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American Legion Post 178 Garrett, IN | 5pm-8pm

☐ June 10 ☐ June 24 ☐ July 8 ☐ July 22

☐ Aug 12 ☐ Aug 26 ☐ Sept 9 ☐ Sept 23

☐ Oct 14 ☐ Oct 28

Shifter's Arby's Cruise-Ins

Arby's Auburn, IN | 5:30pm-8pm

☐ June 11 ☐ July 9 ☐ Aug 13

☐ Sept 10 ☐ Oct 8

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Courthouse Square Auburn, IN | 5pm-8pm

☐ July 4

The 2025 car show season is under full swing. Don't miss out on any of the action before and after the events of the ACD Festival, August 23-30!

Car Shows

June

☐ 14 **Country Heritage Winery Car Show**
Country Heritage Winery Laotto, IN

☐ 15 **Heimach Center Charity Car Show**
Heimach Center Auburn, IN

July

☐ 4 **Garrett Heritage Days Car Show**
Garrett, IN

☐ 12 **Shifter's Charity Car Show**
DeKalb Outdoor Theater Auburn, IN

☐ 19 **St. Joe Picklefest Car Show**
St. Joe, IN

August

☐ 9 **Butler Days Car Show**
Butler, IN

☐ 16 **Garrett American Legion Car Show**
Legion Post 178 Garrett, IN

October

☐ 11 **Wreaths Across America Car Show**
Downtown Butler, IN

Auto Events

June

☐ 15 **ACD Father's Day Classic Car Cruise**
ACD Museum Auburn, IN

☐ 28 **Junk in the Trunk Swap Meet**
NATMUS Auburn, IN

July

☐ 5 **AACA Central Spring Nationals**
DeKalb High School Waterloo, IN

August

☐ 8-9 **Midwest Radio Control
Monster Truck Nationals**
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Welcome to the 2025 Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival! We have planned many exciting events to make your weekend enjoyable. Be sure to review the magazine to see the events pages for all the happenings during the festival.

I want to take a moment to thank the ACD Club for bringing back their annual reunion to Auburn each year. It is always a pleasure to see old friends and their magnificent automobiles. I also want to thank the Fort Wayne Driving Club for an even more spectacular Fast and Fabulous event planned again this year. Of course a huge thank you

goes out to our wonderful sponsors, advertisers, and Friends of the Festival. Without your financial support, we simply could not have put together this event. Last but certainly not least, I want to thank our Executive Director, Leslie Peel, and the entire Board of Directors of the ACD Festival. I appreciate your tireless work and dedication to our wonderful weekend.

I hope you enjoy your weekend with us, with the cars, the people and our town. Thank you for being a part of the 2025 Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival.



On behalf of the City of Auburn, "Home of the Classics" we are thrilled to welcome you to the 69th Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival.

Each year, this Labor Day tradition continues to draw car enthusiasts from across the United States and around the world. The festival has

grown tremendously over the years, attracting thousands of visitors to Auburn to celebrate our rich automobile heritage.

This year's theme, "The Year of the Auburn", pays tribute to the iconic Auburn automobile, a true classic of

automotive history. As the festival continues to evolve, it remains a highlight of our community's calendar, showcasing not only our vintage automotive culture but also the charm of our small-town feel.

Expect a fun-filled week packed with exciting events, from long-standing favorites to some new attractions that will keep you entertained. Whether you're a lifelong visitor or this is your first time attending, there's something for everyone.

While you're here, we encourage you to explore the beauty and history of Auburn and DeKalb County, including our vibrant and historic downtown. The area has grown and evolved over the years, and we're excited to share it with you.

We're honored to have you with us, and hope your visit is a memorable one.

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CAMERON PETERSEN

PRESIDENT

Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club

Hello and welcome to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival in the "Home of the Classics"!

Year after year Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg owners, as well as enthusiasts alike, gather for a weekend of festivities surrounding these wonderful automobiles in Auburn, Indiana, where it all began.

This year we are celebrating "The Year of the Auburn"! Expect to see a very large number of Auburns as well as Cords and Duesenbergs. You will be hard pressed to miss any of them as they are sure to be all over town at every turn.

Visit the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum on Thursday, August 28, at 11:45 AM as this year's Hoosier Tour will be returning from a two-day journey from the wilds of northwestern Indiana. These beautiful automobiles will line up in front of the museum for all to see and photograph. Make sure to also take a tour of the museum and see all it has to offer inside.

Make your way down to Ninth Street in the afternoons and evenings, Thursday to Saturday, to see these beautiful machines lined up. Often their owners will be nearby telling tall tales, offering advice on timing adjustments, etc. Don't hesitate to ask questions and take photos.

Saturday, August 30, will find everyone in Eckhart Park preparing for the Parade of Classics. There you will have the best opportunity to see the bulk of the cars on display. It's a sight to behold and I, for one, never grow tired of it. Here you will also find a handful of these cars being judged using top-notch judging scales for awards to be given on Sunday. At 1 pm these cars will roar out of the park and begin the parade that winds downtown for many blocks. Afterwards, the cars will be on display again around the courthouse for a few hours. Don't be nervous to interact with the owners and always ask questions. We are all family here!

If this is your first time experiencing the festival, I'd like to personally welcome you. If you are a returning visitor or club member, welcome back!!!!

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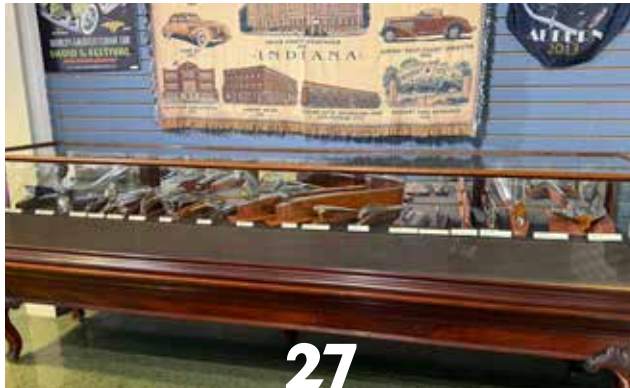
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A Quarter Century of Growth and Success: Auburn at 25

By Sam Grate, Curator of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum



Front page of the 12-page spread of the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette, July 12, 1925.

1925 was an important year for the Auburn Automobile Company. It marked the 25th anniversary of the company's founding in 1900. After a few years of downturns and falling sales, it saw the company heading in a new and better direction with youthful talent and fresh, new ideas at the forefront. With a quarter century of automobile experience and with full steam ahead, the only direction the company eagerly moved was forward.

In celebration of the company's anniversary, *The Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* newspaper ran a 12-page spread highlighting the success and longevity of the automobile maker. Headlines such as "Growth of Auburn Factory Enormous in 25 Years," "Auburn Export Sales Greatest in History," and "New Auburn Models Get Enthusiastic Reception in Fort Wayne," showed the company's recovery after a few years of stagnation. Other headlines included "Popularity of Auburn Increased This Year," "Auburn Finances are in Sound Condition," and "June Best Month in Auburn History Says Company Head."

How did the Auburn Automobile Company get to this point? Automakers have come and gone, but Auburn made it to the 25-year mark. The company was founded in 1900 as an outgrowth of the Eckhart Carriage Company in just a 20x30 foot single room. The first prototype rolled off the line in 1901, built entirely by hand. The single-cylinder, 6 horsepower detachable tonneau, meant it could be made into a 5-passenger car if desired. It spurred the company's ethos of building a sturdy, dependable car. The Journal Gazette stated:



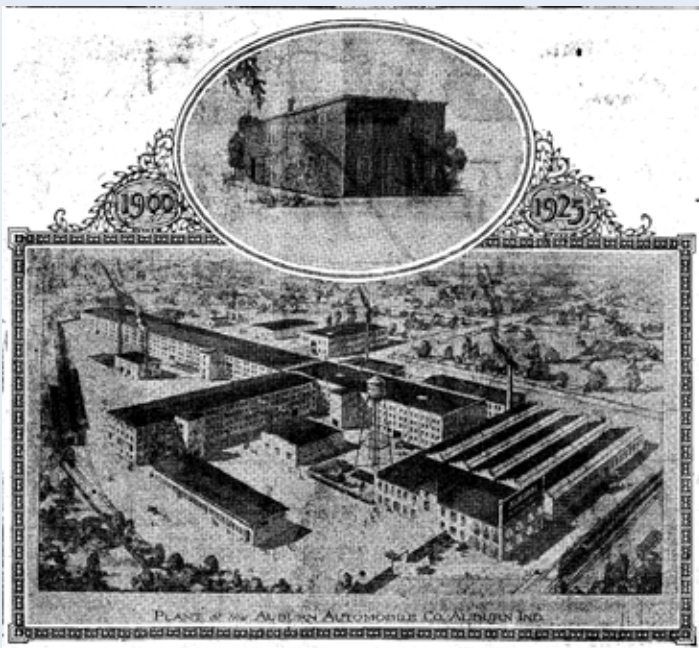
1903 Auburn, single-cylinder engine that produced six horsepower.



1925 Auburn, the quality of automobile being produced at the Auburn Automobile Company during the time that the 12-page spread was released.

"It was a big event in Auburn, Indiana when the Auburn Automobile Company completed its first Auburn car and got it rolling around the streets of the little city. ... It was a big event, too, for the automobile world. For it marked the birth of a motor car trademark that was destined to survive most of the cars that were then made, and hundreds of makes which have made their appearance in the meantime and then disappeared."

By 1925, the company had grown from a single 600 square foot room to multiple factory buildings with a combined 500,000 square feet. The Auburn Automobile Company was always right with, or just ahead of, the trends and advancement in engineering. Two-, four-, and six-cylinder engine Auburns were built, and in January of 1925, Auburn announced their line of 8-cylinder engine vehicles. It was one of the very first automakers to do so, and for prices at or lower than competitors' 6-cylinder cars. How did the Auburn Automobile Company make it to 25 years? After exploring the company's history, *The Journal Gazette* concluded, "the many years in which Auburn has been building a reputation for the construction of satisfactory, dependable motor cars at moderate prices is a strong, permanent foundation upon which to establish a great industry."



A comparison of the first factory building in 1900 to the sprawling complex in 1925.



The board of directors of the Auburn Automobile Company included E. L. Cord, who later in 1925 would buy out the rest of the board and name himself as President.

A Quarter Century of Growth and Success: Auburn at 25

The newspaper spread was a great way for the Auburn Automobile Company to advertise and to boast. E.L. Cord, vice-president and general manager at the time, remarked that dealers across the country were experiencing "unprecedented demand for the new 8-88 models". Factory workers were working overtime to keep up with production, and showrooms couldn't even keep the cars on the floor. Robert Wiley, Auburn's Export Manager, shared that their distributor in France was so excited by the new models that they made a special trip to Auburn to secure a new franchise.

