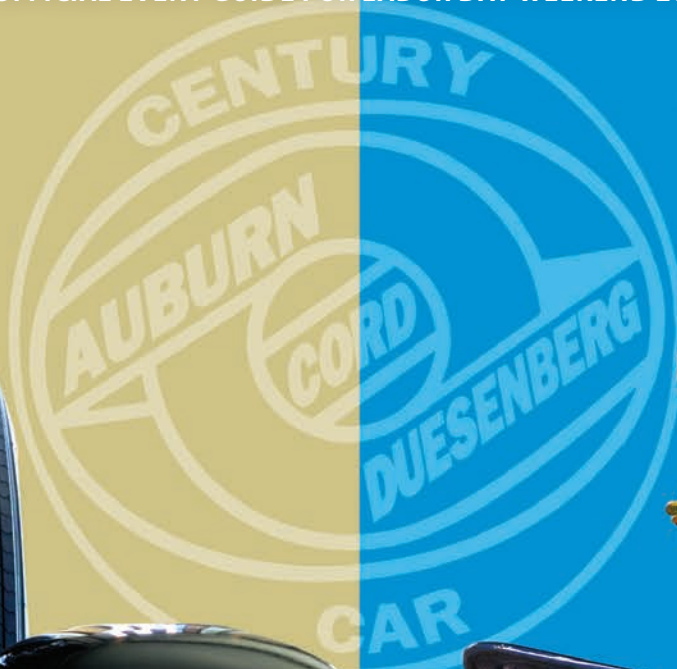


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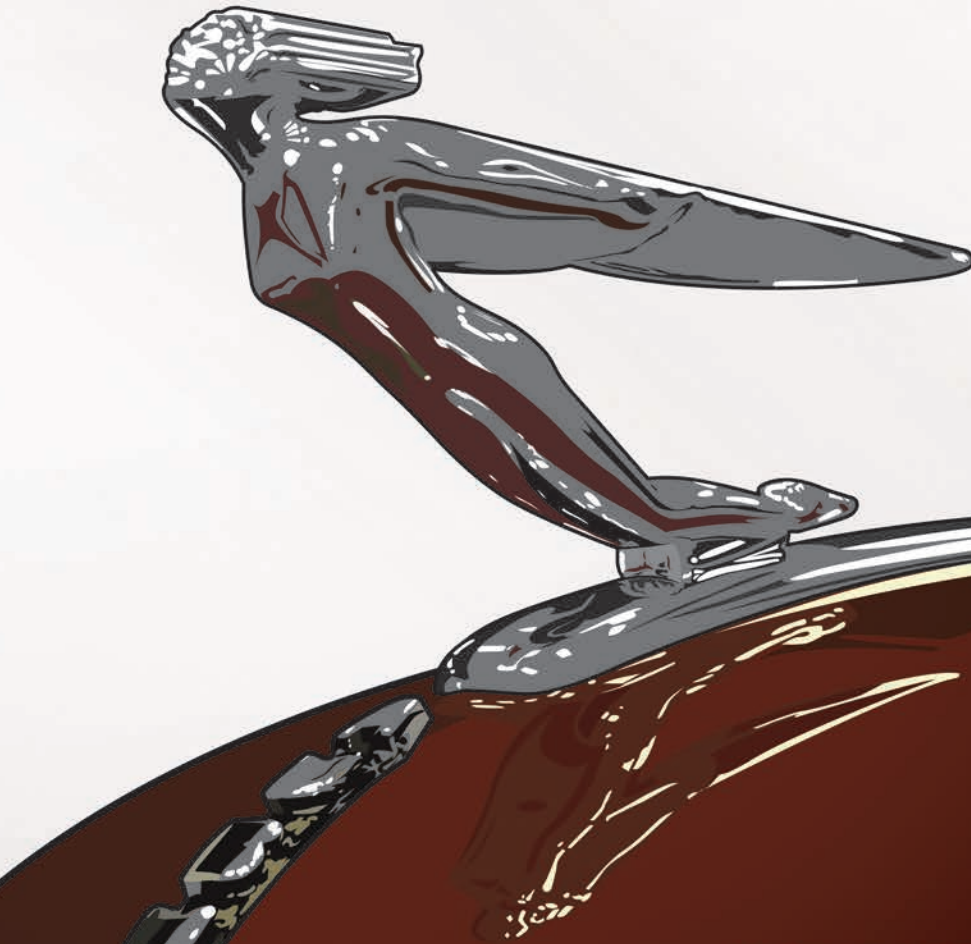
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JUNE

