

A-C-D Museum Shows Off Classics

It was a cold, windy day as club members drove north to Auburn, IN to tour the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg museum, but all agreed it was a great trip. Meeting at McDonalds at I-69 and 96th street, Miatas and OTM's caravanned north.

The museum is located in the old administration building of the Cord factory and is beautifully restored in art deco style. The cars on display have been lovingly restored and add to all the beauty.

The front portion of the first floor of the museum is dedicated to Auburns, Cords and Duesy's. As we elected to do the self guided tour, each car has an informational card which gave basic information on each vehicle. An interesting part of the card was that other consumer products introduced in that year were listed. (Who knew that Fritos corn chips were introduced in 1932?) Also on the first floor, was the Gallery of Classics, which included a Rolls-Royce, which was made in the United States!

On the third floor were the original design studios with clay models and actual size blue prints of cars. Other classic cars were on display and ranged from "horseless buggies" to a Chrysler Prowler. Two cars owned by Frank Lloyd Wright were on display, a L29 Cord and a 52 Crosley Super Sport Roadster (with 12 inch wheels!). A 1967 Shelby 427 Cobra (dead stop to 100mph to a dead stop in 13.6 seconds!), a Ford Thunderbird, a Ferrari "Mexico", and others rounded out the display.



John and Judy Oaks admire the styling of this huge Duesenberg. Most members agreed that a Miata would probably fit in the wheelbase of this beauty.



IMC members take time for a photo on the third floor of the A-C-D Museum.



Rick Morris inspects a 1932 Auburn. This car was the "Car of the Month" at the A-C-D Museum.



Above: John Schaub gets a close up shot.

Below: Becky and Steve Chase inspect one of the unusual cars on the third floor at the museum.

