



## AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM®

### Tuner Cars Turn Up the Heat at America's Car Museum

To mark the opening of Tuners@ACM, the Tacoma-based Museum will be holding a dance party and exclusive preview on November 10

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TACOMA, Wash. (Nov. 9, 2018) – America's Car Museum (ACM) will be welcoming its newest exhibit – "Tuners@ACM" – featuring 17 vehicles that define the category of lightweight, technologically advanced passenger vehicles. To celebrate the opening, the Museum will be hosting an exhibit preview and "Let it Glow" Dance Party on November 10.

Tuner cars – just like the hot rods that preceded them in the '40s and '50s – have a history steeped in customization of engines, chassis modification, suspension and structure, interiors, paint and body. Changes range from mild to wild depending on their owners, who used their vehicles to express their own creativity and uniqueness.

"History has a way of repeating itself," said ACM Curator of Exhibitory Scot Keller "Just like early hot-rodders, the tuner subculture was primarily driven by young enthusiasts who looked to convey their individuality through their automobiles."

The tuner subculture, which traces its roots back to the 1970s, has since become a multibillion dollar industry and beloved pastime for countless auto buffs. Tuners@ACM will feature some of the hottest examples of tuners like APR's RLMS, a 2018 VW Golf R homage to Touring Car Racing recently nominated as a Toyo Tires Top Build at SEMA.

"The automobile has ingrained itself as part of our society's culture for more than 100 years," said Keller. "Regardless of the canvas, the one thing that transcends time is that a car can truly be a work of art limited only by owner creativity. We are thrilled to be able to put such a display together for our visitors."

The featured vehicles in Tuners@ACM include:

- 1971 Datsun 240z
- 1971 Nissan Skyline GT-X
- 1972 Datsun 510
- 1978 Toyota Cressida
- 1982 Nissan 180sx
- 1983 Mitsubishi Starion
- 1992 Honda Civic Si
- 1992 Mazda MX-5
- 1999 Honda Civic Type-R

- 2000 Audi S4
- 2000 BMW M3 Wagon
- 2003 Mitsubishi EVO
- 2006 VW GTI
- 2008 Nissan 350z
- 2011 Subaru WRX STI
- 2015 Nissan GTR
- 2018 VW Golf R

To celebrate Tuner Cars as art, ACM will be holding a celebration on the evening of November 10 called “Glow: Tuners@ACM” – which will feature a “Let it Glow” Dance Party with customizable t-shirts, small bites and drinks, as well as an exhibit preview.

For more information about other exhibits at America’s Car Museum, visit [americascarmuseum.org](http://americascarmuseum.org).

**About LeMay – America’s Car Museum ([americascarmuseum.org](http://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. For more information, visit [americascarmuseum.org](http://americascarmuseum.org).

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**About America’s Automotive Trust**

America’s Automotive Trust (AAT), headquartered in Tacoma, Washington, is a not-for-profit corporation that seeks to secure America’s automotive heritage and to transfer the skills and knowledge necessary for the future of collector vehicles and the enthusiast community for generations to come. AAT is made up of four founding members: LeMay – America’s Car Museum, the RPM Foundation, Club Auto and the Concours Club. For more information on AAT, visit [americasautomotivetrust.org](http://americasautomotivetrust.org).

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