



European Motor Club *of Central New York*

The 2 Seater

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The European Motor Club of CNY Connection

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Message from the President:

Hello all,

I understand everyone had a great picnic in Dewitt early this month. Special thanks to Bill Licker for pulling it all together. I was disappointed I couldn't attend, but I understand Jim Kenyon did an excellent job in my absence. Our next meeting is September 5th. Looking to plan activities looking forward.

Starting to feel cooler temperatures lately which reminds us that fall is coming. Not to worry, it's still a great time to get out with our cars. There are a lot of events still available to attend. There is the Western NY car show on August 27th. Watkins Glen heritage weekend is the 8th, 9th and 10th. A lot of things to do and see there.
<http://www.grandprixfestival.com> I am sure there are a lot of cruise in's happening as well.

So I hope to see everyone out and about. Let's see if we can get some impromptu rides together maybe during the fall colors, if we see a great day coming up.

Safe Travels, Frank Gordnier

Mark Your Calendar:

General Club Meetings

at Barbagallo's; 6344 E. Molloy Rd., E. Syr. Dinner at 6PM;
 Meeting starts at 7PM; first Tuesday of each month

Board Meetings

Meeting starts at 7PM;
 All meetings held on Tuesdays

January	3	July	5 (Wed.)	January	17	July	18
February	7	August	1	February	21	August	15
March	7	September	5	March	21	September	19
April	4	October	3	April	18	October	17
May	2	November	7	May	16	November	21
June	6	December	5	June	20	December	19

General Club meeting (August 1st):

Activities

- Attendance - 45 attended at Ryder Park. Our annual picnic was a great evening for all who attended. My thanks to Rick and Kevin for minding the grill. Also thanks to everyone who brought all the delicious food for us to enjoy. I saw several folks who are not always present at meetings and other get-togethers - I hope that it is a sign that our club is alive and growing! Watch for information regarding our parade night at the State Fair. Also I hope to set up a ride soon so we can continue to enjoy this lovely time of year with our tops down!
- Membership - approx 98; EMCC business cards are always available
- Thoughts and prayers for Ray & Linda Havener
- Food truck night (8/16):





Upcoming Events of Interest

- Golf/clambake at Pompey Hill : 8/21, thru Plank Road Chamber of Commerce
- State Fair Parades: canx
- Festa Italiana Syracuse, Syracuse NY, 9/16-17. Sat & Sun morning, we will have guided drives around the Finger Lakes area. Both drives will end at the festival. If we have a good number Italian cars, we will have an area at the festival to park. If only a few cars show, we will park in the private lot at Rocco's office. If you are interested in joining us, **please let us know** and we will keep you posted. At this time, we are taking a straw poll to see if there are enough people to make this work logistically. Rocco and Roberta Mangano; rmangano@rmanganolaw.com; phone 315-447-6790
- August birthdays: Tom Needell-8/1, Dave Cortese-8/2, Tom Hodge-8/3, Allan Landes-8/9, Pam Gordnier-8/13, Kevin Dix-8/19, Carol Denz-8/21, Tom Bersani-8/24, Jesse Steritt-8/27
- Sept birthdays: Judy Licker-9/1; Jeremy Kay-9/4; Allen Adkins-9/6; Terri LaVergne-9/7; Liz Mastracco-9/16; Barbara Zabinski-9/19; Mark Sherman-9/20; Steve Prosonic-9/22; Neal Johnson-9/26
- Euro Car Show (June 16, 2024)

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 5th

Cars for Sale:

- **1990 Alfa Romeo Veloce Spider, \$5900**
Kevin Perdew
kperdew54@gmail.com
- **MGB has 71,600 miles. I haven't been driving it much, so it's time to share it with the next caretaker. I think it's worth about \$8,500.**
Randy Olson
holtian143@hotmail.com
- **1973 Triumph Spitfire MK III, Tuned up & running great! Asking \$3,600**
Ray Dromms, 315 254 4889
rpdro1729@gmail.com



