

STOPPERS



LOOKING BACK AT AN AGE OF ELEGANCE

THE LeMay Museum from Tacoma, WA., will be bringing some fabulous machinery from America's motoring past. As we go to press, the list to be confirmed includes a 1940 Buick Model 59 Super Estate

Wagon (pictured above), 1936 Hudson 65 Custom Eight Convertible and 1940 Lincoln-Zephyr V12 Coupe on loan from the collection of Allentown Classic Motor Car, Inc. Don't miss Jesse James' cus-

tom motorcycle, El Diablo, and a 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle LS6 SS on loan from the collection of Don and Flo Makofske.

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2016 AUDI TT

THE first game-changing TT was all about the look, but the third generation is a more serious and sporty machine. I tried the new Roadster and TTS Coupe in Europe and handed the keys back with great reluctance, having had some serious fun on twisty roads.

The 2016 has an enormous, straight-edged grille and mean-dog slits for headlamps, but the body is still all simple lines and curves. Giving the Roadster a soft-top rather than a folding hardtop was a statement – this car always looks like a convertible, and it's lighter. The top goes down in just 10 seconds at up to 31mph.

The new TT manages to be faster and more powerful while returning better fuel consumption. That's mainly thanks to the extensive use of lightweight aluminium melded to a rigid chassis.

The Coupe and Roadster are both offered with a 220hp 2.0L TFSI engine; the TTS adds a turbo, boosting the power to 292hp. All models

THE GOODS

ON SALE MID-2015

PRICE: \$40,000 Roadster; \$50,000 TTS Coupe (est)

MPG: TBA

WHAT WE LIKED: Style, sharp handling, engine sound that stirs the emotion

WHAT WE DIDN'T LIKE: Firm ride gets tiring. Pricy. Would like the option of a stick shift.

feature quattro all-wheel drive and a six-speed dual-clutch automatic.

The cabin has a minimalist vibe with no big central monitor. Instead, the sat-nav and vehicle information appear on a screen in front of the driver, along with "virtual" dials.

Buyers wavering between a Merc SLK or BMW Z4 will definitely want to check this car out. The powerful TTS Coupe may also draw some away

from the Porsche Cayman. — Liz Turner