New technologies and advancements in engineering were featured in Auburns. The Auburn Automobile Company showcased the new features, including four-wheel brakes, automatic windshield cleaners, hand-rubbed lacquer finish (as opposed to varnish), and cork pads between the body and the frame to reduce friction and add sound dampening. It also introduced the "Swan Type" manifold, which allowed newer models to throttle down to low speeds in high gear. Auburn boasted improved torque, better firing during cold starts, and reduced vibrations. Additionally, Auburn responded to customer demand for a car suitable for camping and touring by introducing the special Wanderer Sedan. This vehicle could be transformed into a full-sized bed making it an ideal option for travelers.

The export division of the Auburn Automobile Company was also growing exponentially. In an article titled "Auburn Export Sales Greatest in History", Robert Wiley, export manager, stated *"While Auburn's success in the United States has been truly marvelous this year, this success has been paralleled by the increasing popularity of Auburn cars in foreign lands. Our export shipments for the first six months of this year have more than the shipments during the entire year of 1924."* Countries such as England, France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Egypt, and even Australia showed an increase in product and sales.

Other companies that supplied parts and services to the Auburn Automobile Company paid for spots within the spread to advertise their products and send good wishes to the company. Those companies included A. T. Baker & Company, Inc. for velvet upholstery, Warner Gear Company for transmissions, Limousine Body Company of Kalamazoo, Michigan, B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, Goodyear Tires, E. F. Timme & Son for upholstering, Murphy Varnish Company for automotive paint, McFarlan and Central Manufacturing of Connersville, Indiana for automobile bodies, National Gauge and Equipment Co. for dashboard gauges, and Smith Wheel, Inc. for car wheels.

Appealing to women had been a focus of the company for several years. This was evident in the spread with articles titled "Woman Has Had a Great Influence on Motor Car Design", and "Women's Influence is Felt in Auburn Cars." The articles explained that at one time a man could surprise his family with a car purchase. The man just needed a car that would run reliably, with little attention to the car's appearance. Women, however, now had the "deciding voice" when it came to such decisions. *The Journal Gazette* humorously remarked, *"There was a time when it was possible for a man to buy a motor car as a surprise for the family – but just let him try it now! The color won't suit mother, and the upholstery will be far below the daughter's expectation."* The company explained that because of this, carefully chosen upholstery harmonized with the body finishes and showed other refinements in detail and elimination of little annoyances such as "rattles, body squeaks, and other trivial items". Salesmen were told to focus on the lady during sales pitches and to point out areas of comfort, ease, and stylish design.

Other smaller blurbs are seen throughout the spread telling the news of such topics like camels going out of style for the Arab sheikhs, turn off your engine when on a ferry crossing, and California introducing driving examinations for applying for a license.

The last page of the spread concluded with an article titled, "Going Over Bigger and Bigger!" It stated that June 1925 was the greatest month in the history of the Auburn Automobile Company. All indications pointed to even better and greater successes in the near future. Detailed drawings of various Auburn body styles for 1925 showed the Auburn as part of a lifestyle with the 4-door Brougham in front of a mansion gate,



1927 Auburn 6-66 Wanderer with the interior seating shown folded down for travelers

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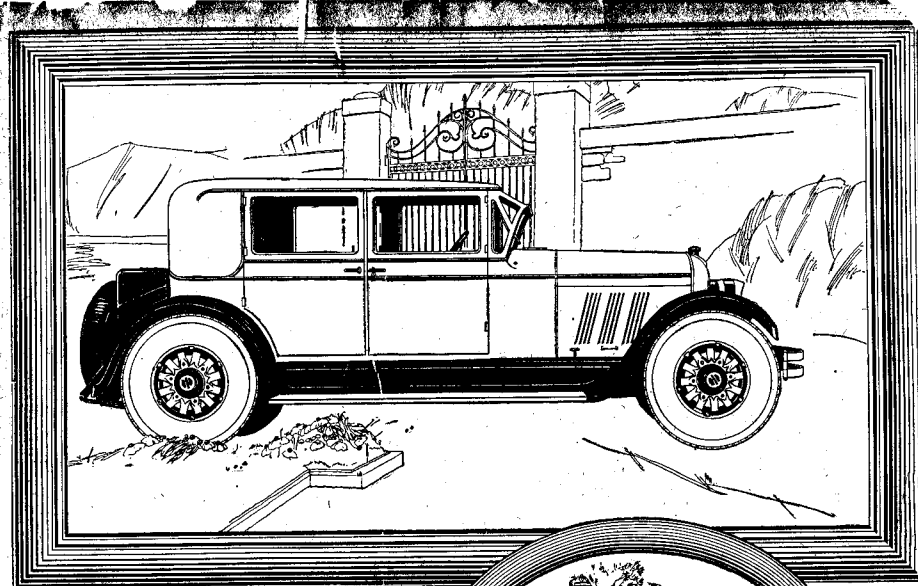
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A Quarter Century of Growth and Success: Auburn at 25



Going Over Bigger and Bigger!

June was the greatest month in the history of the Auburn Automobile Company. More cars were shipped than in any previous month in the history of the company. Shipments the first six months of 1925 exceeded shipments during the entire year 1924. The new models shown at the New York show in January have been accepted in a manner that is beyond our greatest expectations.

And Fort Wayne people being quick to recognize the merits of the new Auburn models have bought more Auburn cars in the months of May and June than we sold in the city of Fort Wayne in the entire year 1924. At the present time we have on file orders for two weeks' delivery.

This success of Auburn has not been due to any spectacular or sensational high-pressure sales methods but has been due entirely to the outstanding value of its new Auburn models. The distinction of design of these cars has instantly appealed to the motorist not satisfied with the commonplace. Their finish and appointments satisfy the most critical and performance has exceeded the expectations of every seasoned driver even those who have been driving cars costing double the price of the Auburns.

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6-66 Wanderer Sedan.....	\$1,845	8-66 Wanderer Sedan.....	\$2,400
6-66 4-door Brougham.....	\$1,795	8-66 4-door Brougham.....	\$2,350
6-66 Sedan.....	\$1,795	8-66 Sedan.....	\$2,350
6-66 Roadster.....	\$1,495	8-66 Roadster.....	\$1,875

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6-66 Sedan \$1595
6-66 Roadster \$1495

a sedan in front of a lighthouse, and the roadster with a set of golf clubs resting against it. Regional Auburn dealerships were listed for those in Fort Wayne and the surrounding area. The article concluded by stating, "We have only one sales argument. See these cars – ride in them – drive them. If they do not sell themselves, we will not ask you to buy."

In retrospect, the Auburn Automobile Company was correct in its assessment of its position in 1925, and what was in store for them in the future. Auburn sold 5,601 cars in 1925, more than double that of 1924, successfully recovering from the slump in 1922. Following the trend, Auburn's greatest sales year was 1931 with over 34,000 cars sold before the steady decline and eventual closure in 1937. Export dealerships and sales continued to steadily grow until their peak in 1931 with 113 dealerships in 93 countries. Auburn continued to be at the forefront in engineering and design with its sporty Speedster body style, the introduction of the Cord L-29 with its front wheel drive, X-frame, and design, all the way to the company's end with the streamlined Cord 810 and 812 in 1937.

From a great moment in Auburn, Indiana and automobile history in 1901 to the end in 1937, the Auburn Automobile Company left behind an enduring legacy of automobiles cherished and admired today.

The final page of the spread summarized the content within the spread and advertised the six-cylinder line with area dealerships to visit

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Sam Mahdavi

2025 Grand Marshal



With nearly three decades of experience in the automotive industry, Sam Mahdavi has made a lasting impact as a master technician, race car builder, and trusted media personality. He co-founded Mahdavi Motorsports in

1999, where he built a reputation for high-performance turbocharged builds and race-ready machines, working with both domestic and import vehicles.

Mahdavi Motorsports' work has reached global audiences, supplying over 10 performance cars to the blockbuster Fast & Furious movie series, including appearances in Fast 7, and participating in the film Let's Be Cops.

Sam is the host of the nationally syndicated TV show "Sam's Garage", airing on MotorTrend (Velocity), RACER (formerly MAVTV), REVTV Canada, and streaming on Mtrsp1 and Apple TV. The show serves a wide range of automotive fans—covering everything from hotrods and performance upgrades to street rods, imports, and full restorations. Sam's unique ability to explain complex repairs and diagnostic techniques has made the show a favorite among both DIYers and professionals.

Previously, Sam co-hosted the "Sam's Garage Radio Show" for 11 years alongside industry veteran Sam Memmolo, where the pair provided real-time advice to callers across the country. In 2016, the brand expanded into television, with Sam Mahdavi becoming the solo host in 2017.

In 2020, Sam joined the Lokar Car Show as host, traveling the country to spotlight custom builds, car show culture, and the passionate individuals behind the vehicles.

Motorsports Accomplishments

- Two-time NDRA Drag Racing Champion
- Multiple podium finishes in national racing events
- Participant in the 2004 SEMA Installer's Challenge
- Winner of Speed Channel's "Pinks" (2008)

TV & Film Contributions

- Over 10 cars featured in the Fast & Furious franchise
- Shop appearance in Fast 7
- Contributions to Let's Be Cops

Upcoming Projects

- Bringing back NOPI Nationals and racing, a revival of a classic event series celebrating import and performance car culture.