- **1963 MGB (no overdrive) - for sale by original owner: \$8,900, original Paint, 70,000 (approximately) original miles; original mechanics in place/recent tune up (mechanically sound) by Manlius Motorworks and in great working order; needs interior work (seats need refinish and new carpet work), dash looks good condition and all gauges in working order; Includes stow-in-2 original top & tonneaux cover; Binder with all mechanical work done (I wouldn't be surprised if original bill of sale is included in there)**
Florence Kirk, 315-415-9204
email: Florence.kirk@oswego.edu





Parts / Items for Sale:

- I have the following items that may be of interest to Syracuse/Upstate NY MG people.

Two cloth patches: 1) The Golden Gathering, Syracuse GOF, 1990; and 2) Upstate NY MG 'T'S

One dash plaque: MG 'T' Car Club of Syracuse No. 17

One award size of 5 3/4" x 4 1/4"; ENY GOF MK-I, 3-RD RALLYE engraved on front; Oneida Silversmiths on reverse

\$10 for everything plus shipping

Mike Marini, Sheboygan, WI

mmsheb3@gmail.com
- I have a couple seats out of my 1971 MGB and a (NEW) Lucas switch for a Spitfire. It fits the years 1977-1980.

Seats: Autumn Leaf, no rips or tears 150.00 or BO



Lucas Switch: never used still in the box. 10.00



Lenny Morgese; 315-416-0382; Email : morgese99@gmail.com

- **I have an engine lift (2 ton capacity) made in the USA. Asking \$200**
I also have a Bendpak Mid-Rise scissor lift: Capacity: 6,000 lbs; Max Lifting Height w/o Adapters: 47"; Lowered Height: 4.75"; Power Requirements: 110 VAC / 50/60 Hz. 1Ph. Asking \$500
Both items are in excellent condition and located in Manlius, New York
John Duncan 315-374-3562

Please let me know if you have any updates to the items listed in this classified section

If interested in sharing, send me your car's story/history (& photo) so I can highlight it in future newsletters

Please submit any content to you would like to see added to the newsletter to rgreabel@twcny.rr.com; Dick Greabel
315-656-8525

Central New York Car Club Association

2023 Show Schedule

TAKE ONE HOME!

