

# THE MARTIN AUTOMOTIVE TIMES

*Car of the Month (page 2): 1979 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am*



## Collectors Corner

This month we are highlighting two additions to the museum. Read more on page 2.

Plus, on page 4 is the top 5 YouTube videos of Rick DeBruhl's "Automotive Evolution".

## Event Center

Plan your next event in one of three beautiful event rooms and one of Arizona's best places to see classic cars.

Event Coordinator:  
(602) 684-8305  
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## Muffy's Side of the Garage

Embracing the Term "Collector Cars:" The Evolution of Classic Car Terminology (part four) "Encouraging Preservation and Education" Read on page 3.



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*January's Car of the Month: 1979 Pontiac  
Firebird Trans Am  
New to the museum*



This matching-numbers 1979 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am is powered by a 400ci 6.6-liter V8 engine mated to a BorgWarner Super T10 4-speed manual transmission with the WS6 Special Performance Package and 23,311 original miles. It is also equipped with a posi-traction limited-slip rear end. The WS6 Special Performance Package provided a stiffened suspension and improved handling with new springs, anti-roll bars, rear disc brakes and bushings. Additional options include air conditioning, power steering, power disc brakes, electric rear window defroster, AM&FM stereo radio and space-saver spare tire. The 1979 Trans Am WS6 would also be awarded Best Handling Car of the Year from Car and Driver magazine. The 1979 model year also saw the introduction of new aerodynamic styling, along with new wide fender flares for the Trans Am.



**Also, NEW TO THE MUSEUM...**

This beautiful 1953 Buick Skylark Convertible has been donated to the Martin Auto Museum and Event Center by Eldon Dale Snyder. This is the second donation as he donated his 1954 Buick Skylark last year. You need to see these two-sitting side-by-side.



## Muffy's Side of the Garage



Muffy Bennett, CEO Bennett Automotive Specialists, Inc.

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### Embracing the Term "Collector Cars:" The Evolution of Classic Car Terminology (part three)

#### Encouraging Preservation and Education:

The terminology "*collector cars*" emphasizes the fundamental purpose of preserving these artifacts for future generations. It highlights the significance of maintaining these vehicles in original or restored condition to ensure their historical integrity and cultural impact. Moving away from the term "classic cars" eliminates the notion that they are merely old, nostalgic commodities, emphasizing their worth as valuable historical artifacts. This mindset spurs a greater focus on documentation, research, and educational efforts to understand the broader context in which these cars were produced.

Be sure to catch part four next month; Reflecting Modern Industry Trends and Values.

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#### SAVE THE DATE:

##### JANUARY

- Cadillac Club annual meeting **January 10th**
- Studebaker club show (Martin Auto Museum Parking Lot) **January 17th**
- Barrett-Jackson (WestWorld of Scottsdale off site) **January 17th-25th**
- Scottsdale Concours (off site) **January 18th**
- Nancy Perry Presents Car Show (Martin Auto Museum Parking Lot) **January 18th**
- Scottsdale Parade (Scottsdale off site) **January 31**

##### FEBRUARY

- The Martin automotive Museum and event center is partnering with HopeKids for a collector car show on (Martin Auto Museum Parking Lot) **February 7, 2026!**
- Nancy Perry Presents Car Show (Martin Auto Museum Parking Lot) **February 14th**
- Concours in the hills (Fountain Hills off site) **February 14th**

##### MARCH

- Sun City Car Show (Sun City off site) **March 7th**
- Antique Motorcycle Club of America (Martin Auto Museum Parking Lot) **March 7th**
- Arizona Quilters Guild (Martin Auto Museum) **March 14th - 21st**
- AMC Club Car Show (Martin Auto Museum Parking Lot) **March 28th**

# EVENTS & TOURS

Plan your next event at Martin Auto Museum & Event Center

No doubt, walking around viewing over 175 very cool cars is an experience all by itself. Within our 100,000 plus square foot museum we have 3 event rooms: The Cadillac Room - seats up to 80, The Mustang Room - seats up to 150, & the Bristol Ballroom - seats up to 500.

The Glendale Chamber of Commerce was honored to be part of this year's **Hometown Christmas Parade**, sharing community pride along the route! 🌲

A heartfelt thank you to **Arrowhead Cadillac** and **Martin Auto Museum & Event Center** for

providing two exceptional classic convertibles (and drivers) that helped us roll in style! 🚗

We were especially proud to celebrate Mel Martin, president of Martin Auto Museum, as this year's Grand Marshal, recognizing his lasting impact and dedication to our community.

From our Chamber team to our members, partners, and neighbors, it was a beautiful Saturday morning filled with connection, celebration, and hometown spirit. Happy holidays!



## RICK DEBRUHL - COLLECTOR CAR PROFILE

[The top 5 YouTube Videos of 2025](#)(click this link here or the image below)

