

June Meeting – Saturday, June 27

Tour of the Riverside International Auto Museum & Lunch

We will join the Riverside Foreign Car Club for lunch at about noon, and after dining, we will caravan to the museum to see what's there. Those not wishing to dine, or to arrive that early, can join us about 1:30 PM at the facility, 815 Marlborough, Suite 200, Riverside 92507. The museum is open Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Find more information at www.riversideinternationalraceway.com.

Arrangements have been made for lunch at the Mexicali Bar and Grill on 1690 Spruce St, Riverside, for June 27th at around 12 noon. Hector is the manager. If you are coming in on the 91 freeway, transfer to the 60 freeway east towards Moreno Valley. Get off immediately at Spruce, turn left under the freeway, and it is on the right a block up. The museum is relatively close by.

To go directly to the museum, take the I-215 north from the US60/US91 interchange and exit on Columbia east (first exit north of the interchange). Turn right (south) on Iowa Ave and left (east) on Marlborough Ave. and proceed to the end, then left into the industrial complex and go to the 2nd building on the right. The museum entrance is at the far north end of the building.

Before the legendary Riverside International Raceway met its demise beneath developers' bulldozers, the track brought word-class road racing to a thriving fan base in Southern California, as well as the development of the AROSC Time Trial program. Operating from 1957 to 1989, the track made the smoggy agricultural city of Riverside internationally famous.

On the back side of Box Springs Mountain – a landmark that graced many photos of the track's renowned turn six – is the Riverside International Automotive Museum. As you enter the 20,000 sq ft facility, you'll see track memorabilia such as vintage aerial photos of the first layout, banners, tickets, programs and posters. Dan Gurney's Eagle race cars are found throughout. Museum director Bruce Ward says the most notable is Gurney's first Eagle USAC Indy car from 1966. Gurney grew up in Riverside as we know; he probably carved slide marks into the ground where the museum now sits.

Another Eagle on display is the white No. 7 piloted by Tony "A to Z" Adamowicz to the 1969 Formula A title. Tony continues to drive the Eagle at historic meets around the country, and also helps us at our driver's schools.

The museum also houses one of the world's largest Maserati collections, with about 25 cars. Other display vehicles include a Jaguar XJ220, a Ferrari Berlinetta Boxer, a stately 1950 Riley and a modern Ford GT – also a new Alfa 8C Competizione!