Past Grand Marshals



1971 Peter De Paolo

1925 Indianapolis 500 winner

1972 Gordon Buehrig

Auburn Automobile Co. Designer

1973 Howard "Dutch" Darrin

Automotive Designer

1974 Chris Schenkel

American Sports caster

1975 Tony Hulman

Former Owner of Indianapolis Motor Speedway

1976 Harold Ames

Former Executive at Auburn Automobile Company

1977 Gordon Buehrig

Auburn Automobile Co. Designer

1978 Alice Huyler Ramsey

First woman to drive across America

1979 Harold Ames

Former Executive at Auburn Automobile Company

1980 Alex Tremulis

Auburn Automobile Company Chief Designer

1981 Dan Haggerty

Actor

1982 Gordon Johncock

1973 & 1982 Indianapolis 500 winner

1983 Robert Orr

Former Governor of Indiana

1984 Virginia Cord

Widow of E.L. Cord

1985 John Mutz

Former Lieutenant Governor of Indiana

1986 Thomas Monaghan

Founder of Domino's Pizza

1987 Denny Duesenberg

Son of Fred Duesenberg & renowned designer & builder

1988 Richard Kughn

Businessman and ACD collector

1989 Chris Schenkel

American Sports caster

1990 Kay Buehrig

Widow of Gordon Buehrig

1991 Carroll Shelby

American automotive designer, racing driver & entrepreneur

1992 Andy Granatelli

Former STP CEO and Indianapolis 500 car owner

1993 Dean Kruse

Former Indiana State Senator & CEO of Kruse International

1994 Rodger Ward

1959 & 1962 Indianapolis 500 winner

1995 Frank Borman

Apollo 8 Commander

1996 Dave Thomas

Founder of Wendy's

1997 Jerry J. Moore

Real estate developer & Duesenberg collector

1998 Dale Robertson

Actor

1999 John Martin Smith

DeKalb County Historian, attorney & founding member of the ACDA & NATMUS Museums

2000 Keith Crain

Automotive industry expert & chairman of Crain Communications

2001 S. Truett Cathy

Founder of Chick-fil-A

2002 Dennis Gage

Host of *My Classic Car*

2003 Del Mar Johnson

Pillar of the community, ACD Festival & ACDA Museum

2004 Sally Hummel,

Nancy Phelps & Susan Pereira

E.L. Cord's daughters

2005 Glenn Pray

Replicar visionary

2006 Del Mar Johnson

Pillar of the community, ACD Festival & ACDA Museum

2007 Doris Johnson

Widow of Del Mar Johnson

2008 Clint Stephens

Pillar of the community

2009 Clive Cussler

American author

2010 Paul & Martha Bryant

ACD Certification pioneer & philanthropist

2011 The Gordon Buehrig Family

2012 Bobby Unser

3 time Indianapolis 500 winner

2013 Wayne Carini

Master restorer & star of *Chasing Classic Cars*

2014 Courtney Hansen

Host of television shows like *Overhaulin'* & *Power Nation*

2015 Three Rangers Foundation

75th Ranger Regiment support group

2016 John Souder

Pillar of the community and ACD Festival poster artist from 1981 to 2017

2017 James Otto

American musician

2018 Addison Agen

Runner-up on *The Voice* Season 13

2019 Dennis Covert

President of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana

2021 Lyn St. James

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GRAHAM GEIGER

AUBURN, IN
1935 AUBURN 851

As a 17-year-old at the ACD Festival in 2022, my birthday, I recognized a beautiful Cord L29 and the owner, Jack Laughlin, who I had seen in a video about the restoration of his car. Jack took the time to tell me all about the car, let me sit in it and take pictures, and introduced me to his wife, Luci. They both continue to inspire me, and we have become friends.

It was at the same festival that I ran into the Duesenberg expert, Randy Ema, I had read so much about. He took the time to look at pictures of my cars. We shook hands when we were done talking and I'll never forget what he said to me, "Happy Birthday – keep playing with cars!"

I became really interested in cars when as a 16-year-old, I purchased my first car on my own—a rare 1930 Dodge Brothers DC-8—with my mowing and farming money; but I think that particular day at the festival in 2022 was the pivotal day in becoming interested in Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs, and wanting to plan my future around them.

I have been with the ACD Automobile Museum's Pit Crew since I was 18, as a senior in high school. It started with an opportunity for a job shadow with the Pit Crew in November 2022 when looking for an internship. I was already enrolled in an automotive class through a career center working on certifications through Ivy Tech while also being homeschooled through Hillsdale College. I got hooked on the museum, the cars and the people on the first day!

Working with the cars is such an amazing part of being with the ACD Automobile Museum Pit Crew, but I can't say enough about the people (mentors) I work beside. From them I've gained so much automobile history and maintenance and preservation knowledge, but more importantly they have become great friends!

As we sat at a birthday dinner during the 2023 ACD Festival, I came across a local online advertisement. We contacted the family and went to look at it after dinner that evening. We had no idea about the awesome story of the previous owner, Mr. Lester See, a former



Auburn Automobile Company employee from 1930-1938 and former ACD Automobile Museum volunteer for many years. Mr. See had a goal of acquiring an Auburn. His dream came true with the purchase of the 1935 Auburn 851 that we now own. He

participated in his first ACD Festival as an owner in 1992. I love that we are keeping the history and stories of the cars and people alive. It is fun to take this Auburn to a car show and have people immediately recognize it, and are happy it is back out in public after many years. I was excited to participate for the first time in this Auburn with the ACD Club and Festival in 2024.

Lester See was a volunteer on the very first day the museum opened in 1974. At the 50th anniversary of the museum, I was honored to help display and present his service jacket and other artifacts relating to the hundreds of visitors at the museum 50 years later.

One of my favorite moments with the car was being able to find and meet Lester See's daughter and to take a picture with her and the Auburn before she passed away. His granddaughter was also there with photo albums, memories and stories to share. I'll never forget that day.

I am also in touch and have become close with Warren Johnson, our Auburn's owner after Lester. I love to hear the stories of Lester See and Warren Johnson together on car tours.

Last July was memorable, participating and receiving an award with the Auburn at the Concours d'Elegance at Copshaholm. A memory and honor I won't ever forget.

Being a member and a volunteer at the ACD Automobile Museum, a new member to the ACD Club, participating in the ACD Festival and having recently moved here full-time, I am so grateful for the folks who have taken time to teach and encourage the next generation of car enthusiasts. I am excited to participate in my first Hoosier Tour this festival! I couldn't have found a better group of people to call family or place to call home.

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KARI RANDINELLI- ACKERMAN

AUBURN, IN
1932 AUBURN CABRIOLET

The ACD Festival has been part of my entire life. My father, Jack Randinelli, is one of its founding fathers. Most of my life has revolved around the ACD Festival, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum and

ACD Club. I was raised with a heightened awareness of the rich history of my community. As a young girl I was there to help sweep out the building to eventually become the ACDA Museum. Many of my earliest memories are ACD related. I didn't have a choice. All things ACD are in my DNA.

As an adult I have realized how special my childhood was, from getting piggyback rides from Dan Haggerty, to riding in the Suburban limousine with Larry Hagman. I would car hop during the car tours from Cords, Auburns and Duesenbergs—Don Carr's Duesenberg was always my favorite—never understanding how special these things were until I was older. Because of this realization, when Troy and I got our first Auburn, we started to share the experience

with local students. I spent 23 years bringing cars to our local schools so that students could get a firsthand experience with them.

When my father died in 2013, I inherited my 1932 Auburn Cabriolet. One of my favorite things to do is to drive it!! I drive it to the grocery store and work and any other reason I can find to hop in it and drive. I can't explain the joy I get from just driving the Auburn. There is something timeless about driving an Auburn. It is as if I am transported back to 1930's Auburn, when driving cars was new and the ACD cars were exceptional.

My fondest memories are of the amazing friendships I have built because of the cars, and the people I have met because of a mutual interest. Many of these people are now family. My life would not be the same without them. While the love of all things ACD brought us together, we will forever be connected.



3

FRANK AND CINDY GUZIK

AUBURN, IN
1931 AUBURN 898-A
FIVE PASSENGER SEDAN

We moved to Fort Wayne in 1983 and, in learning about the area, visited the ACDA Museum. In the evening newspaper in August of 1984 there was an ACD Festival bumper sticker that ended up on my son's big wheel. We read the information about the festival and we headed up to the parade. Later, one of my son's teachers invited us to join them on their porch on Jackson Street, which increased our interest.

After deciding to purchase an Auburn, we focused our interest on a 1931-33 Auburn sedan or Brougham, as we desired a back seat. We reached out to every ACD Club member who owned a 1931-33 Auburn sedan or Brougham, inquiring whether their car was available for sale, or if they knew of one that was. We received six responses and ultimately acquired our Auburn in August 1996 from Ray Dunford of Portland, OR. Although the price was reasonable, the car required complete restoration. After nine years, we successfully completed the project. Since 1996, the car has participated in every ACD Festival parade—initially on a trailer, then as a running chassis, and progressively with more parts each year to completion in 2005.

The restoration of our Auburn started with an interest in the car's history, and we sought information from the museum. Over time we completed the restoration of the Auburn and felt we had time to give back to the museum. We began volunteering in 2010 and after retirement have added to our volunteer time.

We first attended the Rolling into Roanoke event for its support of the ACDA and NATMUS museums. I connected with board members, learned about their mission, and saw it aligned with my values. When invited to join the board, I was happy to bring an Auburn perspective.

I drive our Auburn and have participated in tours organized by the ACD Club, the ACD Festival Hoosier Tour and the Vintage Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA). The backseat allows additional passengers to join us for the fun of the tours. When volunteering at the museum, I drive the Auburn and park on the Plaza year-round if the weather is good.

The Auburn often attracts attention when we drive it, prompting us to share information about the car and the museum. One afternoon, a



couple who I had met visiting the museum was admiring the Auburn on the plaza. The man asked where I store the car at night, thinking the museum trusted me to put it away. I clarified that it was my own car, and I would be driving it home. He was quite surprised for sure.

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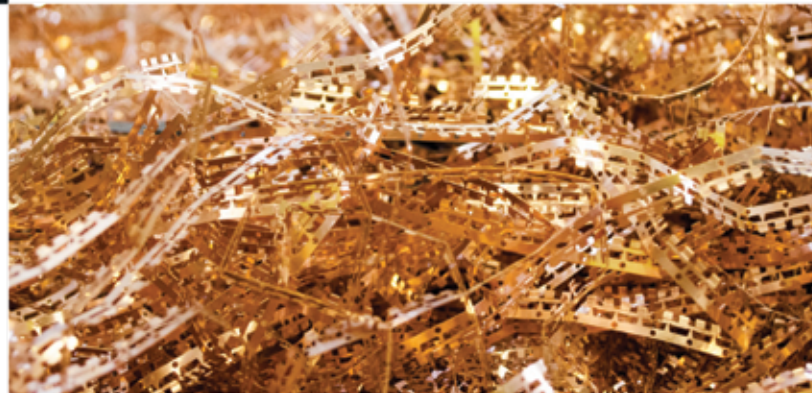


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In Conversation with JON ZOLER

Avid Collector of Car Mascots and Hood Ornaments

BY LESLIE PEEL

ACD Festival Executive Director

This year's festival magazine cover features the large Winged God hood ornament from Jon Zoler's collection, "Evolution of American Car Mascots and Hood Ornaments: Selections from the Jon Zoler Collection", currently on display at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum.

He estimates his total collection includes about 200 American, 200 British and European and 45 glass ornaments and mascots. As an avid collector, Jon recognizes the importance of sharing his large collection with the public.

