



Stan the man gets mechanics' accreditation at the age of 69

He may have been fixing cars more than 50 years ago, but mechanic Stan Copson (left) has no plans to put down his tools just yet.

In fact, the grandfather from Droitwich, who turns 70 on Saturday, has just become the oldest technician to have gained the Automotive Technician Accreditation (ATA) certificate – the car industry's equivalent of the CORGI standard.

Stan said while technology might have changed, his love of being a mechanic has remained.

He said: "My wife Rita often says I have oil in my veins rather than blood because I love being a mechanic. But I cannot help being passionate about something I enjoy.

"I always say to myself one day I could wake up and I may not want to do it. But I have always found cars interesting, and I won't stop until that changes."

Stan gave up his job at Bristol Street Motors in Kings Norton five years ago, but he said retirement was not for him.

"I was climbing up the walls after a month," he said. "Work contacted me and asked if I wanted to go back. I said 'yes' straight away. My wife didn't mind. She encourages me to do what I enjoy."

Stan had a nostalgic drive in a Ford yesterday and says he has always enjoyed working with models produced by the famous car manufacturer.



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