

# Tucson Auto Museum



OCT 2022 Newsletter



## Tucson Auto Museum

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## October Events

### First Responders Day October 16<sup>th</sup>.

We will be hosting the Tucson areas first responders for a free day at the museum. Any first responder and their family are welcome. Please RSVP to Museum Manager.

### Tucson Classics Car Show October 15<sup>th</sup>

We will have a few cars on display, come see those and many more! Entrance will be \$10 per person. Held from 10-4 at the Gregory School. 3231 N. Craycroft Rd.

#### Upcoming Events

Opening Day  
Oct 20, 2022

First Responders Day  
Oct 16, 2022

Little Anthony's Diner Car  
Show  
Oct 1 & 29<sup>th</sup>

Tucson Classics Car Show  
Oct 15, 2022

Cops & Rodders Car Show  
Nov 5, 2022

### Opening Day October 20<sup>th</sup>

We are opening for our season on October 20<sup>th</sup>! We will be open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10-2. No reservations required to visit. Come check out all the new additions that have been added since last season.

## New Car in the Museum

### 1968 Fiat 500 Gamine

The Vignale Gamine is a small rear-engine car produced by Carrozzeria Vignale from 1967 to 1970, based on the Fiat 500, also known as Nuova 500. Unlike the 500, however, the Gamine had an open-top Roadster structure and only two seats. Styling was by Alfredo Vignale. The Gamine is sometimes related in design to the Fiat 508 Balilla. A hard-top was offered at an extra cost and is considered these days to be quite rare.

It was powered by a 2-cylinder, air-cooled engine of 499.5 cc from the Fiat 500 sport, the sporty version of the 500, and an engine later to be offered on the 500F. There was only one engine version producing 21.5 PS (15.8 kW; 21.2 bhp). A top speed of 97 km/h (60 mph) was claimed according to official data.

The Gamine never sold very well. In fact, the slow sales drove Carrozzeria Vignale out of business, forcing Alfredo Vignale to sell his production line [citation needed] to De Tomaso, which manufactured there the Pantera sports car.



## Recent highlights

- We hosted the Tucson Chapter of the AACA in Sept for their annual Ice cream social. If you are a car club and looking for a place to hold an outing, contact us.
- We hosted the Chevy Car Club of Tucson in Sept as well. They came as part of their monthly outing.
- Our Museum Manager, Courtney Carr, was a guest recently on the Cars Yeah Podcast. She discusses her background, her love of all thing's 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](mailto:ccarr@tucsonautomuseum.com)



