

Among the vehicles showcased at the festival was a 1966 Volkswagen double-cab pickup bus that's been nicknamed Tank by its owner, Robin Lewis of Placentia.

"He's my best friend and takes me wherever I want to go," said Lewis, who had it restored in 2018. "He also has a really cute butt, which is a 2054 Stroker motor."

Costa Mesa resident Gary Boler spent seven years on his weekend project rebuilding his 1932 Ford Roadster including adding a 1955 Chrysler Hemi engine. "I finished it nine years ago at a cost of \$70,000, and if I'm lucky my wife will go on road trips with me," said Boyer. "We've been to Victoria, Canada, three times."

A few spaces away it was hard to miss the sunset orange 1955 Chevy Apache truck glistening in the sun. "This was my brother's truck and he passed away, so I finished [restoring it] for him," explained first-time show exhibitor Anthony Gutierrez, of Long Beach. "I've been working on it for about nine years, and it's almost finished, I'm just waiting to do the interior."

Similarly, Jeff Tibbets of Costa Mesa pursued his restoration project as a tribute to his dad's memory. Tibbets has participated in a half dozen car shows with his eye-catching 1937 Ford Slantback with a turquoise and black paint job completed in 2008.