**From the eyewitness account of Dr. John Mansell we give you the Official & Festival Camaro Pace Cars**

## USCC has published the VIN#s of the actual Pace Cars attending Indy

### 1969 OFFICIAL CAR

There were many Chevrolets used at Indy totalling as many as 170 vehicles. However, according to Chevy records 87 Pace Car replicas were used by various, different groups called Official Cars. 7 were used by the Speedway, 5 were used by U.S.A.C. (United States Automobile Club), and 75 were used by VIP's and the Press. Not included in this list is the 1 Pace Car given to the winner of the race- Mario Andretti. Also not included are the 2 Pace Cars specially prepared to actually Pace the race.

### Official Car Count

The Official Cars wore their own special license plates. Since these were not Festival Cars the license plate read "Official Car 106 Indianapolis 500." This is car number 106. The Official Car did not have the Festival gold circle. The Official Cars were driven on the street back and forth to the Speedway and were street legal by a permit number Chevrolet got from the state of Indiana. Some of these permit numbers are reprinted here. Aside from the special prepared Pace Cars, 6 Camaros got 396- 4 speeds and 1 Camaro was a 350- 4 speed.

**OFFICIAL CARS**

| Official Number | Description | Permit Number | VIN # |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 350 Auto USAC Car | #585 | 609672 |
| 9 | 350 Auto USAC Car | #718 | 609702 |
| 11 | 350 Auto USAC Car | | 609722 |
| 13 | 350 Auto | | 608947 |
| 14 | 350 Auto USAC Car | #946 | 609802 |
| 15 | 350 Auto USAC Car | #614 | 609822 |
| 20 | 350 Auto | | 610316 |
| 24 * | 396 4-spd USAC Car | | 608907 |
| 26 * | 396 4-spd USAC Car | | 609339 |
| 28 * | 396 4-spd USAC Car | #877 | 609351 |
| 30 * | 396 4-spd USAC Car | | 609426 |
| 31 | 350 Auto USAC Car | #1069 | 610091 |
| 33 | 350 Auto USAC Car | | 610131 |
| 38 | 350 Auto USAC Car | #942 | 608767 |
| 43 | 350 Auto | | 609267 |
| 47 | 350 Auto | #962 | 609742 |
| 98 | 396 4-spd Owner John Mansell | | 608657 |
| 99 | 396 4-spd USAC Official Car | #1266 | 608557 |
| 106 | 350 Auto Marshall Parade- Manuel Iribarne | | 610311 |
| 114 | 350 Auto USAC Car | | 610656 |
| 116 | 350 Auto | | 610726 |
| ? | 350 4-spd | #1395 | 608762 |

**Do you own one of these Pace Cars? It was at Indy!!!**
**Call USCC today and enter the Registry!**

## USCC lists the VIN#s of the 1969 Festival Cars that were actual at Indy

All Festival Cars were automatics. This was mandated by Indianapolis because of the diversity of drivers not having manual transmission experience. No one wanted an inexperienced driver to eject one of the Queens onto the Indy brickyard by a slip of the clutch! All these Festival Cars were 350 engines with automatics. These cars purpose was to transport the queen and queen candidates and parade dignitaries. Only Festival cars had the special Indianapolis city gold circle decals. The gold circle decal had a 500 on the top of the circle and Festival in the bottom of the circle, and the center logo is the Indianapolis downtown circle war memorial monument. The Festival Camaros had their own special license plates. These Festival plates read "Official Car 8 500 Festival"
**This is Festival Car #8.**

**FESTIVAL CAMAROS**

| Festival Number | Description | VIN Number |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 350 Auto Queens Court Princess Car (2nd in parade) | 607 |
| 2 | 350 Auto Queens Court (3rd in parade) | 607547 |
| 3 | 350 Auto Queens Court (4th in parade) | 607607 |
| 6 | 350 Auto Queens Court | 608527 |
| 8 | 350 Auto Queens Court Princess Car | 608837 |
| 9 | 350 Auto Celebrity Car | 608867 |
| 10 | 350 Auto | 608881 |
| 11 | 350 Auto | 608882 |
| 12 | 350 Auto Queens Court Princess Car | 608887 |
| 13 | 350 Auto | 608947 |
| 14 | 350 Auto | 6091__ |
| 15 | 350 Auto | 609180 |
| 16 | 350 Auto | 609217 |
| 17 | 350 Auto | 609237 |
| 18 | 350 Auto Celebrity Car | 609247 |
| 22 | 350 Auto | 609292 |
| 23 | 350 Auto | 609297 |
| 24 | 350 Auto | 609302 |
| 25 | 350 Auto Foreman Car | 609306 |
| 26 | 350 Auto | 609311 |
| 27 | 350 Auto | 609316 |
| 28 | 350 Auto | 609321 |
| 30 | 350 Auto | 609329 |
| 31 | 350 Auto | 609331 |
| 32 | 350 Auto | 609342 |
| 33 | 350 Auto | 609344 |
| 34 | 350 Auto Indy 500 Queen Car (1st in parade) | 609349 |
| 35 | 350 Auto | 609352 |
| 36 | 350 Auto | 60936_ |
| 38 | 350 Auto | 609370 |
| 40 | 350 Auto | 609391 |
| 41 | 350 Auto | 609396 |
| 42 | 350 Auto | 609398 |