- 10** **Garrett American Legion Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Legion Post 178 • Garrett, IN
- 18** **3rd Thursday Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Downtown • Auburn, IN
- 20** **ACDA Museum Cars & Coffee**
9am • Free • ACDA Museum • Auburn, IN
- 20** **Our Father's Car Show**
12pm • \$10 Vehicle
Butler Christian Community Church • Butler, IN
- 20** **Country Heritage Cruise-In**
2pm • Free • Country Heritage Winery • Laotto, IN
- 21** **Heimach Center Charity Car Show**
1pm • \$10 Vehicle • Heimach Ctr • Auburn, IN

- 21** **ACD Father's Day Classic Car Cruise**
1pm • Donation • ACDA Museum • Auburn, IN

- 24** **Garrett American Legion Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Legion Post 178 • Garrett, IN

- 25** **Shifter's Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Auburn Bowl • Auburn, IN

JULY

- 4** **Garrett Heritage Days Car Show**
8am • \$10 Vehicle • Garrett HS • Garrett, IN

- 4** **Shifter's America 250 Car Show**
4pm • \$20 Vehicle • Rieke Park • Auburn, IN

- 8** **Garrett American Legion Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Legion Post 178 • Garrett, IN

- 16** **3rd Thursday Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Downtown • Auburn, IN

- 18** **St. Joe Pickle Fest Car Show**
TBD • \$TBD • Riverdale Elementary • St. Joe, IN

- 18** **Garrett American Legion Car Show**
8am • \$10 Vehicle • Legion Post 178 • Garrett, IN

- 22** **Garrett American Legion Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Legion Post 178 • Garrett, IN

- 23** **Shifter's Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Auburn Bowl • Auburn, IN

- 25** **ACDA Museum Cars & Coffee**
9am • Free • ACDA Museum • Auburn, IN

- 25** **Country Heritage Jeep-In**
2pm • Free • Country Heritage Winery • Laotto, IN

AUGUST

- 8** **Butler Days Car Show**
8am • \$10 Vehicle • Downtown • Butler, IN

- 8** **Demolition Derby**
TBD • Monster Truck Museum • Butler, IN

- 12** **Garrett American Legion Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Legion Post 178 • Garrett, IN

- 15** **ACDA Museum Cars & Coffee**
9am • Free • ACDA Museum • Auburn, IN

- 20** **3rd Thursday Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Downtown • Auburn, IN

- 26** **Garrett American Legion Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Legion Post 178 • Garrett, IN

- 27** **Shifter's Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Auburn Bowl • Auburn, IN

SEPTEMBER

- 9** **Garrett American Legion Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Legion Post 178 • Garrett, IN

- 17** **3rd Thursday Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Downtown • Auburn, IN

- 19** **ACDA Museum Cars & Coffee**
9am • Free • ACDA Museum • Auburn, IN

- 19** **Fuel Social Club Exotics & Espresso**
9am • Free • Fuel Social Club • Auburn, IN

- 23** **Garrett American Legion Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Legion Post 178 • Garrett, IN

- 24** **Shifter's Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Auburn Bowl • Auburn, IN

OCTOBER

- 3** **Monster Truck Fall Show**
3pm • Tix \$15 Kids/\$20 Adults
Monster Truck Museum • Butler, IN

- 14** **Garrett American Legion Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Legion Post 178 • Garrett, IN

- 22** **Shifter's Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Auburn Bowl • Auburn, IN

- 28** **Garrett American Legion Cruise-In**
5pm • Free • Legion Post 178 • Garrett, IN

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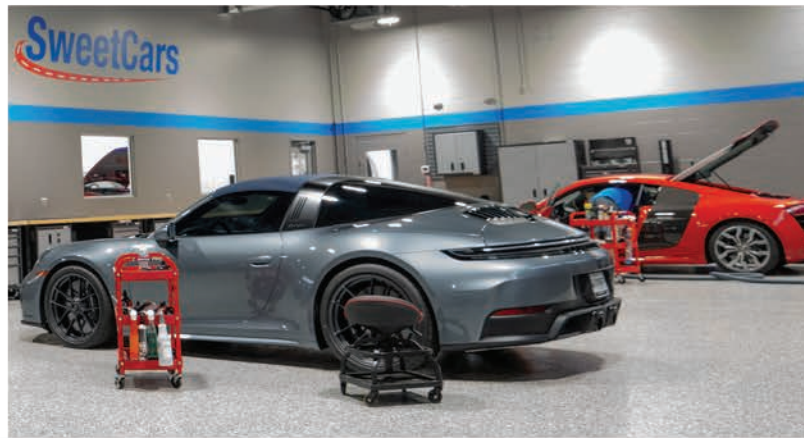
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It is my distinct honor to welcome one and all to the 70th ACD Festival! For 70 years we have been celebrating the wonderful heritage we enjoy here in Auburn.

