exclusive guy thing."

"I wish I could work on cars," Sara Murphy said with a laugh. "I grew up with toys: four-wheelers and snowmobiles and boats and all that stuff, so it's all fun to me."

"The cool thing that I've learned is, a lot of time, cars — they're not just cars — they're art. It's fun to learn about them and see all the things that are out here."

The Murphys enjoy the many public and private events at AutoMotorPlex, which also has a 4,600-square-foot clubhouse at its center. If they don't want to participate, they can watch from their upstairs balcony.

Silikowski and some affiliates are planning AutoMotorPlexes for Chicago and Kansas City. He's also been scouting for a location in the Twin Cities' East Metro.

Silikowski has found that the hobby-centered condos provide space and time for families to bond, including his own.

Sara Murphy can't wait until her relatives see their garage condo, completed in January.

"We wanted them to come when it was a finished product," she said. "They're going to be blown away when they get here, and see not just our place but the whole complex." ■

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