



AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM®

America's Car Museum Prepares for the Grand Finish of The Great Race 2019

ACM will host a full day of activities for all ages to celebrate the arrival of hundreds of pre-1974 automobiles as they complete a 9-day, 2,300-mile rally from Riverside, California to Tacoma, Washington

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TACOMA, Wash. (June 17, 2019) – America's Car Museum (ACM) will be the final destination for The Great Race 2019. To celebrate the arrival of more than 120 vintage vehicles departing from Riverside, California, ACM will host a Shine Time Car Show open to all makes/models of collector vehicles, a Junior Judge Program for youth ages 10 to 16, "Taste of the Race" food truck festival, a beer garden, vendors and ACM Member VIP party on June 30, 2019.

The Great Race, which began in 1983 as an homage to the 1965 Tony Curtis film of the same name, is an annual long distance vintage vehicle rally ending at various points throughout the country. 2019 marks the first time in the rally's 36-year history that the tour will conclude at America's Car Museum, located adjacent to the Tacoma Dome.

"We are pleased to be working with our friends at LeMay – America's Car Museum to host the finish of the 2019 Great Race, said Great Race Director Jeff Stumb. "We started in Tacoma in 1996 and 1998 and finished there in 2005, but this will be the first time we have the honor of holding the race in conjunction with America's Car Museum."

A free, 90-minute "Junior Judge" program at the Great Race Shine Time Car Show will allow youngsters ages 10 to 16 to learn about cool vehicles, meet their owners and award their favorites of the show. Available to all ACM members is a private VIP party in Club Auto, where guests can cool off, relax and mingle.

"The Great Race is an incredible rally and a monumental undertaking that celebrates the roots of America's driving culture with countless people each year," said America's Automotive Trust Vice Chair David Madeira. "We're honored to be the Grand Finish for their hundreds of participants, and we look forward to cheering the group on with thousands of spectators as they cross the finish line on June 30."

Representing ACM during The Great Race is Jim Hedke with his wife Janet and daughter Allison, who will be driving in a 1964 Studebaker Lark Daytona, the vehicle that finished 5th overall in The Great Race 2015.

Additionally, car enthusiasts can kick off their automotive adventures at the Seattle Art Museum's (SAM) Rally for SAM: Coffee with Cars on June 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information on Great Race activities happening at ACM, visit americascarmuseum.org/shinetime.

About LeMay – America’s Car Museum (americascarmuseum.org)

America’s Car Museum (ACM), a member of America's Automotive Trust, is an international destination for families and auto enthusiasts to celebrate America’s love affair with the automobile and learn how it shaped our society. Based in Tacoma, Wash., the stunning 165,000-sq.-ft. facility has been recognized as one of MSN’s 10 Best Automotive Museums worldwide, USA Today’s 10 Best Museums in Seattle and KING5’s Best Museum in Western Washington. ACM serves as an educational center for students of all ages, features 12 rotating exhibits and hosts AAT’s annual Signature Events.

About The Great Race (greatrace.com)

The Great Race is an antique, vintage, and collector car competitive controlled-speed endurance road rally on public highways. It is not a test of top speed. It is a test of a driver/navigator teams ability to follow precise course instructions and the cars (and teams) ability to endure on a cross-country trip. The course instructions require the competing teams to drive at or below the posted speed limits at all times.

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