May 2-Oct 3	Maple Road Boyz Tuesday Night Cruise	Clay Central Park, Liverpool, NY
May 19-20	Highway Legends 11th Annual	Cerow Rec Park, Clayton, NY
May 21	Cayuga County BOCES 9:00-2:00pm	1879 W. Genesee St. Rd., Auburn, NY
May 21	CNY Mustang and All Ford Club- Cruise 1:30	Marathon to Cort Lanes, Cortland, NY
June 3	Sherrill- Kenwood Classic Car Club	Oneida Community Mansion House Sherrill
June 3	Kruizing Knights	Goettel Park, Rte. 11, Central Square, NY
June 4	Oneida Lake Antique Automobile Car Club	Clay Town Park, Wetzel Rd. Liverpool, NY
June 5-Aug 28	Manlius Antique & Classic Car Club Cruise	Snow Top Ice Cream Manlius, NY
June 10	Central New York Corvair Club	Hampton Inn 3948 NY-31, Liverpool, NY
June 10	ESM Spartan Garage 11-2	ESM High School, E. Syracuse, NY
June 11	Syracuse Shelby Mustang Club- All Ford Show	3-Rivers Point, Rt 57 & Gaskin Rd., Clay
June 11	Pontiac Club of CNY	Bill Rapp Super Store, Syracuse, NY
June 11	Mexico Post 369 Cruisers	VFW Field, Rte. 3N, Mexico, NY
June 11	Poor Boys Spring into Summer Cruise	Finger Lakes Mall, Auburn, NY
June 18	Prison City Ramblers	Emerson Park, Owasco Lake, Auburn, NY
June 18	European Motor Club of CNY Eurocar 2021	Lafayette Apple Fest Grounds, Lafayette, NY
June 23-25	Salt City Vans- PROVANITY 37	Chenango Fairgrounds 168 E. Main St. Norwich, NY
June 24	Oneida Nations Car Club	Oneida Nations Arena, 4000 Rt. 11, Nedrow, NY
June 24	Volvo Club of America, CNY Chapter	Trumansburg Fairgrounds, Trumansburg, NY
June 25	CNY MOPAR Association	Longbranch Park, Liverpool, NY
July 1	Bayside Cruisers	South Lake St., Downtown Fair Haven, NY
July 8	American Cruisers Car Club	Otsiningo Park, Binghamton, NY
July 9	CNY American Truck Historical Society	Longbranch Park, Liverpool, NY
July 9	Fast Eddie's Hot Rods	Emerson Park, East Lake Rd., Auburn, NY
July 14-16	Syracuse Nationals (Rt. Coast & CNYCCA)	NY State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
July 22 (Rain 23)	Bad Pony All Ford Club of Upstate NY	Billy Whittaker Car/Trucks 309 Rt. 11 Hastings, NY
July 23	Mohawk Motorcades Auto Club	Munson Williams Proctor Institute, Utica, NY
July 30	Syracuse Corvette Club, Vettes at the Beach	Downtown Sylvan Beach, NY
Aug 5	Tappet Twirlers	Fireman's Field Rt. 46, Westernville, NY
Aug 5	American Classics and Muscle Cars	Longley Brothers Dodge, Rte 57, Fulton, NY
Aug 13	Volkswagen Club of CNY	Oneida Shores, Brewerton, NY
Aug 19	Cayuga County Cruisers	Repair Plus 2682 Turnpike Rd. & Rt. 34, Auburn NY
Aug 19	CNY Orphan Cars "Gathering of Orphan Cars"	Lewis Park, Minoa, NY
Aug 26	Groton Cruiser Car Club "Old Home Days"	Conger Blvd, Groton, NY
Aug 26	Auburn Auto Group Cruisers	318 Grant Ave. Auburn, NY
Sept 3	Fillmore Auto Club	Fillmore Glen State Park, Moravia, NY
Sept 10	Mohican Model A Ford Club	Fireman's Field, Wampsville, NY
Sept 16	SUNY Morrisville Car Club - Alumni Weekend	SUNY Morrisville College, Morrisville, NY
Sept 17	Seven Valley Street Rods	Dwyer Memorial Park, Little York, NY
Sept 23	Onondaga CC Open House Cruise	Onondaga CC, Onondaga Hill, Syr., NY

3/15/23 We will again expect to keep you informed of additions and cancellations as they occur. Please use common sense when attending the events that you choose to support. Thank you.

Visit our web site, WWW.CNYCCA.ORG for show updates and for a full list of area Cruise Nights in the greater Central New York area

SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER'S CAR:

From Bill Licker: Anyone available this week to possibly help me get my hibernating B started? If so send me email or call me at home 315-399-5305. I am no longer at my work number. I re-retired!

MECHANIX CORNER: Are Electric Cars Worth It?

Courtesy of "Autoweek", 8/25/2023

Here's A 3-Year Cost Analysis

Choosing between an electric car or a gas car can be a complicated decision with one of the primary factors often being cost. We break down a 3-year analysis of the cost of owning an EV so you can understand what it could cost you over time.

EV aficionados will tell you that electric vehicles are cheaper to fuel and maintain, so that means they must be cheaper to own and operate. EV skeptics will counter with the premium pricing of many EVs. So, are electric cars cheaper than gas cars over the long haul of ownership? Sort of. Sometimes. As they say, it's complicated.

To investigate whether the cost per mile of an electric car is truly cheaper than its gas-powered counterpart, we chose two models in the US market that are available with both powertrains to compare.

From Hyundai, we looked at the Hyundai Kona and the Kona Electric. From the BMW Group, we chose the Mini Cooper Hardtop two-door and the Mini Electric.

