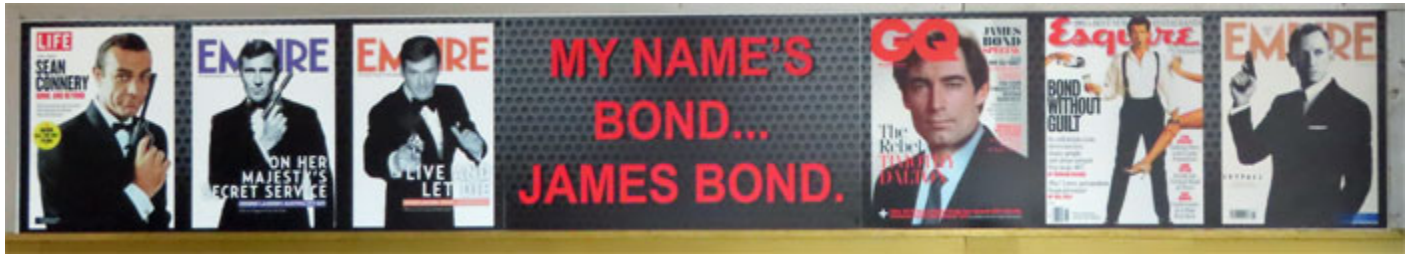


Dezerland Orlando: The James Bond Showcase

Are you a James Bond movie fan?

If so, put Dezerland Orlando on your bucket list. You can see the world's largest collection of Bond movie cars, aircraft, and other memorabilia in one location in Orlando, Florida on International Drive.



Our first encounter with the Michael Dezer's Bond showcase was in Miami, Florida. The closure of his auto museum in North Miami and relocation to Orlando, Florida was a positive move. It has and will increase the museum's visibility. Being located on Orlando's International Drive makes it an easy place to find and enjoy Bond memorabilia as well as other activities at the Dezerland Park and Orlando Auto Museum. The value of the James Bond Showcase is worth \$100 million.



Michael Dezer's collection and sharing it makes Dezerland not only a historical place, but a fan's place to be in. The grand opening took place in August 2021. The day I was there filming, Mr. Dezer was meeting with his staff in the Bond Lounge and later checking out the Bond showcase. I had the opportunity to meet and speak with him (photo by permission).

This photo program shares highlights of the showcase.



"I take a Ridiculous Pleasure
in what I Eat & Drink"
...James Bond

"GoodBye. Mr. Bond" - Blofeld



"A MARTINI. SHAKEN, NOT STIRRED"



"12 actors have portrayed James Bond in the media (as of 2021). In chronological order (not part of the above photo): Barry Nelson, Bob Holness, Sean Connery, Roger Moore, David Niven, George Lazenby, Christopher Cazenove, Timothy Dalton, Michael Jayston, Pierce Brosnan, Daniel Craig & Toby Stephens." <evert.meulie.net>

