

CLASSIC CAR SHOWS

A Guide To Etiquette

Respecting & Protecting the vehicles on show

Look, But Don't Touch

Natural skin oils can leave annoying finger marks, belt buckles, rings, and zippers can easily scratch paintwork, chrome and delicate interiors.

Give Personal Space

Maintain a respectful distance from the vehicles. Never lean against a car, rest items on its body panels, or cross designated boundary lines.

Watch Children and Bags

Keep a close eye on young children so they don't bump into or try and climb on or into the cars. If you are wearing a backpack, shoulder bag or handbag, don't let it swing around to avoid accidentally clipping the car.

No Food or Drinks Nearby

Keep coffee, sodas, ice creams and snacks well away from the vehicles. A spilled drink or greasy food can ruin upholstery or stain a freshly polished finish.

No Smoking or Vaping

Keep all cigarettes, cigars, and e-cigarettes well away from the vehicles. Ash and smoke can damage soft tops, upholstery or leave unwanted odours. Hot embers and naked flames pose a fire hazard near older fuel systems and older interiors.

Respect Open Doors and Hoods

If an owner has left a door, hood, or trunk open, admire the interior or engine bay from a safe distance; *don't* try and sit in the vehicle, reach inside or touch mechanical parts unless explicitly invited by the owner.

Dogs

If dogs are allowed at the venue, keep them on a short leash at all times. Ensure they don't relieve themselves on tyres or wheels. Prevent them from brushing against the bodywork as fur, claws, collars and pet tags can easily damage paintwork and external surfaces.

Keep Critical Opinions to Yourself

Restorations take immense time, money and passion. If a car isn't to your taste, has non-original parts, or has been modified, keep any negative comments to yourself.

Pro Tip

Classic car owners love talking about their pride and joy! If you have a question about the car, a specific restoration point, drivability or just want some helpful tips, feel free to strike up a friendly conversation.