Are Electric Cars Worth It?: Three-Year Cost Analysis

To determine whether electric cars are really more financially efficient than gas cars, we decided to run an examination of the first three years of overall ownership cost.

For the purposes of the clearest comparison possible, we stuck with the numbers we could pin down. For this reason, we are not including either financing costs or insurance premiums, as the choices you make around both can have a significant impact on your total costs.

Starting Cost

Our journey starts with the straight base price of the most basic model of each subject vehicle. Any applicable Federal tax credits for the two EVs are figured in later in the calculations. The cars' purchase prices (including destination charges) are as follows:

- Mini Cooper Hardtop: \$24,250
- Mini Electric: \$30,750
- Hyundai Kona: \$21,440
- Hyundai Kona Electric: \$38,330

As you can see, the gas vehicles are about \$6,000 or \$7,000 dollars cheaper than their electric counterparts. This is unlikely to come as a surprise to anyone. The real question is, do the savings electric vehicles earn down the road make the initial sticker shock worth it?

Miles Driven

In order to do some important cost calculations, it's important to know how many miles we're talking about.

To keep things fair, we went with a theoretical annual mileage 15,000 for all our contenders. This has been the de facto average mileage stat for U.S. drivers for decades. The result of our calculations is a three-year mileage count of 45,000 miles for all four cars.

Maintenance Costs

If you're wondering whether maintenance on electric cars is expensive or what routine maintenance they need, you're certainly thinking about this comparison the right way.

Maintenance costs are a major factor in the total cost of a vehicle, so it's important to consider the maintenance requirements and expenses for both types of vehicle.

Our Source

To calculate maintenance costs, we used AAA's 2019 Your Driving Costs analysis. It determines how much you pay per mile in maintenance to drive a vehicle by reviewing costs like those for tires, brakes, oil changes, and repairs over a five-year period.

Yes, that's longer than our three-year timeline, so it's helpful to note that the report might offer a slightly inflated version of the data. Regardless, AAA's data gives us a solid baseline to build from, and all the subject cars are treated equally.

The Data

Maintenance costs per mile and over the full 45,000 miles are as follows:

- Mini: \$0.0853 per mile/ \$3,839
- Mini Electric: \$0.066 per mile/ \$2,970
- Hyundai Kona: \$0.0909 per mile /\$4,091
- Hyundai Kona Electric: \$0.066 per mile / \$2,970

Our Analysis

As expected, the EVs are cheaper to maintain. This makes sense, as they avoid costs from oil changes and other related other engine maintenance.

Both Mini and Hyundai also offer free maintenance for three years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first. As the deals are the same, we've chosen to disregard them for the sake of a simplified analysis.

Energy Usage

To calculate the energy usage of both types of cars we used the EPA's gallons and kW's used per 100 miles. For both of these units, the lower the number, the more efficient the vehicle. Here's what we found:

- Mini: 3.2-gal/100 miles
- Mini Electric: 31-kWh/100 miles
- Hyundai Kona: 3.3 gal/100 miles
- Hyundai Kona Electric: 27-kWh/100 miles

As you can see, the Mini Hardtop gets better gas mileage than the Kona, but the Kona Electric is more efficient than the Mini Electric.

To understand how this data impacts the overall cost, we'll have to determine how much it costs to charge an electric car compared to gas vehicles.

Gasoline Costs

For gasoline costs, we used the national average price of gas in February, 2020: \$2.44 for regular and \$3.11 for premium (the Mini requires the higher- grade fuel). We avoided more recent national average data because they may be higher than future gas prices due to the pandemic and trade issues.

Here is the cost to drive the gasoline-powered Kona and Mini for 45,000 miles.

- Mini Hardtop: \$4,478
- Hyundai Kona: \$3,623

This means the Mini costs \$855 more in gas to drive for 45,000 miles than the Hyundai.

