

# CALIFORNIA CLASSICS MUSEUM COLLECTION TOUR >>>>

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The SoCal CCCA club members always turns out for a mystery tour of a hitherto unseen collection, and the Jim & Kathi Frisch California Classics museum in Yucaipa, California was no exception! This collection and museum is not open to the public and this was a rare opportunity to see these beautiful cars.

We began our October tour with a DELICIOUS lunch at Hickory Ranch, where they served Angus burgers, grilled chicken sandwiches, and barbecue beef sandwiches. Their full bar, western atmosphere and friendly staff made Hickory Ranch Steakhouse a CCCA favorite! Their custom made Bloody Mary was a highlight!

We had a two-part tour of the California Classic's extremely high-quality collection of 34 cars, which include show-winning CCCA Classics, stock and modified cars of the 1950s and '60s and memorabilia. Jim and Kathi Frisch and Chief of Operations Dave Noble and his wife Kim were there in person, being gracious hosts and answering questions for the 42 club members who attended.

The collection focus is on extremely high-quality, American cars of the 1930s, '40s, and 50s, with both stock originals and resto-mods. Of particular note to the CCCA members were the multi-trophy winning 1938 Cadillac 60 Special, the multi-trophy winning 1947 Packard Custom Super Eight, the extremely original 1941 Cadillac Series 62 convertible coupe, and the lovely 1941 Cadillac series 62 sedan. >>>





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Jim & Kathi's passion for Fords and Chevys, and street rods shows in the variety of cars—I especially liked the blue 1940 Ford coupe with yellow flames! The 1940 Ford is an icon of the hot rodding world and this one is an eye grabber, to be sure. On the more subtle side is the 1941 Ford convertible, in glass smooth black, a car that draws attention because of the high build and finish specification. The Blue 1956 Chevy convertible and the red 1957 Chevy sedan delivery were done to an extremely high standard and make the Chevy bow tie enthusiasts proud!

They also like low mileage, untouched original cars, with a beautiful 1952 Pontiac hardtop and a 1949 Nash showing only 5,600 miles and still on its original tires!

Some of the members brought their CCCA cars to the tour, including Neil Torrence's 1942 Packard 180 formal sedan, and Terry and Karen Kaplan's 1937 Packard Twelve phaeton. There were some more modern but still interesting member cars, too: David Oatey brought his four-door 1966 Cadillac convertible—but wait, you say, they only made two-door convertible! Turns out a conversion company made a handful of four-door convertibles and a few still survive. Jim Davidson brought his beautiful Rolls Royce Silver Cloud III.

It was a great day out, and the CCCA people left well fed and properly impressed by the great collection of cars!



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