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Dear Windshield Repairers:

I have a dilemma that I hope you can solve. A few weeks ago, after tossing a few back, I had an incident in my 1969 Chevy Impala that really has me in a fix. You see, I restored this car myself and put quite a bit of cash into it along the way. I am quite proud of the work I did on my car and I like to show it off to all of my friends in town. I even take it downtown every year when they have a classic car show in Sandusky. This is a very special car as you will find out.

I follow the NASCAR circuit and I was always a big fan of #3 The Intimidator. I had Mr. Dale Earnhardt sign the outside of my windshield in '94 just after he won the AC Delco 500 at North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham. That was the race where he clinched his record seventh Winston Cup Championship. He signed my windshield with a permanent marker and I then covered it with a special weatherproofing seal to preserve it forever. I even have a certificate of authenticity in the glove box.

After the incident a few weeks ago, I now have a huge spidery smash in the passenger side of my windshield and some other blood stains there (it was only a deer) and on the hood that I have mostly cleaned up. Lucky for me, Dale signed my windshield on the driver's side. He ain't no passenger, I can tell you that much!

I can fix the damaged body work with no problem. That part is only minor anyway. But I can't really drive my Impala around to classic auto shows in this condition, so I need to get the windshield repaired and that is a little bit beyond my abilities, especially with the added wrinkle of Mr. Earnhardt's autograph. I wonder if you know of anyone who can repair my windshield without damaging the Intimidator's signature. The obvious problem is that Dale Earnhardt is now dead and he cannot re-sign my windshield. I never liked Junior, so that is NOT a solution, my friends. And I wouldn't even THINK about having Rusty Wallace sign my windshield for three reasons: (1) my friends would accuse me of signing my own name to the windshield and trying to pass it off as 'Rusty Wallace'; (2) he is going to retire soon and will not die on the racetrack like my hero did; (3) I never really liked the name Rusty anyway. That just ain't a race-car-drivin' name in my opinion. Rusty is the kind of name you have if you are a writer or a lawyer or even a garbage man, but not a career associated with cars and racing! Rust is a car's

mortal enemy!

So now here's the \$64,000 question. Can you or any of your association members cut out Dale's signature and fuse it to another new replacement windshield without disturbing or distorting the actual autograph? Cutting out the autograph should be no problem, but at that point it only becomes a piece of glass that Dale Earnhardt signed. That's no bigger a deal than him signing a piece of paper or a t-shirt. It loses most of its value when it ceases to be a Chevy Impala windshield. And my Impala certainly loses a lot of its personality without Dale. The only other thing that adds real character to the car is the Bad Ass Southern Folk bumper sticker on the trunk that I got at Talladega.

Please let me know if this is something that you can help me with. My momma would really be upset if she saw the smashed windshield when she comes up to visit this spring. It was her Impala before I bought it from her and restored it. I was actually conceived in the back seat of that car, so it really is a special family heirloom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rusty Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rusty Lucas

p.s. If you guys have any free baseball caps available, could you please send me one? I promise to wear it at every car show or race I go to this season and will tell anyone who asks me where I got it and what services you provide.