Charging Costs

The costs of charging an electric car are tougher to determine than the cost of filling a car with gas, but we've done so by considering factors like the average price of energy per minute and how many kW of energy that entails per EV.

Determining Charging Rate

Many charging stations charge per minute instead of per kW—the latter equating to gallons of gas. To account for this, we used the average charging per minute rate sans membership of Electrify America's up to 75-kW stations which is \$0.22/min. We then averaged the charge rate to 50 kW to account for slow stations and lowered rate of charge once a battery hits 80 percent.

Determining Charging Costs

To determine at-home charging costs, we took the average kW rate of \$0.1282/kW in the United States for February, 2020. There are a few factors this strategy doesn't account for.

For example, electric utility rates in the United States vary wildly. Louisiana pays only \$0.0897 per kW while Hawaii electric rates are a wallet-busting \$0.3244 per kW. However, the national average should give us a pretty good idea.

The Data

Here's how much it would take to keep the two EVs charged up enough to cover 45,000 miles:

- Mini Electric: \$1939
- Kona Electric: \$1723

Our Analysis

The Mini costs slightly more than the Kona to charge up, but the differences aren't as drastic as with gas-powered cars.

Cost Per Mile for Gas vs. Electric Cars

Our analysis shows that both EVs are significantly cheaper to power up than their gas counterparts, suggesting it's much cheaper to fill a car with electricity than with gas. In fact, you can save about \$2,539/45,000 miles driving the Mini Electric rather than the Mini Hardtop, and \$1,900/45,000 miles driving the Kona Electric rather than the Hyundai Kona.

Depreciation

A quick look at the numbers and it's clear that EVs depreciate quicker than their gas counterparts. We landed on the following numbers for three years-worth of depreciation using the source of AAA's depreciation metrics, Vincentric.

- Mini Hardtop: \$8,887
- Mini Electric: \$13,653
- Kona: \$10,663
- Kona Electric: \$12,288

Three-Year Ownership Cost Comparison Results

Based on purchase price, fuel, maintenance costs, and depreciation over a three-year period, here's what we've found for the cost-of-ownership of our subject vehicles:

- Mini Hardtop: \$41,454
- Mini Electric: \$49,312
- Hyundai Kona: \$39,817
- Hyundai Kona Electric: \$55,311

As you can see, the gas cars in both cases come out cheaper than the EVs. Owning a Mini Hardtop rather than the Mini Electric might save you about \$7,858 over the course of three years, or approximately \$2,619 per year. Likewise, owning a Hyundai Kona rather than its electric counterpart might save you as much as \$15,494 over three years, or \$5,165 per year.

EV Tax Credits

Now, before you jump on the phone with your EV-driving friend, there are still additional variables. There's the \$7,500 tax credit that's available for both of the electric cars. That brings the purchase prices of the electric vehicles down by that much. And that drops their ownership costs to:

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- Mini Electric: \$41,812
- Hyundai Kona Electric: \$47,811

Which is Cheaper to Own: Gas or Electric?

Incorporating the EV tax credits, our calculations show that the gas-powered Mini is a mere \$358 cheaper to own and operate over the first three years than its electric counterpart—essentially a wash.

Then you get to factor in state and local incentives if those are available. Plus, as the years progress, the lower cost of operating an electric vehicle (fuel and maintenance) continue to accrue. In the case of the Mini, it might just tip the advantage to the electric model.

The Kona Electric, on the other hand, is more costly than the gas version by \$7,994 per year. If you're going by cost alone, it's hard to justify the EV in this situation. What this really shows us, of course, is that the final answer to the question "which is cheaper, gas or electric cars?" is that it depends... on the type of car and a million other factors besides.

Do Your Own Comparison

If you're interested in figuring out the cost difference between an EV and a gas vehicle, there's a handy tool on the US Department of Energy's site that compares the overall cost of multiple vehicles at once based on your yearly driving habits, EPA data, and even loan information. It even takes into account your state so that it can adjust the fuel-cost data to fit the gas and electricity prices of your area.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do electric cars really save money?

