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are full of wonderfully resourceful people much like ourselves. And they love their cars too! I'd like to see a few more of our members become a little more adventurous and try their hand at an autocross or even the track event at Putnam Park. These little cars are sports-cars, you know. Not just transportation to take out only when it's sunny and warm. They are very close to being a race car! Just ask a few of the members who drive their cars on the track and on the street. But most of all I want to see everyone having fun driving their cars.

Thank you all for a fun year.

A Look Inside the Royce Motor Museum

by Chuck Wills

Are you looking for something fun to do this winter when the weather is too bad for your Miata? Look no farther than the west side of Indy! Just a few days ago I had the opportunity to check out Royce Motor Museum. It's a little known gem of a car museum on the west side, near 62nd and Guion Road. It's housed as part of Royce Motors, which does all types of auto repair.

The museum is actually behind their store that sells sprint car racing parts — it seems Royce is into all things automotive. There were over 30 cars on display and each one was in better than new condition. The staff at Royce has spent thousands of hours lovingly restoring and caring for these cars, and it shows. I was also surprised to see that more than half the cars had current license plates on them. They actually drive some of these cars on the street! My favorite plate was on an old Woody — it said "EX TREE".

Upon entering the museum the first thing you see is a Dale Earnhart #3 Chevy. It's the real thing and is probably worth a small fortune. It was parked with some other notable race cars — an AJ Foyt Indy car and a Tide Nascar complete with a box of detergent in the cockpit.

The collection is quite diverse: race cars, street cars, trucks, English cars, Italian, German, but the majority are American iron. There was a Plymouth Superbird parked next to a Chrysler 300F and a 1964 Impala rag top. There is a 1960 Cadillac that was only dwarfed in size by an early Lincoln Continental convertible. Some of the others were: Viper, Ferrari Testa Rossa, Panoz, Graham, Pierce Arrow, Jensen, Jag XK120, AMX, Shelby GT500, Corvair Corsa Turbo, Ford V8, Willies Jeepster. There are even some old Cushman scooters and a Crosley, which looked like a riding lawn mower when parked next to the hulking Stanley Steamer (yes, it was a car before it was a carpet cleaning company).

This quick write up just can't do justice to this fine collection. Anyone that enjoys classic cars should check it out. Royce is located at 6565 Coffman Road and is open from 9 to 5 during the week and best of all, admission is FREE. I'm going to try to arrange a Saturday tour this winter, stay tuned to the Open Road for more information!

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