In addition to the ACDA Museum, another portion of his collection is on display at Revs Institute, Inc. in Naples, Florida which focuses mainly on the British and European mascots, as well as glass mascots.

Jon Zoler and his wife, Becky, collected American folk art for 35 years, including many sculptures, eventually selling their collection to Sotheby's prior to their move to Florida. At an auction in St. Petersburg, Florida about 15 years ago, Jon purchased two car mascots—a 1914 Rolls Royce Spirit of Ecstasy and a Lalique Greyhound. That began his interest in collecting these items specifically.

Car mascots and hood ornaments served as great advertising for car companies. About ninety percent of mascots created



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were factory added, whereas ten percent were "accessory" mascots designed by different artists which offered a choice for the buyer to meet their interests.

Mascots and ornaments created in 1910 to the 1950's reflected the changing art styles of the times. Initially, those created were very expensive with the process creating a clay model shell into which metal would be poured, often bronze, then plated in nickel or silver. In the 1930's, the process replaced bronze with zinc added into a diecast mold making the process cheaper and faster than the

European lost wax technique, which could only create one at a time, proving very labor intensive.

When asked to choose two favorite hood ornaments or mascots from his collection, Jon chose the Tucker 1948 Spaceship and the Chrysler Imperial Gazelle Winged Cap which are part of the collection on display at the ACDA Museum.

The McFarlan Atlas is a mascot that he would love to add to his collection, mentioning it was produced by a small manufacturer for just a short time which was at the time an "enormous endeavor" for a small company.



With car mascots being very heavy, a potential safety issue and with the introduction of more streamlined-designed cars in the 1960's, car mascots saw a decline.

Today the terms "car mascot" and "hood ornament" are used interchangeably.

The ACD Festival would like to thank Jon for graciously allowing us to photograph the Winged God as a representation of this year's festival poster art.

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The Dog Days of ACD Festival Action

with Amelia Doghart and Alfred Cousineau

BY JACK BASSETT

ACD Festival Board Member

Man's greatest passion and man's best friend: cars and canines. For Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club member Alfred Cousineau, it's the perfect combination.

Chicago native and 1936 Cord Westchester owner, Al Cousineau, hits the streets of Auburn, Indiana every Labor Day weekend with his four-legged co-pilot by his side, Amelia Doghart. Amelia, a 10-year-old German Shepherd, is hard to miss, collecting pets and belly rubs by the masses from car show attendees. "Amelia is my whole world. I couldn't live without her," said Cousineau.

"We're here in Auburn, Indiana, and there's no finer place to be," explained Cousineau during the 2023 festival. "I got sucked into this 16 years ago when I met Don Mates, 'Dr. Fly Wheel'—an old Cord technical guru. He asked me to maintain his Cord 812, and taught me how to do everything—putting the Penrite grease in the transaxles and all that. After a week, he asked me to chauffeur him out here, 351 miles in that Cord he called his 'Old Boiler'. I've been hooked on Auburn

ever since. For 16 years I've been coming back, and I couldn't imagine being anywhere else on Labor Day weekend."

Cousineau operates his own service space with car collection in his home outside of Chicago in Midlothian, Illinois that he's named, "The Mudpit Motor Carriage Company". "It's just like the Ford Motor Carriage Company, but we live in a mud pit," joked Cousineau. "We play with Model T's, Model A's, and a few other old cars, but I'm not the boss. The boss is Amelia Doghart."

Cousineau's now constant companion, Amelia, is an unofficial beloved member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club. Nestled in her light brown fur is a custom-made ACD Club name badge proudly pinned to her collar.

"Of all of her responsibilities, I'd say her favorite is having me chauffeur her around in our old cars," said Cousineau. "She loves the back seat of the Model A, and feels right at home in the bed of our Model T pickup. She gets opinionated when it comes time to start the old flivvers. She'll stare down at the



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Amelia Doghart is named after none other than legendary pilot and Cord enthusiast Amelia Earhart. Earhart owned a 1937 Cord 812 Phaeton convertible. She acquired the Cord shortly before her final flight in 1937, when she and her navigator Fred Noonan vanished over the South Pacific.

Following her disappearance, Earhart's husband sold the Cord. Over the years the car was disassembled, and its parts scattered. Collector Ray Foster eventually tracked down the major components and worked to reunite them, aiming to restore the Cord to its original glory. A self-described "major gear head", Cousineau decided to support the restoration in his own way.

"It's kind of confusing," he laughed. "Somebody took the motor out of Amelia Doghart's Cord and put it in Amelia Earhart's Cord to restore it. So now Amelia Doghart's doesn't have a motor in her Cord anymore, not that she could drive in the first place. I have to take her everywhere."

Cousineau's 1936 Cord Westchester now sits engineless at his Mudpit Motor Carriage Company estate. The engine that once powered his car now resides in the historic Cord of aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart. Earhart's Cord was recently inducted into the Library of Congress and listed on the National Historic Vehicle Register.

Still, engine or not, Cousineau and Amelia Doghart never miss an ACD Weekend.

"Well, I come here from Chicago, so Auburn, Indiana is a far throw from the city. It's a great relief," Cousineau said. "The cars are unbelievable whether you're talking about the classics or everything else that shows up; and of course it's the people. I've made friends from all over the country, even the world."

You can expect to see Amelia Doghart's tail flying high once again this Labor Day weekend as she cruises through Auburn with her master by her side. Festival attendees are encouraged to stop by, say "hello", and hear about her many Mudpit Motor Carriage Company adventures.

"She's made friends all over the Midwest," said Cousineau.

"She loves spending time with friends and family. I definitely feel blessed having this beautiful, hairy girl by my side."



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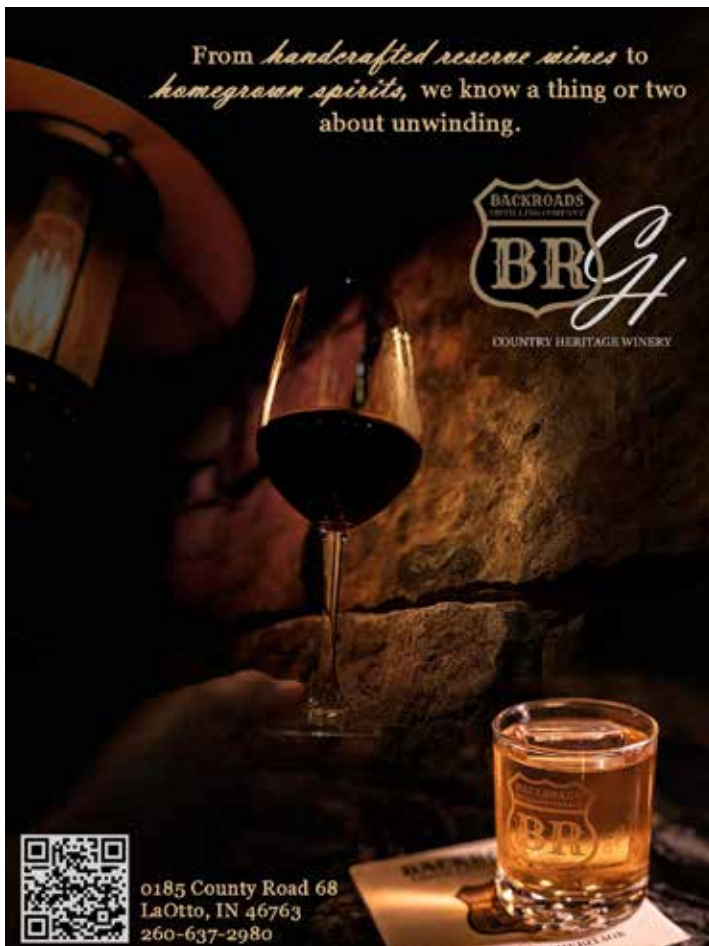
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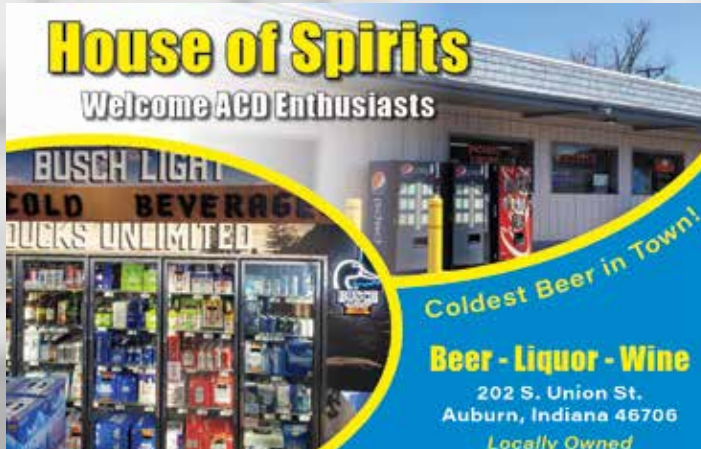
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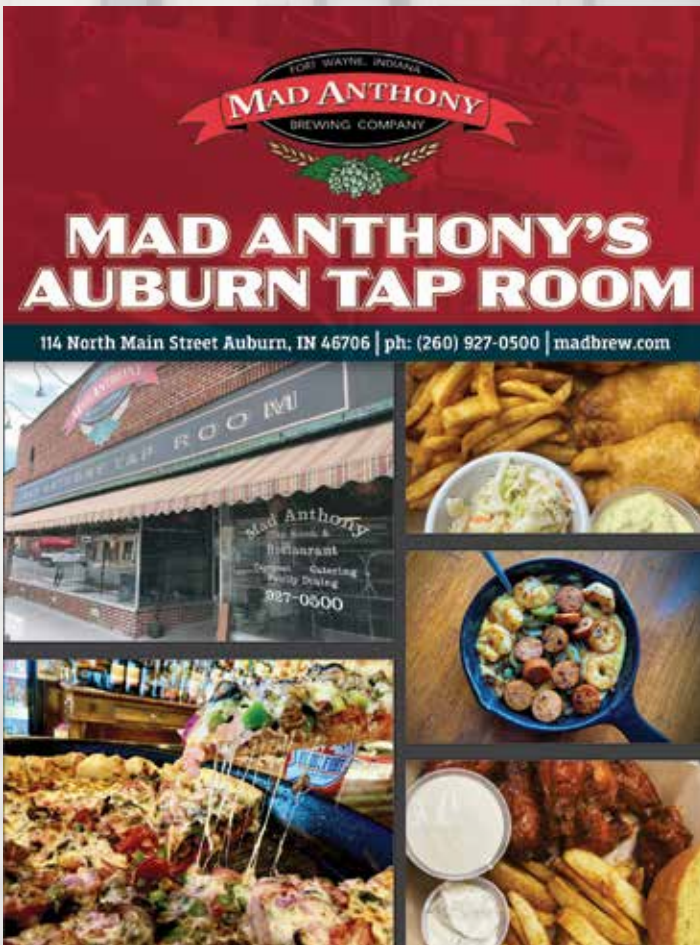


