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**We're pleased to introduce *en Route*, an eNewsletter created to convey any breaking news about [LeMay - AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM®](#) and to stay in touch with our members and supporters.**

For those of you who already receive our quarterly magazine, *OpenRoad*, don't fret, you'll continue to receive it as scheduled!

If you have comments, questions, or suggestions for future editions of *en Route*, please email [info@lemaymuseum.org](mailto:info@lemaymuseum.org).

## Good News!

At its January 16th meeting, the Board of Directors - noting that the funding gap for the new museum had been narrowed significantly over the past year - unanimously and enthusiastically authorized the Museum to apply for its building permits. The Board also authorized the Museum to secure a final construction contract and begin the certification process with the City of Tacoma to close on its land option. The Board's goal is to complete the certification, permitting and fundraising to allow ground breaking to occur in 2009.

The Board also approved the Museum's "Race To The Finish" campaign--a public fundraising effort to reach the Tacoma-Seattle region.

## **LeMay – AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM® to team up with Bonhams & Butterfields to create first annual Pacific Northwest Collector Car Auction**

Jan 16, 2009 - (Tacoma, WA) - LeMay – AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM® is pleased to announce a five year agreement with Bonhams & Butterfields to create [read full story](#)

## **TRIO a.d.s becomes Official Advertising Agency of AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM®**

Jan 7, 2009 - (Tacoma, WA) - LeMay – AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM® is pleased to announce a multi-year sponsorship pledge from TRIO a.d.s of \$130,000 including . . . [read full story](#)

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## Club Auto Kirkland's Grand Re-Opening

In November 2008, volunteers and staff of the Museum spent a weekend moving cars and furniture then painting the entire Club Auto facility in Kirkland. In December, carpet, tile, lighting, furniture and projector screens were added to make the upgrade complete.



The Club's facelift was made possible with generous support from local companies: paint ([Rodda Paint](#)), painting ([Consyse Design](#)), carpet ([Contract Furnishings Mart](#)), floor tile ([Griot's Garage](#)) and lighting ([Atkinson Lighting](#)).

To celebrate our mutual accomplishments, the Museum held a Grand Re-Opening event on January 8th. Over 150 of our honored guests enjoyed food from [The Upper Crust Catering](#) and wine from [Hedges Family Estate](#) while David Madeira, President and CEO, gave a Museum update and recognized our newest Official Provider, [TRIO a.d.s](#) for their recent partnership with the Museum.

Club Auto helps extend the reach of LeMay – AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM to venues far beyond the main Museum campus. Club Auto facilities provide members with premier collector car storage, as well as a great place to relax, meet and socialize with like-minded car enthusiasts, forge friendships and share adventure—at the club and behind the wheel! For more information about [Club Auto Kirkland](#) or [Club Auto Colorado](#), please visit [www.lemaymuseum.org](http://www.lemaymuseum.org).

## Collection News

With such an enormous number of cars to care for and manage, the LeMay Collection staff and volunteers never have a dull moment! Over 50 cars from private owners were donated to the Museum in the past year alone; these folks always strive to keep the vehicles on display at Marymount fresh and interesting for visitors to enjoy on each visit.

The LeMay Collection is also nationally recognized as a comprehensive compilation of primarily American-made cars, which makes it a desirable resource for many other museums and organizations that wish to draw upon it for their displays.

It might interest some that the LeMay's 1931 Stutz Boattail Speedster has been sent on-loan for display for the next several months to the [Automobile Driving Museum](#) in El Segundo, CA for a static display. If you're in the California area sometime soon, you shouldn't miss it!

### 1924 Dodge Brothers Type A Sedan

This vehicle was recently donated to the Museum by Dr. Robert

Ryan from Florida and is currently on display at Marymount in the Rifle Range Room.

Like all collector vehicles, this car comes with an interesting history: John and Horace Dodge began their work in the automobile industry in 1901 when Ransom Olds hired them to produce 2,000 engines for his new car. In 1913, after Henry Ford decided to build his own engines and transmissions, the Dodge Brothers began building their own cars. The 1924, the Type-A sedan featured a four-cylinder L-head engine and a twelve volt electrical system. The ride qualities were enhanced by seat depth, body length, and spring suspension. Dodge produced about 1000 cars a day in 1924. Both John and Horace died in 1920 and their widows sold the company in 1925 to a New York investment company. Chrysler Motors purchased Dodge Brothers in 1928.

### **1919 Buick H45 Touring**

This particular vehicle was donated by Laurance C. Herold of Denver, Colorado to the Museum during the winter 2008 and is currently at the Museum's Club Auto Colorado facility.

### **Own a piece of the LeMay Collection**

The cars live again! Vehicles that have been released for sale by the Collection committee have been going to good homes and we are receiving regular updates from many of the new owners with regard to their restoration efforts of vehicles purchased from the museum.

Recently, for example, the collection committee released for sale a 1956 Studebaker Goldenhawk which had turned out to actually be made from parts of two Goldenhawk years, 1956 and 1957. The front end, frame and interior was the 1956, the rear fins, trunk lid, doors, dash and engine was from a 1957.

This car turned out to be quite controversial among Studebaker purists, but new owners felt the car had merit. The car was purchased by Jim and Stephanie Bell from Bellingham, Washington for the Bell Studebaker Museum.



The Bells have started a museum full of rare or unusual Studes, currently housing 75 Studebakers, going as far back to the days when Studebaker was a premier maker of wagons. The Bells were thrilled to be able to add this car to their stable. Jim has all the parts to get the

car running again, which will include re-fitting the engine with the missing supercharger, putting back the stock transmission, and some of the missing trim, finishing the interior, and driving it every day he can!

Jim and Stephanie spoke fondly of Harold LeMay and mentioned two cars Harold had acquired from them in the past, and are thrilled to add this specialty custom to their collection.

Our selling account on eBay lists donated parts, car donations as well as cars released by the Board of Director's Collection Committee. To find our listings, [go here](#). Those with eBay accounts can save us as a "favorite seller" to receive email notifications of new listings directly from eBay.

## Dodge Charger Project Update

Back in October 2008, we announced the collaboration between [Clover Park Technical College](#) and [Flex-a-lite](#) Inc. to modify a stock 1970 Dodge Charger from the LeMay collection. Flex-a-lite has agreed to donate aftermarket components to modify the vehicle and Clover Park Technical College students are providing the labor as part of the automotive program's realistic training activities.



As of now, the Dodge Charger is in the shop at Clover Park Technical College and has been completely disassembled and various components are currently being prepared for repair and rebuilding. The body has been stripped to bare metal by [Strip Masters](#), a local sandblasting company and metal work on the body has

begun. Many other components of the project have already been secured through donation such as the wiring harness, braking components, suspension components, paint, and a few others.

The "juiced up" car will be displayed at the [2009 SEMA Show](#) in Las Vegas (the premier automotive specialty products trade event in the world) courtesy of Flex-a-lite and possibly entered into the 2010 Hot Rod Power Tour.

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