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Each year in early April the City of Saint Petersburg hosts one of the area's best classic car shows if you like old cars and if you want a blast from the past this is the place to go.



Just when I thought that I had seen every type of old car available I am surprised again. I think this was one of the best shows that I have seen here in Saint Petersburg. Who knows where these old cars come from ?

It also does not hurt that it seems that the weather has been absolutely perfect for every show that I have attended. Most of these cars are convertibles, or of great value and a rain shower would not be a good idea.



The cars must be in place between 7:00 and 9:00 AM and arriving at about 9:00 in the morning is perfect. There is no charge to attend and plan on spending at least two or three hours to walk around.

Again you will be amazed at the quality and quantity of classic cars that are still out there. I'm thinking about putting my car in the show next year but I have a lot of work to do before it even is half as nice as the ones that I see here.





There are automobiles here of every age. Some of these cars must have hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in them. I can't imagine that they're ever driven other than on a car carrier to get them to a car show.





This Chevrolet was absolutely gorgeous. I rarely see one of these classic cars in white and it really works. The interior was like something I've never seen before.

I thought his messaging for keeping your hands and fingerprints off the car effective. I talked with my friend about this as the car was so nice it made me want to take my clothes off just to get it and sit down but I decided that that was not a good idea.



This was a 240Z in yellow paint. I had this exact car but it was a 1970 six 280Z. I famously tell the story how I was stationed in Hawaii on the island of Oahu in 1980. I parked my car and somebody had stolen it and it took me an hour to grasp this fact. I couldn't believe that somebody would steal a car on an island but they did. We found it later stripped and totaled. I am certain otherwise I would still have that car today.





I always 0 in on the muscle cars and this was a beautiful Ford fastback. I spoke with the owner for some time and he mentioned that he's only the second owner. He bought it off of a gentleman who bought it new and kept it in pristine condition. These are really beautiful cars and they harken back to your youth especially for someone of my age.



As I said some of these cars have to have \$100,000 plus invested in them. Every detail has been reconditioned and repaired it. Just the paint jobs alone on some of these cars would cost some thousands of dollars.

But keeping old cars running is anachronistic. It's amazing that they are in such good condition for their age. It's interesting to think of the electrification of cars and to wonder if someday gas stations will be far in few and these cars well then be relinquished to museums





My wife had this exact car in this exact color tone. It was something we bought at the time just to drive the kids to school and back. My goodness do these cars have a lot of space inside. I also think that the sofa seats are so much more comfortable than the seats we have today. You could truly pack as many bodies as you could fit hip to hip in the back seat and still be comfortable. This is a beautiful turquoise blue and white Chevy Bel Air.



This is always my favorite car and harkens me back to when I was 18 years old. I went to Italy and my cousin Dante had this exact car but in Forest Green. He just gave me the keys and said here you go take a drive.

I think I terrorized everyone in town as I really did not know how to drive a stick shift that well. It was a great memory and this car is a beautiful example of what was made in Italy by Alfa Romeo





Is it any wonder that these beautiful cars show up in movies even today. They are just classy cars. And back in the day as you can see they did not cookie cut them from the same design. These cars were all different and beautiful to look at . I think if you drove down the street with any of these classics heads would turn even to this day.





Bring a chair bring a blanket even a picnic. There's plenty of space and some mature oaks for shade. This time of the year in Saint Petersburg is gorgeous and we always get a cold snap right before Easter.

If you can only see one car show this is the one that you want. I have been surprised that, over the last seven or eight shows I have attended, you see new cars still show up her, blasts from the past.

If you like new exotics they also have European sports cars available to look at. There is something for everyone at the show.



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