



## **Mission Accomplished: Museum Completes 3,000-Mile Classic Car Road Rally**

America's Car Museum vehicles battle the winter elements and successfully arrive in Detroit

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TACOMA, Wash. (Jan. 13, 2016) – America's Car Museum (ACM), the largest automotive museum in North America, successfully completed a major cross-country excursion from Tacoma, Washington, to Detroit. "The Drive Home," a 13-day, 3,000-mile road rally celebrated American motoring culture at more than a dozen locations along the way.

The aptly named event, which began on December 27, featured a 1957 Chevy Nomad, a 1961 Chrysler 300G and a 1966 Ford Mustang, all of which [underwent thorough reconditioning](#) by ACM Collections Department and former interns from the Hagerty Education Program at America's Car Museum. The cars were given a bottom-to-top overhaul to prep them for driving in winter conditions.

The Drive Home was the brainchild of ACM CEO David Madeira and North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) executive director Rod Alberts. They envisioned taking Big 3 classics on a cross-country pilgrimage to their hometown – Detroit.

Enthusiast and media gatherings such as the "New Year's Eve Party at Club Auto Colorado – Powered by Hagerty", the Bloomington, Illinois, "Homecoming Rally with State Farm" and the Caffeine & Gasoline event at Shell in Schaumburg, Illinois, highlighted the group's journey and helped build excitement from auto enthusiasts as they got closer to Detroit. Several car clubs and numerous collectors joined in on the Coffee & Cars send-offs, sharing auto-related stories and support with the participants along the way.

The trip ended with a convoy of vintage vehicles, led by The Drive Home cars, with an escort from Michigan State Patrol down Detroit's famous Woodward Avenue to the final destination – Cobo Center, home of the NAIAS. During the show, the cars will remain on display at the entrance to Hall E.

"While most auto museums let their cars sit idle, we strive to show cars the way that they were meant to be seen – on the road," said Madeira. "It's on the road where these cars created memories for countless Americans. Judging by the reaction and stories we heard along the way, they still do."

The Drive Home was made possible due to participation from a number of sponsors, including NAIAS, Opportunity Detroit, State Farm, Coker Tire, Hagerty, Michelin, Plycar and Shell.

For more information on ACM and The Drive Home, visit [americascarmuseum.org/TheDriveHome](http://americascarmuseum.org/TheDriveHome).

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America’s Car Museum (ACM) – one of *USA Today*’s 10 Best Museums in Seattle and KING5’s 2015 Best Museum in Western Washington – is an international destination for families and auto enthusiasts to celebrate America’s love affair with the automobile and how it shaped our society. The stunning, four-level, 165,000-sq.-ft. Tacoma, Wash., facility features 12 rotating exhibits, five annual Signature Events and serves as an educational center, hosting students of all ages. For more information on ACM, visit [americascarmuseum.org](http://americascarmuseum.org).



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