



Collecting Classic Cars

By Nicolas Moore

Collecting classic cars is becoming more popular by the minute. The nostalgia of driving a car from another area is quite tempting, making cars a collector item for many. The prices of collector cars have been skyrocketing lately, especially when it is a car that was only built for a limited time.

Through the COVID-19 pandemic, people have been bored, making cars from the past a point of interest more so than before. It brings back nostalgia for many, reminiscing about the car they might have driven in high school, or met their wife in. This makes the collector car hobby one that is close to the heart for people of all ages.

The Dauer Museum of Classic Cars has a great collection of classic automobiles that will take anyone back in time. I had the opportunity to have a phone call with the owner, Dr. Eddie Dauer himself about the collection. He is a great example of why collector cars are important, because his cars carry memories as he owned many of them from long ago. He mentioned that the main focus of his collection is to show cars that revolutionized the automobile industry in the United States and pushed forward the industrial progress of the country.

Dr. Dauer also mentioned that his collection started in 1971 with a 1941 Cadillac. From there, the collection grew as he bought more cars and grew the collection, 10% of which were originally bought new from him, 20% being bought from people who already restored them, and about 70% of the collection being cars that Dr. Dauer bought and restored in his shop or through vendors he knew. The museum also specializes in showing off the industrial age of America through the years by also preserving things like one of the first TV broadcast color cameras, the first electronic TV tube (the iconoscope) an electron microscope, an old X-ray machine from 1906, as well as a 1934 Texaco gas station complete with a 1,100 gallon tanker truck.

Dr. Dauer also mentioned that his collection started with the art deco convertibles of the 1950's and 1960's. The collection focuses mostly on cars from the 1950's and 1960's, showing a few

British and German cars, but mostly American cars. The oldest car in the collection is from 1906, and the newest car is a 2021 Dodge Durango SRT with the Hellcat 710 horsepower supercharged engine. Having this range of vehicles helps Dr. Dauer's museum show the progression of American industry and how advanced the cars have become since 1906, which is part of the museum's main mission to show the all around progression of American industry and ability.

Dr. Dauer has a very diverse collection of cars as well. Some of the collection includes a 1954 International Harvester 4 wheel drive station wagon that was used to build Nike nuclear missile silos during the cold war, and a good humor truck. This also adds to the collection as a way to show the American spirit of industry and development through time.

The hobby of collecting cars is one that almost everyone can relate to. Collections such as Dr. Dauer's takes you on a journey through time that no other history or artifact can do. It gives context to a time in America when innovation was at its peak, and how that innovation lasted a long time and brought many inventions that we use everyday.

Source:

Interview with Dr. Eddie Dauer, owner of Dauer Museum of Classic cars

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How to Get to the Museum

From 1-95 go west on Commercial Blvd. to Hiatus Rd. Left on Hiatus to N.W. 50th Street.

Right on N.W. 50th to the museum.

From 869 (Sawgrass Expressway) exit Commercial Blvd. & go east to hiatus. Right on Hiatus to N.W. 50th Street. Right on N.W. 50th to the museum.