A: Some electric cars are the same or less money than their gas counterparts, but others are much more expensive. It all depends on the car, the price of electricity, the rate of depreciation, if you're eligible for any incentives, and much more.

Q: Is Tesla charging cheaper than gas?

A: A Tesla Model 3 costs about 5 cents per mile to charge. Unfortunately, there's no gas-powered Tesla Model 3, so it's difficult to make a direct comparison. The best you can do is find a similar gas vehicle with which to compare.

Q: Is it better to buy an electric or gas car?

A: While it may be cheaper to buy and own a gas car in some situations, whether that's really better depends entirely on your needs and views. You'll have to consider elements like convenience and the impact of fossil fuel emission to determine which is really the better option.

DRIVER CORNER: 10 Automotive Museums Every Gearhead Must Visit

Courtesy of "TopSpeed"

These automotive museums are so much more than a Mecca for car fanatics and here's why you should visit them at least once in your lifetime

Being a true gearhead has far deeper roots than just admiring cars or collecting information about them over the

internet. It is an emotion, at times, even an identity. An identity that is molded over years for the true passion of everything with four wheels. We all start by collecting car posters as kids and later move to own miniature car collections. As teenagers, that passion is reflected in setting our favorite car's picture as cellphone or laptop wallpaper. Of all these years of growing up as a car fanatic, we could trade anything for a visit to a car museum. To witness a plethora of shiny, precious automobiles that existed decades ago is a dream that all of us must have had. If you weren't that lucky to be able to visit a car museum as a child, let us tell you, it is never too late. There are many museums around the globe that house marvels that reflect the humble beginning along with the future of the automobile, and everything in between. We have curated the vast list and bring you 10 such automotive museums that you might want to visit at least once in your lifetime.

The Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn (USA)

It won't be an exaggeration to say that Ford single-handedly put America on the map of the automotive world. Located in Dearborn, Michigan, this iconic museum is a Mecca for automotive enthusiasts and history buffs alike.

Wandering through its hallowed halls, you will witness an awe-inspiring collection of artifacts that tell the incredible story of American innovation. From the groundbreaking Model T to the sleek Mustangs that have captured our imaginations for generations, the Henry Ford Museum showcases not only the evolution of automobiles but also pays homage to other game-changing inventions.

Noteworthy Exhibits

- Abraham Lincoln's Chair
- JFK's Presidential Limo
- Thomas Edison's Laboratory
- Working Steam Engine
- Rosa Park's Bus
- Wright Brothers' Shop & Bicycle

The Petersen Automotive Museum, Los Angeles (USA)

The unique structure of the Petersen Automotive Museum itself is fascinating. The sleek and modern structure is a 95,000 square-foot building with three floors and 28 galleries. From vintage classics to cutting-edge supercars, the museum showcases a diverse range of vehicles that span over a century of automotive history.

Each exhibit tells a unique story, allowing visitors to appreciate the craftsmanship and innovation behind these iconic machines. One notable highlight is the "Hollywood Dream Machines" exhibit, which pays tribute to cars featured in popular films and TV shows. You will find famous vehicles like the DeLorean from "Back to the Future" and KITT from "Knight Rider." It's an opportunity to see these legendary cars up close and personal.

Noteworthy Exhibits

- The 1939 Porsche 64s
- The 1992 Batmobile from Batman Returns
- The Honda S2000 from 2 Fast 2 Furious
- A De Tomaso Pantera which belonged to Elvis Presley
- Lightning McQueen from Disney's Cars
- Luke Skywalker's Landspeeder from Star Wars

The Porsche Museum, Stuttgart (Germany)

The Porsche Museum showcases the rich history and legacy of the iconic Porsche brand. Here you will find everything Porsche and a bit more! The highlight of the museum is its interactive exhibits. You can get up close and personal with some of Porsche's most famous race cars and even sit behind the wheel of a virtual racing simulator.

