



America's Automotive Trust Goes Full Throttle for 2017 Wheels & Heels Annual Gala

Fast & Furious-themed event will feature both a live and silent auction for one-of-a-kind items and an explosive fireworks display on June 3

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TACOMA, Wash. (May 31, 2016) – On June 3, America's Automotive Trust (AAT) will host its "Wheels & Heels Annual Gala" – a lavish soiree to support its mission of preserving America's automotive heritage. The event, which will take place in Tacoma, Washington, at LeMay – America's Car Museum (ACM), will also celebrate the Museum's five year anniversary.

Wheels & Heels has become well known over the years for its spirited live and silent auction of unique items, delectable cuisine from award-winning chef Tom Douglas, delicious cocktails and a fireworks display. The theme for this year's event is "Fast & Furious" – and the Museum will be adorned with highly sought-after vehicles including supercars, hypercars, exotics and more.

"America's Car Museum reaching its five year milestone just in time for Wheels & Heels is an achievement that we want to celebrate in a big way," said AAT President and CEO David Madeira. "This year's theme is very fitting because we have a number of high-profile supercars on display in our recently opened *Exotics@ACM: Seductive Supercars* exhibit and a gorgeous 2017 Torch Red Corvette Z06 crossing the auction block."

Included in this year's auction:

- An all-new 2017 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 (provided by Titus-Will Automotive Group)
- Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance trip for four
- Chihuly Boathouse and Hotshop tour for four

This year's premier item is a 2017 Chevrolet Corvette Z06, a world-class sports car, featuring a 650-horsepower supercharged 6.2L V8. The car was designed and built alongside the C7.R race car, and the highest bidder will have their choice between an automatic or manual transmission.

Multiple vacation packages, enthusiast driving activities and an autographed Bruce Springsteen guitar are crossing the auction block as well.

"The effort to preserve our nation's driving legacy is a monumental undertaking," added Madeira. "Those bidding on the exclusive items in the silent and live auctions are directly supporting a movement to secure America's automotive legacy."

Wheels & Heels is one of four annual AAT Signature Events. Proceeds will benefit the not-for-profit's member entities (ACM, RPM Foundation, Club Auto and the Concours Club) – each contribute to securing America's automotive heritage and promoting the continued enjoyment of the automobile.

To purchase tickets for the Wheels & Heels Annual Gala or for more information, visit americascarmuseum.org/gala.

About America's Automotive Trust (americasautomotivetrust.org)

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 entities: LeMay – America's Car Museum, the RPM Foundation, Club Auto and the Concours Club. For more information on AAT, visit americasautomotivetrust.org.

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

America's Car Museum (ACM), an entity of [America's Automotive Trust](http://AmericasAutomotiveTrust), 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 four annual Signature Events. For more information, visit americascarmuseum.org.

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