

UNIQUE CAR SHOWS  
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In Michigan we have a couple of car shows unique from the other car shows held around our state. One is the “Ypsilanti Orphan Car Show.”

To qualify, the car has to be at least fifteen years old, factory stock, unmodified and in reasonable condition. Also the vehicle must be of a make of domestic car or truck that has not been produced for at least seven years. The only exceptions to this rule are two models: Corvairs and the 1956-1957 Continental Mark IIs. Foreign vehicles must not have been imported to the USA for at least seven years.

With all this said, it is a blast to see, if only as a spectator. You will see cars that you forgot about and cars that you didn't know existed. I won't even try to mention all the different makes I have seen at these Orphan Shows.

The other unique car show is held at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan which is an awesome museum in it self! They have a show called “All Air Cooled Car Gathering.” Gilmore Museum even has its own Tucker car for this event.

We have been to this museum many times and always enjoy seeing it again, because they keep adding more and more buildings full of antique cars, “that will blow your mind.”

I do have to admit we have not yet been to the “All Air Cooled Car Gathering,” but would sure like to enter our 1965 Corvair convertible in it. The nice thing about Corvairs is they qualify for both of these unique car shows.

I don't know if other states are holding these kinds of events, but if they are not, they sure are missing out on a couple big crowd pleasers!