

Pontiac Firebird Formula 1978

Built for speed. Restored with love.

You're standing in front of an icon: the Pontiac Firebird Formula. Even the name tells you what this machine was made for—performance.

By 1978, the second generation of Firebirds was flying high. Originally created as Pontiac's answer to the Ford Mustang, this generation took things to the next level—wider, louder, bolder. The Firebird entered pop culture in 1977 thanks to Burt Reynolds' black Trans Am in *Smokey and the Bandit*. But this one? It's not a Hollywood diva—it's a real American muscle car, equipped with a Big Block V8 that growls louder than any applause. This Firebird spent its early years in Switzerland, driven by a member of a rock band—and let's just say it lived up to that lifestyle. In 2003, it made its way to the Czech Republic. The car needed work—but the new owner didn't mind. He simply drove it.

Things changed in 2006, when the car—now in rough shape—landed at Colin Garage, the same shop that takes care of many of our museum cars. What followed was a two-year full restoration: paint, engine, interior, wiring—everything done to perfection. Today, this Firebird shines again. Not just a car, but a family member to its proud owner Vláďa, who kindly loaned it to us for this season.

So no, it's not your typical "family car." But it sure has a place in our museum family.