

Cruisin’ Down the Street

Classic and custom rides abound at SoCal’s premier destination for car enthusiasts.

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Oxnard is quickly gaining traction as one of California’s top destinations for gearheads of all stripes, and it’s easy to see why. Hosting dozens of car shows, cruise nights and meetups every year, the city regularly treats visitors to the impressive sights and roaring sounds of vintage hot rods, decked-out lowriders, sleek imports and overpowered muscle cars in all their gas-guzzling glory.

Oxnard’s car culture stretches back to the 1970s, when locals founded a series of lowrider clubs to talk shop, organize events benefiting the community and show off their custom rides with fellow gearheads. Many of those original clubs are still active today, and their members can be found showcasing their whips at many of the monthly and annual car shows and events.

The city is also home to two of Southern California’s premier automotive museums, **The Mullin Automotive Museum** and **The Murphy Auto Museum**. A tribute to the masterpieces of French craftsmanship from the Art Deco and Machine eras, The Mullin houses one of the finest collections of historic French automobiles in the world, from prestigious Bugattis and Voisins to winning cars from historic races such as Grand Prix de Pau and Le Mans.

Just over a mile away, Murphy’s impressive rotating exhibit of more than 50 antique and vintage American cars spans over a century, from beautifully restored Model Ts to old-school Cadillacs to contemporary muscle cars. The museum also features an exhibit dedicated to vintage campers, the **Fireball Art Gallery** and a gift shop stocked with the “World’s Best Coloring Books” by Fireball Publishing.

Enjoy the ride! 🏎️



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Cars on Display

Take in hot rods, lowriders and vintage rides of every shape and size at Oxnard car shows and festivals. Scan the QR code for more info on car events happening in the area.



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