



LOCAL'S TIP
DAVID NEEL,
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MUSEUM

Oxnard's car culture is rich in variety for enthusiasts. Visitors can get a great cross-section of what's out there by strolling among the family-friendly car shows throughout the year: woodie station wagons, sleds, pinstripers and untouched original classics. Great cars, a breezy and cool beach location, great food and friendly people — that's what makes the Oxnard car scene so special.

**Autos
and Art**

Located just inside The Murphy Auto Museum, the **Fireball Art Gallery** is one of the only venues in the U.S. dedicated to car culture's extensive art history and design. Featuring paintings, photographs, sculptures and more from around the globe, the gallery is curated by Hollywood car designer Fireball Tim Lawrence (yes, that's his real name) and offers a rare look at the world of automotive pop art and culture.



**Gearhead's
Paradise**

A vibrant car culture makes Oxnard the perfect spot to check out classic and custom rides.

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Oxnard is quickly gaining traction as one of California's top destinations for car enthusiasts 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 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 of course, show off their custom rides. 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 (see "Cars on Display").

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! 🚗

1: DRAGG TEAM



Cars on Display

Take in hot rods, lowriders and vintage rides of every stripe at these car shows and events.

Muscles & Mojo Morning Car Shows
First Sunday of every month. Check out vintage cars and enjoy free admission to **The Murphy Auto Museum**.

Downtown Oxnard Cruise Nights
Second Fridays from May through July. Car fanatics show off their classic and specialty rides during summertime cruises around **Plaza Park** in downtown.

8th Annual Vintage Trailer Show
Take a step back in time, and tour more than 80 vintage campers and trailers at **The Murphy Auto Museum**.

Under the Hood at The Mullin Automotive Museum
Enjoy a presentation on French engine design and a docent-guided tour of the museum.

Vintage VW Cruise and Car Show
The **Channel Islands Harbor** plays host as Volkswagen enthusiasts show off their classic VWs. The event also features live music, food trucks and a parts swap meet.

Ponies by the Sea
There's no lack of horsepower when the Tri-County Mustang Club rolls into the **Channel Islands Harbor** for this annual homage to the classic American muscle car.

Cars and Coffee Oxnard
First Sunday of every month. Grab a cup of joe from **Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf** at Seabridge Shopping Center as you take in locals' tricked-out rides.

5th Annual Electric Car Show
Check out cutting-edge makes and models at this car show devoted to electric vehicles, held during National Drive Electric Week. 🔌

TOP LEFT: MICHAEL FURMAN; 2: COURTESY OF THE MULLIN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM; 3: STEEL CUT



1: Locals show off their rides at the annual DRAGG/Oxnard Police Department Car Show; 2: Find classic French autos at The Mullin Automotive Museum; 3: Check out vintage rides at The Murphy Auto Museum.