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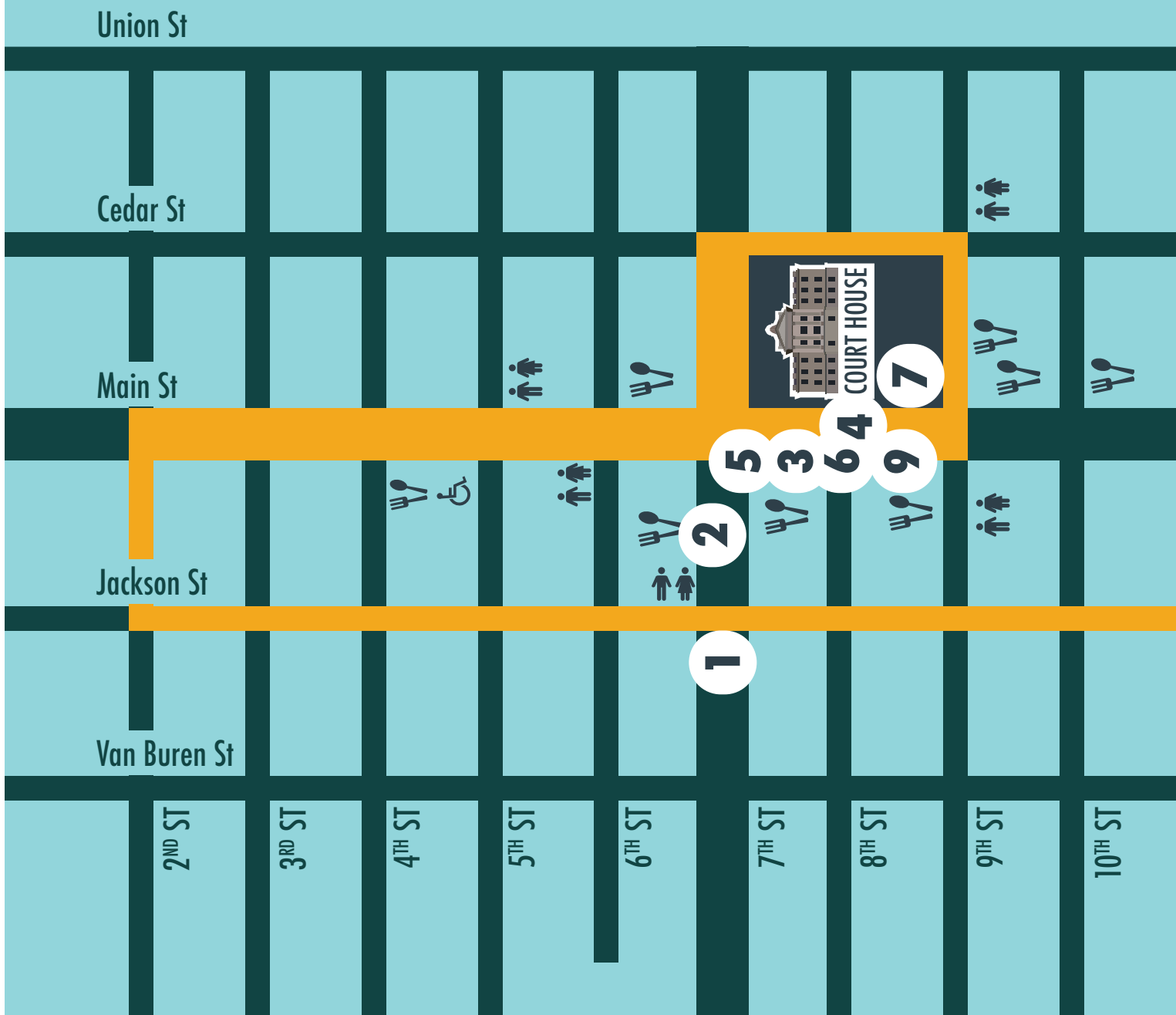
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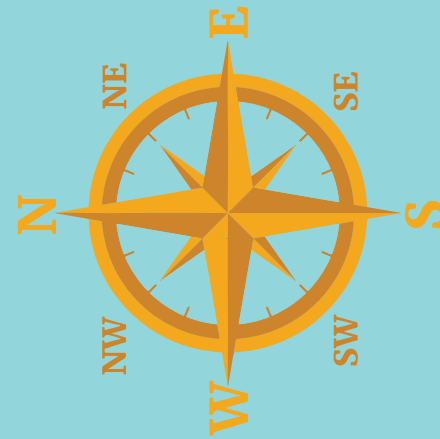
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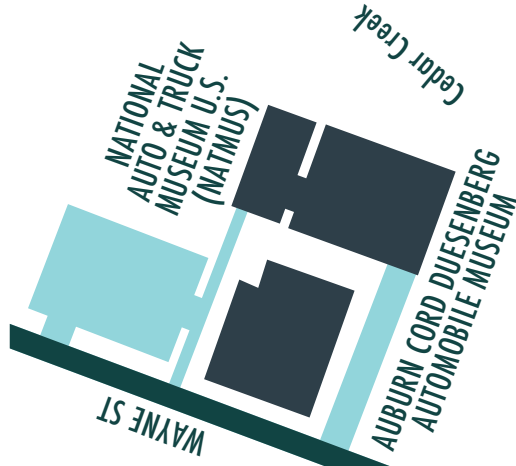


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The road to Miss America begins at the ACD Festival as we crown our very own Miss Auburn Cord Duesenberg and Miss Auburn Cord Duesenberg Teen! Join us to watch contestants compete for scholarships through various areas of competition including talent and on-stage interviews. Eligible participants must live, work or attend school in DeKalb, Allen or Steuben counties. Visit missindiana.org for more information and to register.

**Pre-registration is required for participants.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

GEARING UP FOR FESTIVAL

PRESENTED BY 9TH STREET BREW AND THE OLIVE TWIST

TIME | 5 PM – 8 PM

LOCATION | 9th Street Brew—101 E. 9th Street

COST | Food item costs vary

9th Street Brew, Olive Twist and Carve Market are throwing a block party complete with cars, slider burgers, crazy milkshakes, music, street games and so much fun. We will be featuring beautiful local cars made right here in Indiana. Join us to celebrate this kick-off to a great week.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

CHEERS TO THE FESTIVAL, 1950'S STYLE!

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG FESTIVAL

TIME | 6 PM – 9 PM

LOCATION | FUEL Social Club/Praxis Detailing

220 W. Ensley Ave, Auburn

COST | \$50 per person; cash bar

two drink tickets included with admission

***Please note, this event is for those ages 21+*

Suggested Attire: 1950's inspired clothing; Greasers welcome!

Shake, rattle and roll your way into ACD Festival week at this year's Cheers to the Festival fundraiser and celebration. Enjoy 1950's inspired heavy hors d'oeuvres, inspired cocktails, live music and a "best dressed" contest at this event. This is the only place where you can bid on a reserved parking space for Friday's famous downtown Cruise-In as well as a reserved table in the middle of all the action Friday and Saturday nights for the downtown concerts. In addition, become the special owner of the 2025 signed ACD Festival poster art, and much more. This special live auction is sure to impress! If you love the festival, this event is a must! Reserve your tickets today by visiting www.acdfestival.org, or call 260-925-3600. For additional information, email leslie@acdfestival.org.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

ANNUAL GARAGE CRUISE

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG FESTIVAL AND NATIONAL AUTO & TRUCK MUSEUM (NATMUS)

TIME | 10 AM – 4 PM

LOCATION | Auburn and surrounding areas

COST | \$10 for entire tour

Ever drive by a local garage and wonder what's inside? This is the event for you! Take a Sunday drive to visit the garages and shops of local automotive enthusiasts and business owners for a behind-the-scenes look at their automotive projects and spaces. You never know what you will see--car memorabilia, antique signs, street rods, muscle cars, classic autos, specialty trucks and other unique projects. Tour the Garage Cruise locations in any order you choose. Visit the National Auto & Truck Museum--1000 Gordon Buehrig Place, Auburn, for tickets or more information. (260-925-9100)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

50TH ANNUAL ACD FESTIVAL HOOSIER TOUR

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG FESTIVAL

TIME | 8:30 AM Museum departure

LOCATION | Tour leaves from the Auburn Cord

Duesenberg Automobile Museum for a two-day trip throughout the Goshen, Indiana area. Specific destinations to be determined.

COST | Free to spectators; Pre-registration required for participants

The Hoosier Tour welcomes Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs on a traveling tour to promote the ACD Festival and enjoy a variety of fun activities. The tour arrives back at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum on Thursday, August 28, at 11:45 AM, prior to the Kick-Off Luncheon and Celebration. Contact the Festival at information@acdfestival.org, for details and registration information.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

FALL SWAP MEET (VENDOR SET UP)

PRESENTED BY EARLY FORD V-8 FOUNDATION MUSEUM

TIME | 9 AM – 5 PM

LOCATION | 2181 Rotunda Drive, Auburn IN

COST | Free to spectators; contact the museum for space rental information

Celebrate Labor Day weekend at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum. Automotive parts, tools and automobilia galore! Pre-registration for vendors is preferred. Visit www.fordv8foundation.org, or call 260-927-8022 for space rental and additional event information, as well as for museum hours and admission prices.

THE 55TH ANNUAL AUBURN AUCTION & SHOW--PREVIEW

PRESENTED BY WORLDWIDE AUCTIONEERS

TIME | 9 AM – 6 PM

LOCATION | Worldwide Auctioneers Headquarters
5634 Opportunity Blvd., Auburn, IN

Preview, test drive (by appointment) the auction cars, and meet with representatives of the Worldwide Auctioneers' team onsite to answer questions about this year's selection of vehicles, prior to the auction. Visit www.worldwideauctioneers.com for more information including registering to sell, directions, etc.

