

Machine's Meaning

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What does this machine mean to you?

A hunk of metal, that gets you around, that's cool.

But some only see this machine as a means.

Of transportation, nothing more is what it seems.

However, those like myself.

Appreciate the beauty and something else.

The power within it and the uniqueness of each one.

Because the struggles to get these are hardly won.

I'm not talking about what you see is a car because I call them "whips".

There are so many ways to call them and so many ways to "dip".

But my research focuses specifically on how

The Imperials Car Club goes about

Practicing lowriding and showing all their "clout".

All this and how and why these came to be

Not just within the Los Angeles of the east.

First, I analyzed a video displaying their hosted car show.

Within it I objectively took note.

That all they were showing was lowriders and conversing members.

Then, as I looked through articles, I began to remember.

Seeing an article that spoke about the cars influence on

Chicano culture as it was not playing as a con

But instead as a symbol used for self-identification

And a preservation of a history that denied gentrification.

In this search I could support my findings

That cars aid in expression of appreciation and community binding.
Because they each would share a similar understanding and love.
For the cars they have known for what would seem all of
Their lives, passed down through generations and with it a history
Of a Post-World War II America and conflicts in litanies.
Many other articles from art to history would support
These findings in ways of report.

From all this new information
I received a new education
On how cars are much more than machines
They represent various shared meanings.
And with this in common, it is easier to form community
And in this an opportunity
For members and lovers alike
To become obsessed when hit with its strike
Each appreciate what these cars survived
And love that these cars are alive.
But the sky's the limit, we can learn much more
About cars and culture this is just the door
A research studying why they appreciate and bond with others
And how these practices were a genesis and the mother
To a culture surrounded by cars there is no other.