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Limousine Fit for Pope at America's Car Museum

[1964 Lincoln 'Papal Continental' transported world leaders and Apollo astronauts](#)

Talk about a gift from the heavens: ACM announced the surprise arrival of a 1964 Lincoln Continental limousine custom-made to protect Pope Paul VI and later used to shuttle Apollo astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Jim Lovell during ticker-tape parades in Chicago. The one-off limo is on loan to the museum from the Apex Foundation and is currently being displayed in the front lobby.



Photo courtesy of Preston Stroup/Associated Press. The '64 "Papal Continental" transports the Apollo 8 crew through the streets of Chicago.

"The Papal Continental is an astounding example of Americana," said Scot Keller, ACM chief marketing and communications officer. "The number of influential people who've ridden inside this car is staggering. From the first man to walk on the moon to His Holiness...needless to say, this is an extremely unique automobile."

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The 1964 Continental was specialty-ordered by the Vatican in 1965 for Pope Paul's visit to New York and customized by Chicago-based Lehmann-

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Peterson coachbuilders. In a mere two weeks, the car was stretched to nearly 21 feet, the roof was made fully removable and a bulletproof shell and windscreen were installed to protect the Pontiff. The limo was also given additional seating, special lighting and a public address system.

In 1968, the Vatican had the limo shipped to Bogotá, Colombia, for the 39th International Eucharistic Congress. It again underwent extensive modifications to allow for more seating, as well as better air circulation at higher elevations.

The Papal Continental was later used to parade American astronauts numerous times through the streets of the Windy City.

"Equally as impressive as the car's historical provenance is the level of ingenuity that went into customizing it," said Keller. "Visitors should examine it closely because the devil's in the details."



Concours Club Members Enjoy Epicurean Evening at America's Car Museum

[Italian-themed event featured the food, drink and cars of the boot-shaped country](#)

ACM's Concours Club hosted the first Epicurean evening of 2013 on Friday, Feb. 15 in the Weyerhaeuser Concours Club. Attendees were treated to Italian

food, drink and even an exotic Ferrari as part of the evening's festivities.

ACM member Hans Wurl, a well-known expert in the car industry and Manager of Vintage Racing Motors, explained the provenance of the museum's 1953 Ferrari 375 MM, which was on display outside the club. Known as one of the fastest sports cars of its day, the 375 MM is also among the most expensive in ACM's collection.



Special Guest and Collection Manager at Vintage Racing Motors, Hans Wurl, with Dominic Dobson and Corry McFarland

The only thing tastier than the Ferrari was the multi-course meal prepared by Primo Grill's Charlie McManus and the wine pairings, which were selected and explained by vintners Luca Currado and Peter Hedges.

For a complete listing of upcoming Epicurean Evenings, visit the [ACM calendar](#).



Five ACM Cars Take Part in Murray Morgan Bridge Rededication



ACM transported various officials across the 100 year-old Murray Morgan Bridge.

More than 500 people, a bevy of dignitaries and five classic ACM vehicles took part in the rededication of Tacoma's 100-year-old Murray Morgan Bridge on Feb. 15.

The museum's cars were used to transport various officials, including Secretary of Transportation Paula Hammond, State Representative Jake Fey and Tacoma Mayor Marilyn Strickland to the iconic bridge, named for a beloved local journalist and teacher who worked as a tender on the bridge in the 1950s.

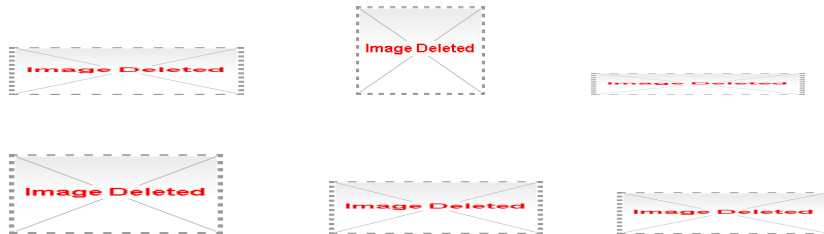
"We are honored to participate in a ceremony so significant to our city," said Scot Keller, ACM's chief marketing and communications officer. "Loaning our cars to the rededication celebration shows the appreciation and fondness ACM has for Tacoma and its landmarks."

Museum cars featured included a 1939 Packard 8 Convertible Coupe, a 1965 Mustang Convertible, a 1928 Model A Ford, a 1950 Chrysler New Yorker Convertible and a 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray. [Click for photos.](#)



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