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## US Car Reunion: Italy's Largest American Car Meet Celebrates 30 Years with 550 Vehicles

The massive meeting dedicated to US made cars set a new record during its 30th anniversary edition: 550 vehicles completely filled the Market Area of the Biker Fest International, the event's new location. This star-spangled "birthday" followed the debut of Kustom&Classic, a gathering that showcased nearly 200 vintage and youngtimer cars produced up to 1999

A historic milestone and a huge turnout for the US Car Reunion, Italy's biggest American car meet, which celebrated its 30th anniversary on the weekend of May 17-18 during the 39th Biker Fest International. This special anniversary took place at the Market Area in Lignano Sabbiadoro (UD), a new and more functional venue made necessary by the ever-growing number of participants.

Founded in 1995 in Villanova di Friuli during the 9th edition of the Biker Fest, the event marked three decades of passion for american V8 with a record attendance: over 550 vehicles from all over Europe, including coupés, cabrios and convertibles, muscle cars, and pony cars—classic and modern. This firmly placed the event among the highlights of BFI 2025. As per tradition, the reunion was organized by the specialized magazine Cruisin' Life in collaboration with the Old School Garage Club of Pordenone. These longtime promoters have established the US Car Reunion as one of the cornerstone attractions of the Biker Fest International.

Alongside the static display were must-see moments like the traditional Sunday morning parade, which drew such a crowd it tested the traffic around the "G. Teghil" Stadium, and the award ceremony for the 30 most iconic cars. The "Best in Show" went to Austrian Thomas Baumgartner's 1966 Ford Mustang, while the oldest car present was a 1928 Ford Model A Fordor owned by Mattia Forgiarini.

The event was further enriched by the presence of retro "Fifties-style" pin-ups and a mighty Peterbilt 386 truck driven in from Germany by Christian Hippe, adding a cinematic flair to the scene. The visual impact in the Market Area was stunning, packed with hundreds of gleaming Cadillacs, Chevrolets, Chryslers, Dodges, Fords, GMCs, Hummers, Jeeps, Lincolns, Oldsmobiles, Pontiacs, and Rams of every era—alongside numerous hot rods and lead sleds.

Staying on the topic of four wheels, Saturday, May 17 saw the debut of Kustom & Classic, a meet-up reserved for pre-2000 cars, both stock and customized. Nearly 200 vintage and youngtimer cars (the "classics of tomorrow," aged between 20 and 30 years) participated in this first edition organized by the Gorizia-based Lowered Garage Club. It's now positioned to become another successful car-centric format under the Biker Fest umbrella, alongside the US Car Reunion and the off-road activities held in the Offroad Area, managed by Eventi 4x4 in collaboration with JES (Jeepers East-coast Side). Special awards were given to the Pilgrim Cobra as "Best Custom" and the 1931 Ford Model A as "Best Classic."

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With such strong momentum, 2026 looks promising: next year, Biker Fest International will celebrate its 40th anniversary, aiming to further enhance the appeal and spectacle of its automotive “events within the event.” But first comes the 4th Italian Bike Week (September 18–21, 2025), featuring its own US Car on the Beach event—an unmissable season closer for fans of American V8 power.

## TOP 30 CARS – 30<sup>th</sup> US Car Reunion

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| 01   Ford Mustang (1966) – Thomas Baumgartner (AT)    | 17   Ford GPW (1944) – Angelo Pallotti               |
| 02   Ford Mustang Fastback (1967) – Danny Geremia     | 18   Pilgrim Cobra (1979) – Paolo P.                 |
| 03   Chevrolet Impala (1960) – Freddy (AT)            | 19   Ford Mustang Bullitt (2019) – Christian         |
| 04   Dodge Challenger (2009) – Mirko Cristini         | 20   Ford Mustang (1965) – Lino Sabbadini            |
| 05   Chevrolet Camaro (1978) – Stefano Mioni          | 21   Chevrolet Camaro (1968) – Thomas B. (AT)        |
| 06   Chevrolet Chevelle (1970) – Guido Durrel         | 22   Ford Mustang (1965) – Giulia Piazza             |
| 07   Oldsmobile 88 Holiday (1954) – Fabio Fantin      | 23   Model A Fordor (1928) – Mattia Forgiarini       |
| 08   Ford Mustang Mach 1 (1972) – Carlo Alberto Cinel | 24   Ford Mustang Mach 1 (1973) – Alan Rebellato     |
| 09   Pontiac Firebird (1977) – René Thüt (AT)         | 25   Ford Bronco (1979) – König (DE)                 |
| 10   Dodge Charger RT (1968) – Giacomo Milocco        | 26   Chevrolet G20 Van (1986) – Alessio Sari         |
| 11   Ford F-100 (1956) – Luca Gubert                  | 27   Dodge Viper SRT10 (2007) – Stefano Puglisi      |
| 12   Chevrolet 420 Van (1978) – Adolfo Ferraro        | 28   Chevrolet Astro (1989) – Massimo Zagato         |
| 13   Hummer H1 (1987) – Giuliano Di Giorgio           | 29   Cadillac Calais (1965) – Walter Sbaiz           |
| 14   Jeep Wrangler (1994) – Lukas Koffe (AT)          | 30   Ford Mustang Coupé 289 (1966) – Mattia Bittante |
| 15   Pontiac Firebird (1992) – Andrea Puglisi         |  |
| 16   Jeep Willys (1944) – Johnny Robert Bottecchia    |  |

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