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DESTINATION AUBURN CAR CORRAL, VENDORS AND SWAP MEET

PRESENTED BY WORLDWIDE AUCTIONEERS

TIME | 9 AM – 6 PM

LOCATION | Worldwide Auctioneers Headquarters

5634 Opportunity Blvd., Auburn, IN

COST | Outside events are free to spectators

Visit the Destination Auburn website for vendor space and car corral registration, cost and additional event information.
<https://destinationauburn.com>

MAIN FESTIVAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

FALL SWAP MEET

PRESENTED BY EARLY FORD V-8 FOUNDATION MUSEUM

TIME | 9 AM – 5 PM

LOCATION | 2181 Rotunda Drive, Auburn IN

COST | Free to spectators; contact the museum for space rental information

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THE 55TH ANNUAL AUBURN AUCTION & SHOW — LIVE AUCTION & SHOW

PRESENTED BY WORLDWIDE AUCTIONEERS

TIME | 9 AM – 7 PM

LOCATION | Worldwide Auctioneers Headquarters

5634 Opportunity Blvd., Auburn, IN

COST | Varies; Visit www.worldwideauctioneers.com for admission information.

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KICK-OFF LUNCHEON AND CELEBRATION

SPONSORED BY THE EARLY FORD V-8 FOUNDATION MUSEUM
PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG FESTIVAL

TIME | Noon

LOCATION | ACDA Museum, Willennar Hall

COST | \$20 per person

Join us as we celebrate the official start of the 2025 ACD Festival. View Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs parked in front of the museum as they return from the Hoosier Tour around 11:45 AM. Enjoy the sounds of Auburn's own Dixieland Band as old friends reunite and new friends meet. Hear highlights of the Hoosier Tour, along with updates on festival events and activities. Tickets are required and can be purchased online at www.acdfestival.org. Call 260-925-3600 for more information.

AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG FACTORY MEET AND GREET

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN MOOSE FAMILY CENTER

TIME | Lodge opens at 2:30 PM

outside event is from 6 PM – 11 PM

LOCATION | Auburn Moose Family Center

402 Main Street, Auburn

COST | Admission is Free

Food and drink available for purchase

All are welcome to enjoy vintage, second generation and special-interest cars while reconnecting with old friends and making new ones!

THE "9TH STREET EXPERIENCE"

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB

TIME | Evening

LOCATION | 9th Street

between Main Street and Jackson Street

COST | Free

Be sure to check out the stars of the show--the Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs of the ACD Club! Don't forget to grab a snack at Martha's Popcorn Stand, and check out the beautiful mural while you are there. It's a duesy!



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PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

TIME | 6 PM – 9 PM

LOCATION | Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum

COST | \$150 per person; individual or corporate sponsorship tables available

The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum is celebrating the continued preservation and restoration work on their National Historic Landmark building including the restoration of the Showroom portion of the building and its original windows during its annual benefit and celebration, which is a must attend event for all! The evening is filled with music, entertainment, and fun! It all begins with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails served in the grand Art Deco Showroom. Following cocktail hour, guests will be ushered by live music to a delicious gourmet dinner, open bar, and entertainment. This annual benefit and celebration directly supports the museum and its programs, events, and exhibits and is one of the museum's largest and most important fundraisers of the year.

For tickets, sponsorships, and more information visit www.automobilemuseum.org for tickets and more information, or call (260) 925-1444.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

PRESENTED BY NATIONAL AUTO & TRUCK MUSEUM

TIME | 7 AM – 10 AM

LOCATION | NATMUS parking lot

1000 Gordon M. Buehrig Place, Auburn

COST | Donations to support the NATMUS Museum are appreciated

Start your day with a hearty breakfast and camaraderie right in the heart of the museum district. Supporting the National Auto & Truck Museum never tasted so good!

ACD CLUB SWAP MEET

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG CLUB

TIME | 7 AM – Noon

LOCATION | Auburn Skate Park parking lot near Eckhart Park

COST | Free

Join fellow automotive enthusiasts as you peruse the many auto-related items available.



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FALL SWAP MEET

PRESENTED BY EARLY FORD V-8 FOUNDATION MUSEUM

TIME | 9 AM – 5 PM

LOCATION | 2181 Rotunda Drive, Auburn IN

COST | Free to spectators; contact the museum for space rental information

Celebrate Labor Day weekend at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum. Automotive parts, tools and automobilia galore! Pre-registration for vendors is preferred. Visit www.fordv8foundation.org, or call 260-927-8022 for space rental and additional event information, as well as for museum hours and admission prices.

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HAM RADIO SPECIAL EVENT STATION

PRESENTED BY NORTHEASTERN INDIANA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (NIARA)

TIME | 9 AM – 5 PM Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

LOCATION | Downtown Auburn, near 9th Street Brew

COST | Free

NIARA members, using their amateur radio stations, will be making contacts throughout the United States and Internationally honoring the festival through shortwave radio using callsign K9A. Modes of operation will be voice, digital, and morse code.

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DOWNTOWN CRUISE-IN

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG FESTIVAL

TIME | Vehicle parking and registration
begins at 10 AM,

at the north gate--4th and Main St.
and at the south gate--11th and Main St.

LOCATION | Downtown Auburn, Courthouse Square

COST | \$15 per vehicle (additional charge for oversized
vehicles); Free for Spectators

Downtown Auburn is THE place to be for the popular Friday ACD Festival Cruise-In. You will want to bring your vehicle for display as the downtown Auburn streets are closed for this unique gathering of worldwide visitors, all here to see the diverse mix of automobiles. Previous years have brought hundreds of cars to this event! Hot rods, muscle cars, imports, and everything in between descend upon downtown Auburn for this event. Stroll around the historic Auburn courthouse to take in the signs and sounds of this unique display of automobiles.

For the safety of all, refrain from driving around barricades, and follow directions given by law enforcement, cruise-in volunteers and posted signage.



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ACD CLUB DRIVERS' LUNCHEON TOUR

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG CLUB

TIME | **Driver's Meeting and Departure times TBA**

LOCATION | **In front of the ACDA Museum**

1600 Wayne Street

Join the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club as they take a scenic drive through DeKalb County back roads. The tour will make a 'pit stop' for lunch before arriving back in Auburn early that afternoon. This tour is open to all Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs and welcomes modern cars to follow the tour and join them for lunch. Pre-registration is required and can be done at www.acdclub.org.

(ACD Club Member Event)

OFFICIAL AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG FESTIVAL DOWNTOWN BAR

PRESENTED BY TKDS, INC. WITH A PORTION OF PROCEEDS
TO BENEFIT THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | **Open at 11 AM**

LOCATION | **On Main Street in between 7th St. and 8th St.**

(Ages 21 and over permitted)

Take in the sights, relax with friends and grab a cold one that comes with an FAK Logistics collector koozie! Mad Anthony's Award Winning 'Auburn Brew' will be available, in addition to the 2025 ACD Festival wine bottled by Country Heritage Winery and Vineyard, the bar's famous Freaky Tiki, and more. Enjoy the live music and beautiful cars as you wet your whistle while you walk.

CRUISE-IN CUISINE

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | **Starts at Noon**

LOCATION | **7th Street between Jackson & Main**

COST | **Varies by vendor**

Check out our Cruise-In Cuisine food truck area featuring The Brown House, Coterie Pizza, Kona Ice, Travelin' Toms Coffee, Waterloo Lions Club Burgers & Dogs, Hoosier Mama, WTFish!, Who Cut the Cheese? Drop it Like it's Hot, Another One Bites the Dust! and More! Be sure to check out our downtown restaurants, too!

PANEL JAM, SPONSORED BY THE HOOSIER SLINGERS

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PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | **Noon – 6 PM**

LOCATION | **Courthouse Square event tent**

COST | **Free to spectators; items will be available to purchase via auction**

Watch the local pin striping group as they use decorative line art techniques while live pin striping items under the event tent. You won't want to miss these artists at work! Live auction of items to benefit local charities starting at 2 PM and 5 PM.



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ACD LADIES TEA

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB

TIME | 1:30 PM

LOCATION | McIntyre Place; 116 S. Jackson Street, Auburn

Join the ACD Club for a delightful Ladies Tea. Experience the charm of a traditional high tea, elevated with a modern twist. Seating is limited, so reserve your ticket now at www.acdclub.org.

(ACD Club Member Event)

SPEAKEASY 2025

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN MOOSE FAMILY CENTER

TIME | Lodge opens at 2:30 PM; food served starting at 5 PM

LOCATION | Auburn Moose Family Center

402 Main Street, Auburn

COST | Admission is free; Food and drink available for purchase.

Come enjoy food, spirits and a place to relax. Guests are welcome and encouraged.

THE "9TH STREET EXPERIENCE"

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB

TIME | Evening

LOCATION | 9th Street, between Main Street and Jackson Street

COST | Free

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SUNDAES ON FRIDAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

SPONSORED BY 1ST SOURCE BANK,
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TIME | 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

LOCATION | Near the corner of 7th Street and Main St.

COST | \$2 per scoop

Enjoy a delicious sundae while taking in the sights and sounds of one of Friday's most popular events—the Downtown Cruise-In. Thank you to our event sponsor, 1st Source Bank, the official bank of the ACD Festival!

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM DINNER

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB

TIME | 5:30 PM – 8 PM

LOCATION | ACDA Museum

Enjoy a night at the museum with the ACD Club. A delightful dinner will be provided along with piano music and cars on display. After dinner, take a stroll through the museum, too. Register for the event at www.acdclub.org. A portion of the proceeds of this event will benefit the ACDA Museum.

(ACD Club Member Event)

CRUISE-IN CONCERT

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | Live music from 6 PM to 11 PM

LOCATION | Courthouse Square
on the MetalX Entertainment Stage

COST | Free

Enjoy live music around the courthouse square while you check out the cars and connect with friends. With performances by crowd favorites, Whoa, Man! and the Hubie Ashcraft Band. This family-friendly lineup is sure to have you dancing in the streets!

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

ANNUAL AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG CLUB CAR SHOW

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG CLUB

TIME | 7 AM – 1 PM

LOCATION | Eckhart Park

COST | \$5 for adults; \$3 for children; 3 and under are free

Come see 300 classic cars in beautiful Eckhart Park. Food is available in the park with activities for kids from 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

FALL SWAP MEET

PRESENTED BY EARLY FORD V-8 FOUNDATION MUSEUM

TIME | 9 AM – 5 PM

LOCATION | 2181 Rotunda Drive, Auburn IN

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COST | **Varies; Visit www.worldwideauctioneers.com**
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ASSOCIATION (NIARA)

TIME | **9 AM – 5 PM**

LOCATION | **Downtown Auburn, near 9th Street Brew**

COST | **Free**

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PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG
AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

TIME | 11 AM

LOCATION | Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum

COST | \$15 per person; reservations are required

Did your parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, or acquaintance work for the Auburn Automobile Co., Duesenberg, Inc., Cord Corporation, or Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Company? If so, this is a special luncheon for you to join other people from around the globe with similar connections to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum! Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the museum at (260) 925-1444 or by visiting www.automobilemuseum.org.

