

Sarasota Classic Car Museum

If you like cars, and there's much more, this is the real thing. In operation since 1953, this is now one of the oldest car museums in the world dedicated to preserving antique automobiles. But there's more to the place than its 'living' collection of over 100 autos, from Rolls-Royces and Pierce Arrows to the four cars used personally by circus czar John Ringling.

"Almost every letter of the alphabet is covered: Auburn, Bentley, Cadillac station wagon, DeLorean, Edsel, Ferrari, etc. Vintage, classic, muscle, exotic cars... They are all here. We have John Lennon's Mercedes Roadster, Paul McCartney's Mini Cooper and a dragster belonging to Don Garlits among our favorites. Also here smaller exhibits of antique cameras and photographs, more than 1,200 antique music boxes and several of Thomas Edison's early phonographs, including a 1909 diamond-tipped-needle model. Check out the Antique Game Arcade and grab a cone at the ice cream and sandwich shop. A huge gift shop filled with an eclectic assortment of collectibles rounds out the facility.

The museum's mission is to educate and entertain visitors on these magnificent, mechanical works of art and their impact on society over the last 10 decades. Our goal is to instill the passion and enthusiasm in our guests that we feel for our cars."

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