



## **FOUND: WORLD'S MOST DESIREABLE MAN CAVE**

### ***AT CHARLOTTE HARBOR'S MUSCLE CAR CITY MUSEUM***

CHARLOTTE HARBOR & THE GULF ISLANDS, Fla.– Picture row upon row upon row of lovingly restored, colorful and gleaming classic cars so shiny you can see yourself in them. Plus automotive memorabilia, from vintage gas pumps to road signs and traffic signals. Top it off with a Motor City-inspired diner serving up the tasty treats Fonzi might have ordered at the car hop at a drive-in, what do you get? The ultimate man cave attraction at Rick Treworgy's Muscle Car City, one of Charlotte Harbor's most testosterone-laden attractions that has baby boomers, their kids and grandkids racing to.

Located off I-75 in Punta Gorda, Rick Treworgy's Muscle Car City features more than 200 automobiles of every era dating back to the 1920s. As per its name, the museum's major focus is on the "muscle cars" of the mid 60s to early 70s – the Pontiac GTOs, Chevy Corvettes, Oldsmobile Cutlass 442s, Chevelles, Camaros and high-horsepower Impalas that revved up the imaginations of teens and young adults all over America. The museum includes a cafe and gift shop teeming with T-shirts, posters classic neon signs and retro gas pumps. The diner will offer cheesesteak sandwiches, fresh salads, homemade ice cream, milkshakes and root beer floats, Key Lime pie and apple cobbler, along with hamburgers, hot dogs and French fries.

According to Lorah Steiner, director of the Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau, "Muscle Car City Museum is a stunning showplace, a perfect indoor complement to the many outdoor activities in Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf Islands."

Just how did this attraction come into being you might ask. Well the answer lies in the fact that Treworgy, like many young men fell in love with cars in the 1960s. However, unlike most other guys, he has continued to acquire and trade them over the decades. Pontiac GTOs? He has 12 of them. Chevy Corvettes? He owns 64, one from every series from 1964 to 1975, plus some newer ones too. For those who share his passion, the museum's speed shop sells parts and accessories for tricking out your own ride. And regularly scheduled flea market/car shows and cruises are also part of the draw.

The Muscle Car City Museum is located at 3811 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33950-7900

For information phone: (941) 575-5959 or visit [www.musclegarcity.net](http://www.musclegarcity.net). Admission: \$12.50, children under 12 free with adult; \$37.50 annual pass.

### **About Charlotte Harbor & the Gulf Islands**

Located halfway between Tampa and Naples on the Southwest Florida Gulf coast, Charlotte Harbor & the Gulf Islands is a charming collection of nine coastal communities surrounding the state's second largest harbor. Florida's premier year-round eco-tourism destination, Charlotte Harbor & the Gulf Islands offers a pristine unspoiled beauty that has served as the backdrop for seven major feature films as well as countless memorable vacations. A haven for outdoor enthusiasts, Charlotte Harbor & the Gulf Islands has been named to *SAIL* magazine's "10 Greatest Places to Sail in the United States," ranked by *Golf Digest* as "Third Best Place to Live and Play Golf in America," and rated by *MONEY* magazine as one of the "Best Places to Live in the South." The city of Punta Gorda was named in one of "Top Ten Places to Retire Healthy" by U.S. News & World Report. Englewood was named as #2 of the Top Ten emerging travel destinations in the U.S. by TripAdvisor.com.

For information about area events, activities and attractions, contact the Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau, 18500 Murdock Circle, Suite B104, Port Charlotte, FL 33948; 941-743-1900, or call toll free at 1-800-652-6090 for a free Visitor's Guide; or visit the Web site at [www.CharlotteHarborTravel.com](http://www.CharlotteHarborTravel.com).

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