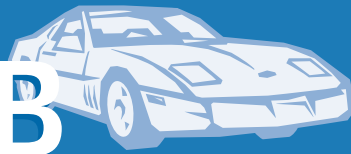




# The CAR CLUB



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## Scenes From a Car Show

Everett supports his fellow City Employees and checks out the recent LAFD Car Show.

On Oct. 16, the 2011 Fire Department Car Show was held just off Roscoe Boulevard in West Hills, across the street from Fire Station 106 in a parking lot that soon became overrun by classic cars.

Needless to say, the color of the day was red. Spectators found themselves in company with not only a variety of Corvettes, hot rods, Volkswagens, muscle cars, and even boats, but with the City's finest and bravest personnel. Mother Nature provided perfect weather for a day filled with great food, music, and stories. The parking lot aisles were filled with vendors and spectators catching glimpses of some amazing cars. Many cars caught my attention, but one that had me standing there for an hour inspecting every inch of it was a mere perfect '32 Ford roadster. Kudos to the builder and owner of that green machine!

After a few hours of enjoying all the beautiful cars and trucks, I retreated to the noise of my Triumph and made the long trek to my house a mile away.

Thanks to the Fire Department for



having a great show and showing all of us spectators a good time. Proceeds went to the Los Angeles Fireman's Widows, Orphans, and Disabled Fireman's Fund, and Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors. A great cause, too! I can't wait to visit the show again next year!



**Send in a photo of you and your car, and we might publish it!**

Send us your information, too – name, title and City department, a phone number (we won't print it) and a paragraph or two about why you love your car, what kind of car and year it is, and maybe some fun details of how you got it, how you restored it, etc. Send it all to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

**PROUD OF YOUR WHEELS?  
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## NEWS BRIEF

### LIBRARY DIGITAL CONFERENCE

The Los Angeles Public Library convened a conference of 60 leaders from academic and public libraries, foundations, digitization support organizations and technology firms Nov. 15-17 to review and address the future of public libraries in the digital age and, ultimately, create a blueprint for a national public library digitization program.

The Library hosted the conference in partnership with OCLC Online Computer Library Center, with support from a federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences (IMLS) secured through the Library Foundation of Los Angeles.

Among those attending the invitation-only conference were representatives from Boston, Denver, New York, and San Francisco public libraries as well as UCLA, USC, Harvard and Yale academic libraries. Also participating were the California State Library, the Library of Congress, the Public Library Association, Digital Public Library of America, the Digital Library Federation and the organizing institutions.

"One of the most pressing challenges facing library leaders today is ensuring equal, sustainable access to digital content, especially unique local content," said Martín J. Gómez, General Manager and City Librarian, Club Member. "While academic, research and special libraries have made strides in this area, many public libraries are falling behind. Without coordinated urgent action, the unique local content of many public libraries could increasingly go undiscovered and even unreserved. It is essential that working together we develop a blueprint for a national digital public library."

During the conference, participants examined a wide range of issues including the current state of library digitization projects, a technical perspective of the "digital landscape," the challenges faced by public and academic libraries in pursuing digitization projects and the need for public and private investment to preserve and make materials available for the future.

After the conference, OCLC planned to publish a white paper summarizing outcomes from the conference and highlighting future challenges and opportunities for public library digitization projects. Findings will also be presented at the annual American Library Association conference next June and will inform the IMLS about the needs of public libraries.

For more information about the Creating a Blueprint for a National Digital Library conference, contact Martín Gómez at [mgomez@lapl.org](mailto:mgomez@lapl.org) or (213) 228-7515.



### LAX ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Recent improvements to the LAX Facebook page increased the numbers of its fans and followers. The Los Angeles International Airport Facebook fan page, which first launched in April 2009, now has more than 35,000 fans as of press time.

LAX operated two Facebook fan pages under two accounts – one under "Governmental" and the other under "Places." Fans did not have the option to "check-in" under the governmental fan page. Now with one LAX primary page, under a new URL, [www.facebook.com/LAInternationalAirport](http://www.facebook.com/LAInternationalAirport), fans and followers can now check in, receive up-to-the-minute information on airport conditions, videos, photos, flight delay, travel-related news, and much more.

LAX's social media Websites are designed to provide real-time announcements including airline fare deals, new passenger services and amenities; flight status, current airport conditions, and developments on various modernization projects. LAX's Twitter site at [www.twitter.com/LAX\\_Official](http://www.twitter.com/LAX_Official) increased to more than 7,700 fans since its launch in February 2009. LAX's YouTube, the newest edition social media site, at [www.youtube.com/LAXairport1](http://www.youtube.com/LAXairport1) is a channel that provides videos of recent events, construction, and airline news, which reached more than 17,400 video views since its launch last year.