



## AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM

### **Renée Crist**

*Curator of Collections, America's Car Museum*



Renée's passion for the automobile spans over four decades. As an avid collector and historian of vintage vehicles, Renée is one of the founders of Gig Harbor Cruisers Automotive Club, a non-profit organization in Gig Harbor, whose primary focus is raising funds to support educational scholarship grants to students wishing to pursue careers in Automotive Technology.

Renée has served on numerous local and national boards for business and nonprofit organizations, and for over a decade has served as chairperson of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council for the Peninsula School District.

Joining LeMay-America's Car Museum in 2002 as a Charter Member, Renée began volunteering at the museum in 2005. Renée was President and CEO of Crist Enterprises Inc. operating in Gig Harbor Washington for over two decades. Renée was asked to join the America's Car Museum Collections Management team in 2008 leading the preparation of the Collection for museum's grand opening in 2012 in Tacoma, Washington. As Curator of Collections, Renée is the caretaker, historian and head of the Collections Department that manages care and preservation of the LeMay-ACM Collection of 300 vehicles and 1800 artifacts spanning over 100 years of automotive history. She has successfully created programs and funding for preservation and restoration of significant heritage vehicles in the Collection. She conducts research, writes articles for the Museum's publications, and has been a presenter of educational programs at the museum and nationally. With the Exhibit team at ACM she curates vehicles for exhibit using the ACM Collection, and manages exhibit set logistics within the museum.

Renée mentors future automotive professionals working with the RPM Foundation. She holds membership in the Classic Car Club of America, The Porsche Club of America and numerous other local and national automotive heritage organizations. She is also a member of the National Association of Automotive Museums, the Western Museum Association and the Registrars Committee Western Region (RCWR). An avid automotive historian, she is a member of the Society of Automotive Historians (SAH), and the Historic Vehicle Association (HVA).