PRE-PARADE ENTERTAINMENT

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | 11 AM

LOCATION | Courthouse Square

COST | Free

Come and enjoy a performance by the Auburn Community Band as you get ready to enjoy the Parade of Classics in the heart of the city. There is no better viewing spot than downtown Auburn!

CRUISE-IN CUISINE

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LOCATION | 7th Street between Jackson & Main

COST | Varies by vendor

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PARADE OF CLASSICS

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB AND THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | 1 PM

LOCATION | See Parade Route on the "Map" page

COST | Free

A fan-favorite ACD Festival event! ACD Club members from around the world drive their magnificent classic cars through Auburn Streets--with review at the courthouse square. After the parade, these classics are parked around the courthouse square for your viewing. This year's Parade of Classics will feature the "Year of the Auburn". See the Baron Brigade Marching Band from DeKalb High School in addition to parade VIPs, including our parade Grand Marshal, Sam Mahdavi host of the popular television show and YouTube channel, "Sam's Garage". Keep your eyes peeled for NATMUS' big red Futurliner #10, as it makes its way down the parade route, too!



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MEET AND GREET WITH SAM MAHDAVI

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | Immediately following the Parade of Classics

LOCATION | Downtown Auburn,
at the MetalX Entertainment Stage

COST | Free

Don't miss your chance to meet Sam Mahdavi, this year's Parade of Classics' Grand Marshal, and host of the popular YouTube channel and television show, "Sam's Garage". Join us after the parade at the MetalX Entertainment Stage for this memorable experience.

TICKET TO RIDE

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB AND THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | 4 PM – 5 PM

LOCATION | Near the corner of 7th Street
and Jackson Street

COST | Free ticket required

Experience a free ride in some of the coolest cars around! Multiple cars will be available for rides. (Car selection based on availability) All will travel the same predetermined course in the downtown area.

Free event tickets will be available at the July 17 and August 21 Third Thursday Cruise-Ins at the ACD Festival tent. (One ride per person) Limited tickets will be available at the event.

FAST & FABULOUS

POWERED BY SWEETCARS

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | 5-5:30 PM arrival downtown

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM cars displayed

LOCATION | Courthouse Square, Downtown Auburn

COST | Free

The ACD Festival proudly welcomes SweetCars and the Fort Wayne Driving Club (FWDC) back to downtown Auburn for the 2025 edition of Fast and Fabulous powered by SweetCars! The fun begins at 5:00 PM when well over 100+ modern exotic and sports cars (Ferraris, Lamborghinis, McLarens, Porsches, Corvettes, Camaros, Mustangs, and more!) provided by SweetCars and FWDC begin to fill the 'SweetStreets' around the courthouse square. Watch them arrive in style between 5:00PM and 5:30PM. Cars will be on display from 5:30PM to 7:30PM!

Bring the family and enjoy a treat from the food truck area while checking out the cars. Still not ready to go home? Stick around and listen to the live music beginning at 6:00 PM with Reload with REKT at 8:15 PM to rock us well into the night!

Fast and Fabulous has quickly become a can't-miss event on Labor Day weekend at the ACD Festival. Don't miss out!

(Show car parking for this event is limited to SweetCars and the FWDC only. No exceptions! Spectator parking is available throughout downtown Auburn.) Visit www.acdfestival.org for event details and more.

THE "9TH STREET EXPERIENCE"

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB

TIME | Evening

LOCATION | 9th Street, between Main Street
and Jackson Street

COST | Free

Be sure to check out the stars of the show--the Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs of the ACD Club! Don't forget to grab a snack at Martha's Popcorn Stand, and check out the beautiful mural while you are there. It's a duesday!

BBQ AT RIEKE

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB

TIME | 6PM – 8PM

LOCATION | Rieke Park Pavilions
1800 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn

Have dinner with the ACD Club! (Menu to be determined.)
Contact www.acdclub.org to register. In the case of inclement weather, dinner will be held in the Rieke Park Lodge.

(ACD Club member event)

FAST & FABULOUS CONCERT

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | Live music from 6 PM – 11 PM

5-5:30 PM arrival downtown

LOCATION | Courthouse Square
on the MetalX Entertainment Stage

COST | Free

Enjoy live music around the courthouse square, featuring Reload and REKT, while you check out fabulous cars and connect with friends!

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THE GATSBY GALA BALL

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG
AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

TIME | 7 PM – 11 PM
LOCATION | Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum
COST | \$40 for Museum Members, \$55 for non-members,
\$350 for Table of 8, \$500 Sponsorship level

Grab your dancing shoes and your flapper dress to dance the night away! Live big band music, cash bar, and heavy hors d'oeuvres are all part of the fun of the Gatsby Gala Ball! Travel back in time to the Roaring 20's with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar featuring signature cocktails from the award-winning publication, *Cocktails of the Auburn Automobile Company: A Collection of Mixed Drinks*.

Master the dance floor with the live jazz band and celebrate with friends and family! The rhythm will be swingin', your feet will be tappin', and everyone will be dancin'. Make a statement and take part in a dazzling experience! Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the museum at (260) 925-1444 or by visiting www.automobilemuseum.org.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

HAM RADIO SPECIAL EVENT STATION

PRESENTED BY NORTHEASTERN INDIANA AMATEUR RADIO
ASSOCIATION (NIARA)

TIME | 9 AM – 5 PM
COST | Free

NIARA members, using their amateur radio stations, will be making contacts throughout the United States and Internationally honoring the festival through shortwave radio using callsign K9A. Modes of operation will be voice, digital, and morse code.



Visit <https://w9ou.org/> for more information.

DAYSPRING'S LABOR DAY FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS

PRESENTED BY DAYSPRING CHURCH

TIME | 6 PM to ?
LOCATION | 2305 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn, IN
COST | Free

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THIRD THURSDAY DOWNTOWN AUBURN CRUISE-INS

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

DATES | **The third Thursday of each month – May to September**

TIME | **5 PM – 8 PM**

LOCATION | **Downtown Auburn, around Courthouse Square**

COST | **Free for cars and spectators**

Join us downtown for cruise-in fun through the summer months. Contact the ACD Festival office (260-925-3600) or visit www.acdfestival.org for more information.

DEKALB COUNTY FREE FALL FAIR

DATE/TIME | **September 22 – September 27, 2025**

LOCATION | **Downtown Auburn and DeKalb County Fairgrounds**

COST | **Events are free**

Enjoy carnival rides, foods, games, national and local entertainment, 4-H and livestock shows, parades and tractor pulls, not to mention Indiana's largest merchant tent. For more information, visit dekalbcountyfair.org.

SECOND SATURDAYS

PRESENTED BY AUBURN MAIN STREET

DATE | **The second Saturday of each month all year long**

LOCATION | **Downtown Auburn**

Join us in downtown Auburn on the second Saturday of each month for extended shopping hours, family-friendly fun and unique experiences. Each month will have a unique theme and great fun!

DEKALB OUTDOOR THEATER

DATES | **May – September**

TIME | **Varies**

LOCATION | **Center Street, just south of 15th Street**

Hosting cultural, educational and entertainment activities all summer long! Check out dekalboutdoortheater.org for a full schedule of events.

DABA ANNUAL ART DISPLAY

PRESENTED BY DOWNTOWN AUBURN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

DATE | **June – September**

LOCATION | **Downtown Auburn Business District**

DABA works each year to create an outdoor art display that is unique and whimsical, featuring local artists who share their talents while supporting downtown Auburn. The 2025 art exhibit, "Downtown in Full Swing", will feature 20 wooden porch swings placed in downtown Auburn. Visit daba4auburn.org for more information.

DOWNTOWN AUBURN FARMERS' MARKET

DATE | **May – October each year**

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7 AM – 1 PM

Visit www.daba4auburn.org for more information, including for being a vendor.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

PRESENTED BY THE DOWNTOWN AUBURN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (DABA)

DATE | **Tuesday before Thanksgiving**

LOCATION | **Courthouse Square**

Enter a float, dance group, horse drawn wagon/sleigh, car, choir, band, civic organization, church group, school group, etc. (No Santas or Mrs. Claus', please.) Use lights and make your entry shine! For more information, visit daba4auburn.org.



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Since its founding in 1921, the Miss America Organization has championed scholarship, service, style, and success — values shared by every young woman who competes, from local stages to the national spotlight. In Auburn, the Miss Auburn Cord Duesenberg pageant offers young women from Allen, DeKalb, and Steuben Counties the opportunity to compete for the title of Miss Indiana.

In July 2024, Katelyn Joseph was crowned Miss Auburn Cord Duesenberg. A native of Garrett, Indiana, Katelyn attended Saint Joseph's Catholic School and Garrett High School, graduating in May 2024. She is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in business administration at Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame, Indiana. In the summer, you can find her working as a stylist at Great Clips in Auburn.

Katelyn loves being active in the DeKalb County community and has continued this passion in her time in South Bend. She recently completed her first year as a coach for Girls on the Run, a nonprofit designed to empower elementary-aged students to successfully navigate life experiences. She also serves as a board member for the Notre Dame chapter of the American Red Cross, where she advocates for blood



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donation and supports the fundraising efforts for both the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association.

Katelyn's favorite part of the 2024 ACD festival? The live band performances during which she shared dances and laughter, and made memories with festivalgoers of all ages. A dancer at heart, Katelyn loves using her talent to connect with others, especially during Miss America competitions.

Throughout the year, she has had fun and unique opportunities to serve and connect with people across DeKalb, Allen and Steuben Counties. Katelyn is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve her hometown and surrounding communities and to represent them on the Miss Indiana 2025 stage. She is especially appreciative of all the ACDA Museum, ACD Festival, pageant staff and volunteers who helped make her year and time at the ACD festival so amazing. She considers it an honor to have been Miss Auburn Cord Duesenberg and cannot wait to crown the next young lady in July 2025.

Katelyn Joseph



Hannah Augspurger

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Crowned in July of 2024, Hannah has utilized the platform of the Miss ACD Teen title. During her year of service, she has enjoyed appearances at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, Indiana Statehouse visits, and her third appearance on the Miss Indiana's Teen stage in Zionsville. Hannah Augspurger will be a senior at Huntington North High School where she is a 4-club member, as well as a member of the Lady Vikes Golf Team. As a lifelong dancer, Hannah's favorite styles include tap and musical theater. Her time at the 2024 Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival was nothing short of a blast! Her favorite parts of the festival included interacting with the vendors, her time on stage and riding in the parade. As a local titleholder, Hannah enjoys advocating for Hoosiers through her community service initiative, Feeding Our Future, which supports food-insecure residents across Indiana.



FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL

2025

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DATE | Saturday, August 23

TIME | 6 to 9 p.m.

LOCATION | Praxis Detailing/
FUEL Social Club; 220 W.
Ensley Ave, Auburn

COST | \$50 per person; two
drink tickets included with
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SUGGESTED ATTIRE |
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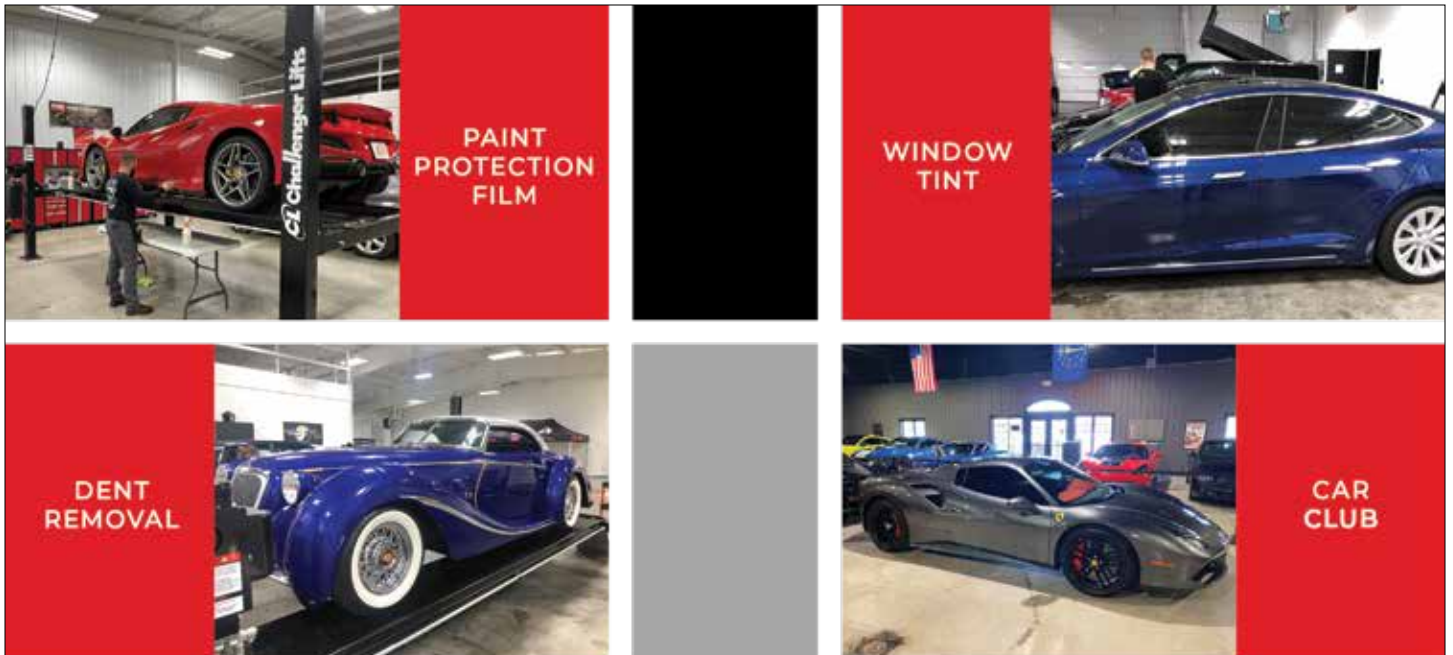
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Join us as we shake, rattle and roll our way into ACD Festival week at this year's Cheers to the Festival fundraiser and celebration. Enjoy 1950's inspired heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, live music and a "best dressed" contest at this event.

This is the only place where you can bid on a reserved parking space for Friday's famous downtown Cruise-In as well as a reserved table in the middle of all the action Friday and Saturday nights for the downtown concerts. In addition, become the special owner of the 2025

signed ACD Festival poster art, and much more. This special live auction is sure to impress!

Grab those vintage duds and join us for a fun-filled evening. Limited tickets are available for this popular event, so purchase yours today by visiting www.acdfestival.org, or call 260-925-3600. For additional information, email leslie@acdfestival.org. 🍷



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SATURDAY, AUG. 30

WHOA, MAN!.....	6:15 PM	RELOAD	6 PM
HUBIE ASHCRAFT BAND.....	8:30 PM	REKT	8:15 PM

FRIDAY: CRUISE-IN • SUNDAES ON FRIDAY ICE-CREAM SOCIAL • PANEL JAM
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DOWNTOWN CRUISE-IN

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

DATE | Friday, Aug. 29

TIME | Gates open at 10 a.m. to begin vehicle parking. Vehicles should enter at the north gate (5th and Main Street) or at the south gate (11th and Main Street)

LOCATION | Downtown Auburn, Courthouse Square

COST | \$15 cash per vehicle; Oversized vehicles will incur an additional gate fee

Downtown Auburn is THE place to be for the popular Friday ACD Festival Cruise-In. The downtown Auburn streets are closed for this unique gathering of worldwide visitors, all here to see the diverse mix of automobiles. Bring your

vehicle for display in the Home of the Classics. Previous years have brought up to 700 cars to this event! Hot rods, muscle cars, imports and everything in between descend upon downtown Auburn. Stroll around the historic DeKalb County courthouse to take in the sights and sounds of this unique display of automobiles.

Cruise-In entry gates are located on north Main Street near 5th Street, as well as south Main Street near 11th Street. No prior registration required. Vehicles entering at the gates will receive a limited-edition ACD Festival 2025 dash plaque while supplies last. For the safety of all in attendance, do not drive around barricades.



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Stick around into the evening to enjoy free live music on the MetalX entertainment stage at courthouse square while you check out the cars. Whoa, Man! will take the stage at 6:15 p.m. with the Hubie Ashcraft Band finishing out a jam-packed Festival Friday! Thank you to our entertainment sponsors, Nucor and Source One Insurance! 🎸

**Please note: Oversized vehicles will be subject to an additional gate fee. Limited parking is available for those vehicles. Granted entrance into the event will be at the discretion of gate attendants. Pre-approval for oversized vehicles must be obtained in advance of Aug. 29 by contacting the ACD Festival office at (260) 925-3600.*



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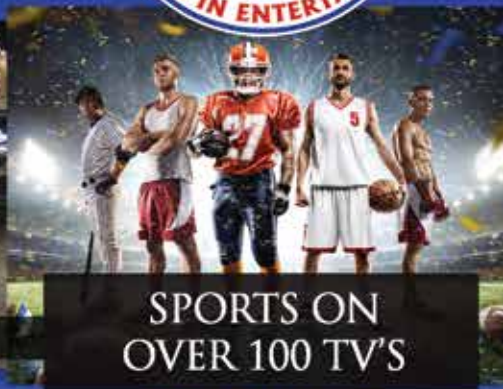
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PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL & ACD CLUB

DATE | Saturday, Aug. 30

TIME | 1 p.m. (pre-parade
entertainment begins at 11 a.m.)

LOCATION | Through downtown
Auburn from Eckhart Park

COST | Free

A fan-favorite ACD Festival event! ACD Club members from around the world drive their magnificent classic cars through Auburn Streets – with review at the courthouse square – on Saturday, Aug. 30, beginning at 1 p.m. After the parade, these classics will be parked around the courthouse square for your viewing. What a great opportunity to get an up-close view of these beauties

while also getting a chance to chat with the owners. This year's Parade of Classics will feature the "Year of the Auburn".

Pre-parade entertainment by the Auburn Community Band begins at 11 a.m. The Baron Brigade Marching Band, parade dignitaries including our Grand Marshal, Sam Mahdavi, and NATMUS' Futurliner #10 will lead the way for the ACD Club classics rolling through at 1 p.m. Prior to the parade, you can view these cars at Eckhart Park beginning at 7 a.m. These beautiful Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs are a sight you won't want to miss! 🗨️

**See the parade route on the ACD Festival map on pages 38-39.*



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TICKET TO RIDE

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

DATE | Saturday, Aug. 30

TIME | 4 to 5 p.m.

LOCATION | 7th Street and
Jackson Street, near the
James Cultural Plaza

COST | Free

Join us for the 5th annual Ticket to Ride event! At this fan-favorite event, visitors can enjoy a free ride in a classic car. The mission of Ticket to Ride is to bridge the gap between classic and luxury car owners and the community to help keep car culture alive and growing in Auburn.

Multiple cars will be available for rides. All will travel the same predetermined course in the downtown area.

Free tickets for the event will be available at the July 17 and August 21 Third Thursday Cruise-Ins at the ACD Festival tent. Limited tickets will also be available at the event.

Thanks to the following supporters for providing cars and drivers for this event:

ACDA Museum, ACD Club, NATMUS, Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum and ACD Festival board members and volunteers.

Be sure to follow the ACD Festival on Facebook for event updates. Have questions? Call the ACD Festival office at 260-925-3600, check out the event page on our website www.acdfestival.org, or visit the ACD Festival's Information tent during the festival. 📍



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DATE | Saturday, Aug. 30
TIME | 5 TO 5:30 PM arrival
downtown; 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
cars displayed; 6 to 11 PM Concerts
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around Courthouse Square
COST | Free

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PARKING

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Parking for disabled visitors can be found in the parking lot at the corner of 5th Street and Main Street, to the south of Auburn Brewing Company. (Enter from Main Street.) Lot will be marked with appropriate signage.

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***For the safety of all of our visitors, please refrain from attending ACD Festival events if you are ill, have COVID-19 symptoms, have tested positive for COVID-19, and/or have been exposed to someone with symptoms or someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.*

For the safety of all, refrain from driving around barricades.

Please respectfully follow directions given by law enforcement, festival staff and volunteers, as well as observe all posted signage.

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For the safety of our guests and their property, we prohibit *drones, pets, bicycles, skateboards, scooters, golf carts and weapons. Contact the ACD Festival office with questions.

Vendors must receive prior approval from the ACD Festival.

**It is against FAA regulations, and therefore illegal, to fly drones in the downtown Auburn area during the festival. If found in violation, you may be prosecuted.*

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It takes the collaboration of many to coordinate the festival each year including the ACD Club, the ACD Festival board of directors, local museums and auction, local officials and law enforcement, and many more. To those who volunteer their time and talents to support our organization before, during and after the festival, your help is invaluable, and your hard work is so appreciated. Thank you for all you do!

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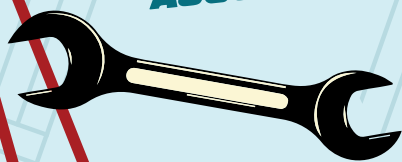


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