

Tucson Auto Museum



CLASSIC AND HISTORIC CARS

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New Cars in the Museum

We have two new cars on the floor!

1937 Cord 812 "Sportsman" Convertible Coupe

The Cord 810, and later Cord 812, was a luxury automobile produced by the Cord Automobile division of the Auburn Automobile Company in 1936 and 1937. It was the first American-designed and built front wheel drive car with independent front suspension. It was preceded by Cord's own 1929 Cord L-29, and the French 1934 Citroën Traction Avant front wheel drive cars, but the 810 / 812 was commercially less successful than these.

The Cord 810 and 812 were also the first production cars to feature hidden / pop-up headlights. Additionally, the radical new styling of its nose completely replaced the traditional radiator grille, in favor of horizontal louvers, that curved all around the sides of the nose, earning the car's styling the nickname of 'coffin nose'.

Upcoming Events

Little Anthony's Diner Car Show
Jul 9 & Jul 23

Tucson Classics Car Show
Oct 15, 2022

Cops & Rodders Car Show
Nov 5, 2022

1952 Nash-Healey Roadster

The Nash-Healey is a two-seat luxury sports car or gran turismo produced between 1951 and 1954 and marketed by the automaker Nash-Kelvinator as a halo vehicle to promote sales of the other Nash models in North America.

A mating of the upscale Nash Ambassador drivetrain and a handmade European chassis and body, it was the first sports car introduced in the U.S. by a major automaker since the Great Depression. It was the product of the partnership between Nash-Kelvinator and British automaker Donald Healey. Only a year after introduction the car received some styling tweaks by Pinin Farina and subassembly began in Italy.

For 1952, Nash commissioned Italian designer Pininfarina to revise Healey's original body design. One objective was to make the sports car more similar to the rest of Nash's models. The front received a new grille incorporating inboard headlights. The sides gained distinct fender character lines ending with small tailfins in the rear. A curved windshield replaced the previous two-piece flat windshield. The restyled car appeared at that year's Chicago Auto Show. Reflecting its role as a halo car, the Nash Ambassador and Statesman models adopted a Nash-Healey-inspired grille with inboard headlights for 1955, and advertising featured the new Nash with a Nash-Healey in the background to show the obvious similarity.



Recent highlights

- We are now closed for the season. We will still be open for private tours. If interested, please reach out to the museum via our phone number or email.
- Our Museum Manager, Courtney Carr, was a guest recently on the Cars Yeah Podcast. She discusses her background, her love of all things car related and highlights many of the museum's unique cars.

<https://carsyeah.com/ourportfolio/2057-courtney-carr/>

Our next area of focus

We are looking for volunteers! We have several opportunities available for people looking to get out there and fill their free time with some fun volunteer opportunities within the museum.

Homefront: Museum Liaison for the Homefront area. Answer questions about the cars, know about the historical background on the various vehicles.

Information Desk: Greet and count visitors entering the Museum. Direct visitors to areas around Museum. Answer general questions.

Vehicle Restoration: Dust off vehicles, clean windows, direction from the museum's mechanic for any other restoration help.

Please reach out to the museum manager if you would like to volunteer within our museum. ccarr@tucsonautomuseum.com