The museum also offers guided tours that provide fascinating insights into the development and evolution of Porsche automobiles. From their early beginnings to their dominance on racetracks around the world, every aspect of Porsche's journey is explored.

Notable Exhibitions

- Four-wheel drive Porsche 360 Cisitalia (1947)
- Porsche 356 Nr. 1 Roadster (1948)
- Porsche Type 804 Formula 1 racing car (1962)
- Porsche 917 Short coupé (1970)

- Porsche 917 Long coupé (1971)
- The 1100 hp Porsche 917/30 Spider (1973)
- Porsche 962C coupé (1987)
- McLaren TAG Porsche F1 (1985)
- Porsche 911 GT1 '98, with Le Mans starting number 25 (1998)

Cité de l'Automobile, Mulhouse (France)

The world of vintage and classic cars in the Cité de l'Automobile will leave you fascinated. The museum boasts an impressive collection of over 400 vehicles from different eras and countries. From early horse-drawn carriages to iconic sports cars like Bugatti and Rolls-Royce, there is something for every gearhead to marvel at.

The Schlumpf Collection — one of the largest collections of Bugatti cars in the world, cannot be missed. The sheer beauty and craftsmanship displayed in these rare automobiles are truly awe-inspiring. The museum also pays tribute to racing legends such as Juan Manuel Fangio and showcases some iconic race cars that have made history on tracks around the world.

Noteworthy Exhibits

- Serpollet Double Phaeton Type A 1902
- Peugeot VIS-A-VIS Type 26 1902
- Mercedes Double Phaeton
- Lancia Torpedo Type Epsilon 1912
- Hispano-Suiza Coupé Chauffeur J12 1934
- Léon Bollée Tricar, 1896
- Ferrari Coupe 250 LM 1964

Mercedes-Benz Museum, Stuttgart (Germany)

This museum showcases several vehicles spanning different eras and models, giving visitors a glimpse into the evolution of Mercedes-Benz. From vintage classics to sleek sports cars and luxurious sedans, there is something for every gearhead to admire.

Each exhibit is carefully curated with detailed information about design concepts, engineering marvels, and technological advancements that have made Mercedes-Benz an iconic brand. So if you are someone who digs Mercedes like no one else then you must pay a visit.

Noteworthy Exhibits

- The world's first four-wheeled automobile
- Over 1500 vintage and modern cars
- The Popemobile

BMW Welt And Museum, Munich (Germany)

The popularity of this iconic BMW Welt And Museum is such that visitors from around the world flock here. From the latest models to classic favorites, there's something for everyone to admire. You also get to dive deeper into the Bavarian company's fascinating past. Discover how BMW has evolved through interactive displays and engaging exhibits. Get up close with legendary cars like the iconic BMW 328 or marvel at their cutting-edge concept vehicles. You can also embark on a factory tour where you can witness firsthand how these incredible machines come to life - from assembly lines buzzing with activity to skilled workers meticulously handcrafting each detail.

Noteworthy Exhibits

- The original car from the 1997 James Bond film "Tomorrow Never Dies"
- BMW Isetta
- BMW Art Cars

The Ferrari Museum; Maranello (Italy)

Ferrari is one of the most renowned automotive brands in the world and has symbolized sleek, low-slung designs. You are certain to be captivated by an incredible collection of Ferrari's most legendary cars. From classic models like the 250 GTO to modern masterpieces like the LaFerrari, each vehicle on display represents a pinnacle of engineering and design. Ferrari has not just displayed its prowess in production cars but also in Formula 1 races. The motorsport division of the Italian automotive giants dominated the racetracks for decades with arguably the most coveted driver in the history of

motorsports — Michael Schumacher. Hence, this museum will be a haven for all the F1 fans out there.

