

# Unique toys for car lovers and more



## Automobuild

➤ **THE NEXT TIME** you visit downtown Los Gatos with the kids in tow, be sure to stop at Automobuild. Located on Main Street, walking distance from Old Town and Santa Cruz Avenue shops, Automobuild is a specialty toy store with a focus on classic cars.


This is one of those shops where you can feel the passion of the local owners, John and Kirsten Dryden, the minute you step through the door. Opened just last June, Automobuild celebrates cars and other “building” toys. The Drydens were inspired to design a store that offered a unique shopping and learning experience for children and their parents. Kirsten Dryden said, “One of our main goals is to excite car lovers and their children

(or grandchildren) through a creative educational environment and enticing merchandise. We designed the store with the theme of a classic garage and we are excited to showcase all of the automobile pieces to our customers.”

Interactive play areas allow children to build toys and/or race slot cars while flat screen monitors provide entertainment and education. John Dryden said, “As a dad, I wanted to have a store where I can bring my son and daughter and share with them my passion for automobiles. I can teach them how things work and the evolution of technology. While playing with toys and building models, they can experience how automobiles work and are built.”

Beyond cars, Automobuild is filled with unique toys that are handpicked and not seen in other stores. Also, Automobuild hosts monthly events and birthday parties. Check their website for details.

Store manager Susan Lupkin and staff are there to welcome visitors Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. <



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