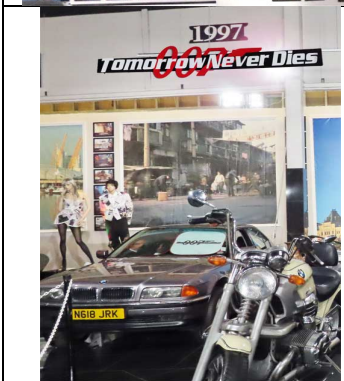
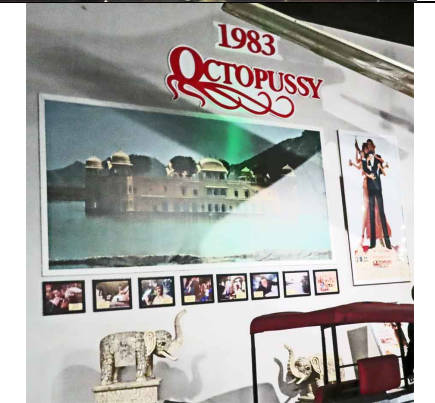
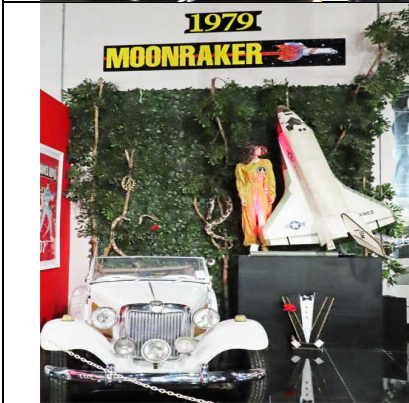
As I entered the Bond Showcase, I found several cars and an airplane used in Bond movies, including Oddjob (Harold Sakata) who was in Dr. No. He was a heavyweight wrestler in Hawaii who was hired by Bond producers Harry Saltzman and Albert A. Broccoli. The Learjet airplane pictured below caused delays to the opening of the showcase. Fuel removal and other restrictions had to be managed. Note, all vehicles in the museum have safety requirements. According to <airspace.com>, "more than 150 aircraft and space craft (both fictional and non-) were shown in the Bond films." On Wikipedia you can review "List of James Bond Films" and gain more background information.

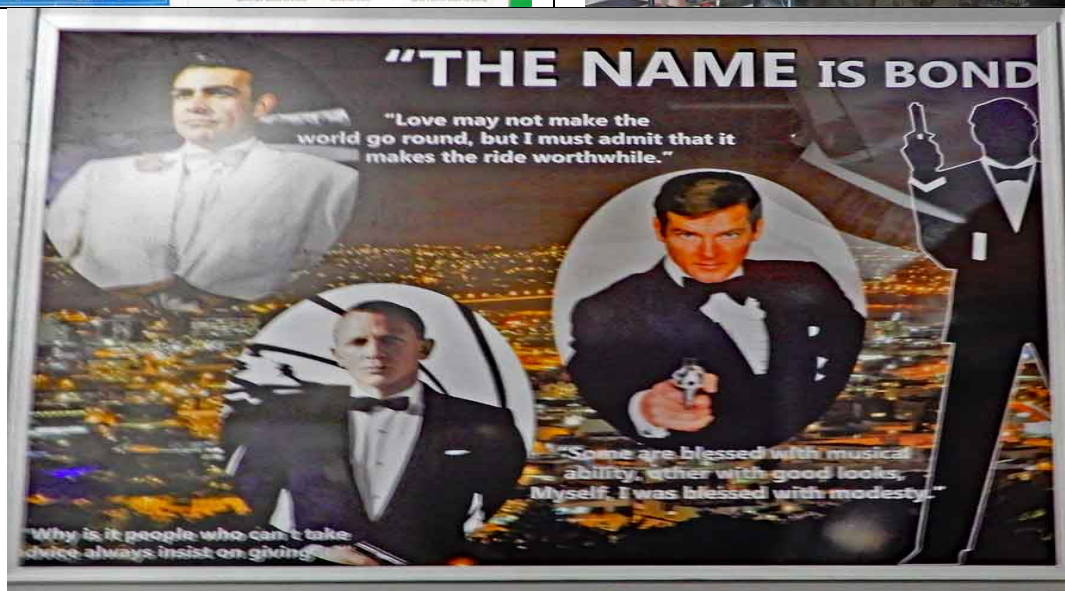


In 2012 Chris Wright wrote an article entitled, "James Bond Retrospective: Dr. No." It was written on the 50th anniversary of the 1962 movie. He noted, "Back in 1961 nobody could have foreseen the success and longevity that James Bond would go on to enjoy in the years that followed." The producers Broccoli and Saltzman formed a partnership during this period.

Albert R. Broccoli had financial issues but wanted to make a movie from Ian Fleming's James Bond books. Saltzman had the book rights. Sean Connery was not the first choice for playing Bond, it was Gary Grant. Connery got the part after his work in a Walt Disney movie "Darby O. Gill and the Little People." There are many other interesting facts about the Dr. No film. <whatculture.com>







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