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### Cool Rides Heat up America's Car Museum's Route 66 Gallery

A variety of 'hot rods' cruise into ACM's Summer Drive Series – Hot Rods display on March 11

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TACOMA, Wash. (Mar. 10, 2016) – America's Car Museum (ACM) will be updating its "Route 66: Dream of the Mother Road" exhibit on March 11, with an assortment of cool "hot rods" throughout American motoring history. To pay homage to the cars that cruised the iconic highway, ACM will display 11 modified vehicles in the Summer Drive Series – Hot Rods display.

Constructed in 1926, Route 66 allowed countless Americans to set their headlights towards the Pacific in the years following the Great Depression. Those who arrived in Southern California were among the first witnesses to the development of early hot rod culture.

A hot rod is defined as a vehicle that's been modified for extra power and speed. As demonstrated by the vehicles in ACM's exhibit, hot rods come in all shapes and sizes.

For example, popular traditional rods – such as the 1915-1927 Ford Model T roadsters – were stripped of unnecessary weight for better performance: items such as hoods, bumpers and various body panels were removed and engines were either modified or replaced for more power by rodders, who designated these rides as "T-Buckets."

Among the award-winning hot rods in the display is a 1932 Ford Sedan Delivery built by Dan's Rod and Custom, which features a 1953 Mercury 286 cubic-inch flathead V-8 and a 1939 Ford 3-speed manual gearbox accented by new-old stock parts.

"The hot rod movement mirrors Route 66 in many ways," said ACM CEO David Madeira. "Just like the 'Mother Road' laid the foundation for the interstate highway system, the hot rod movement paved the way for today's automotive customizing craze. The vehicles on display are spectacular examples of the different types of hot rods that became synonymous with the legendary road."

Art Morrison Enterprises will also display its tricked-out SEMA "Best of Show" 1960 Corvette, which might be familiar to fans of the popular Gran Turismo video game series because anyone with a copy of the game can "test drive" the car – albeit digitally. This particular model year 'Vette was also featured in the pilot episode of the classic television show, Route 66.

All of the vehicles in the Summer Drive Series – Hot Rods display are shining examples of how hot rodding culture began and evolved throughout the years. The cars in the gallery include:

1923	Ford	T-Bucket
1931	Ford	Roadster
1932	Ford	Roadster
1932	Ford	Sedan Delivery

1932	Ford	Jet Engine
1932	Ford	Crown Victoria
1934	Ford	Custom Coupe
1941	Ford	Pickup
1948	Chevrolet	Fleetwood
1960	Chevrolet	Corvette
1965	Mercury	Cyclone

For more information on the Summer Drive Series – Hot Rods display and other exhibits currently on view at ACM, visit [americascarmuseum.org](http://americascarmuseum.org).

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