Noteworthy Exhibits

- The rare silver Ferrari 250LM
- The 488 Pista Piloti
- The 288 GTO,
- The F40
- The F50
- Ferrari Enzo
- Ferrari LaFerrari
- Formula 1 Championship-winning cars

Museo Automobili Lamborghini; Sant'Agata Bolognese (Italy)

In an attempt to rival Ferrari, Lamborghini did not just create high-profile cars over decades but an equally commendable museum. Located in the small Italian town of Sant'Agata Bolognese, the Museo Automobili Lamborghini is a must-visit for any car enthusiast, especially if you have a soft corner for Lamborghini.

The museum takes you on a journey through time, showcasing the evolution of these iconic Italian supercars. From vintage classics to modern masterpieces, each vehicle tells a unique story of innovation and design. You can admire legendary models like the Miura, Countach, Diablo, and Aventador up close – their striking lines and roaring engines captivating your senses.

Noteworthy Exhibits

- Miura
- Countach
- Huracán Performante
- The Aventador SVJ
- Centenario
- Sesto Elemento
- Veneno

Audi Museum Mobile, Ingolstadt (Germany)

This museum traces the history of Audi from its humble beginnings to its current status as one of the world's leading automobile manufacturers. The museum complex is the highlight of the Audi Forum Ingolstadt, the largest operation center in Ingolstadt. The building offers a stunning few and there are three levels of display. There are over 80 automobiles and motorcycles for you to gawk at. Fourteen prototype vehicles are constantly on the move on a paternoster elevator.

Noteworthy Exhibits

- Historic Audi Ur Quattro rally
- Audi 50 LS 1977
- A fleet of Audi TTs

Toyota Automobile Museum, Nagoya (Japan)

Toyota has always been the pioneer of JDM cars. The company has played a pivotal role in spreading the popularity of Japanese cars far and wide, especially in the U.S. Unlike the Toyota USA Automobile Museum, this one is not limited to just Toyota cars. The Toyota Automobile Museum in Japan features collections from different manufacturers from around the world. Around 140 vehicles that range from the initial gas-powered era to ultra-modern hypercars can be found here.

Noteworthy Exhibits

- The 1936 Toyoda Model AA
- Replica of the 1886 Benz Patent Motorwagen
- Oldsmobile Curved Dash
- Baker Electric
- Lanchester

PS: Clint Eastwood and his Austin Healey

Clint Eastwood and his first wife Maggie Johnson adjusting the roof of an 1956 Austin Healey 100M sports car!



Hollywood, California, circa 1958. (Photo by (Getty Images))The Austin Healey was a bit of an unusual choice for a Hollywood star, in the 50's and 60's E-Types were exceedingly popular amongst the celluloid elite, as were Ferraris, Astons and of course, the drop-top Mercedes. Nevertheless, it is obvious from the photos, Clint took a great deal of pride in owning one – and liked keeping it clean.

The Austin-Healey 100 was a sports car built from 1953 until 1956. It was developed by Donald Healey to be produced in-house by his small Healey car company in Warwick and based on Austin A90 Atlantic mechanicals. Healey built a single Healey Hundred for the 1952 London Motor Show, and the design impressed Leonard Lord, managing director of Austin, who was looking for a replacement to the unsuccessful A90.

Body styling was by Gerry Coker, the chassis was designed by Barry Bilbie with longitudinal members and cross bracing producing a comparatively stiff structure upon which to mount the body. In order to keep the overall vehicle height low the rear axle was underslung, the chassis frame passing under the rear axle assembly. Lord struck a deal with Healey to build it in quantity, bodies made by Jensen Motors were given Austin mechanical components at Austin's Longbridge factory. The car was renamed the Austin-Healey 100.

The "100" was named by Healey for the car's ability to reach 100 mph (160 km/h); its successor, the better known Austin-Healey 3000, was named for the 3000 cc displacement of its engine. Production Austin-Healey 100s were finished at Austin's Longbridge plant alongside the A90 and based on fully trimmed and painted body/chassis units produced by Jensen in West Bromwich - in an arrangement the two companies previously had explored with the Austin A40 Sports. 14,634 Austin-Healey 100s were produced.

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