This milestone year gives us a special opportunity to reflect on what makes

this Festival so meaningful. At its core are the Auburn, Cord, and Duesenberg automobiles – the timeless machines that define our history and continue to inspire admiration around the world. Their craftsmanship and innovation influenced generations of automobiles that followed.

That same spirit lives on throughout the Festival today. From our cruise-ins featuring a wide range of classic cars, to the excitement of exotic automobiles, there is something here for every enthusiast. These events bring together generations of car lovers and showcase the diversity and energy of today's automotive community.

But as remarkable as the cars are, the true heart of the Festival has always been the people and the community that surrounds them. From dedicated collectors and longtime participants to first-time visitors, it is the friendships, shared traditions, and welcoming spirit of Auburn that make this weekend so special.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of so

many. Auburn proudly hosts the ACD Club for their annual fall meet, and we are grateful for their continued involvement and passion. We also extend our sincere thanks to our sponsors and partners, as well as the many volunteers whose time, energy, and dedication help bring this Festival to life year after year.

Finally, our community of Auburn plays an essential role in this tradition. For seven decades, our town has welcomed guests from near and far, creating an atmosphere that is as warm and inviting as it is historic.

As you enjoy this year's events, I encourage you to take it all in – the beauty of the cars, the energy of the crowds, and the spirit of the community that surrounds you. Whether this is your first Festival or your fiftieth, we are honored to have you with us for this special 70th celebration.

On behalf of the entire ACD Festival Board of Directors, thank you for being part of this enduring tradition.

Welcome, and enjoy the Festival! 🍷

Welcome to Auburn, and the 70th Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival.

We're excited to have you here with us over Labor Day weekend as we celebrate a big milestone year. This year's theme, the "Year of the Century Car," is a great way to recognize the 100 years of design, craftsmanship, and history that make these cars so special.

Every year, enthusiasts travel from all across the country to be part of this tradition, and it's easy to see why. From the car shows and parades to live entertainment, museum tours, and the always popular vintage car auction, there's something going on all week for everyone to enjoy.

Beyond the festival, we hope you take some time to explore Auburn. Be sure to check out the downtown, visit our museums and experience what makes this community such a great place.

We're thrilled to have you and hope you enjoy celebrating our rich automotive history with us.

Welcome to the "Classic Car Capital of the World". 🍷



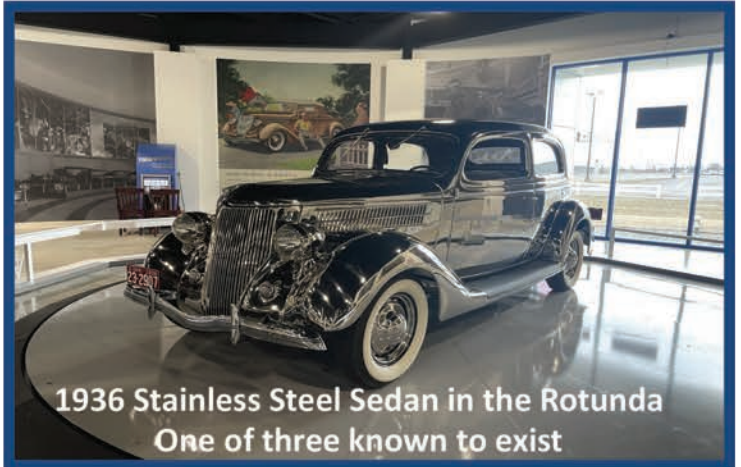
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This year, we are celebrating “**The Year of the Century Car**”. We’re recognizing ACD automobiles that have reached the remarkable milestone of 100 years old, including vehicles built between 1903 and 1926. You’ll see history brought to life across the show field in a way that’s hard to describe until you experience it in person.


Be sure to stop by the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum on Thursday around noon, as this year’s Hoosier Tour returns from its trek through northern Indiana. These incredible automobiles will be staged out front for photos and up-close viewing. While you’re there, take some time to explore inside. The museum is a highlight all on its own.

As the day winds down, head over to Ninth Street. You’ll find rows of beautiful cars, often with their owners nearby swapping stories, answering questions, and enjoying the atmosphere. Feel free to jump into the conversation, ask questions, and take plenty of photos.

Saturday brings everyone together at Eckhart Park as we gear up for the parade. This is your best opportunity to see the largest concentration of cars in one place. It’s truly a sight to behold. **See how many Century Car badges you can spot on vehicles that have reached the 100-year milestone we’re celebrating this year!** A number of cars will also be judged here, with awards presented on Sunday. At 1 p.m., engines fire up and the parade rolls out, winding through town before the cars park to be displayed around the courthouse.

If this is your first time joining us, we’re glad you’re here. And if you’re returning, welcome back. It’s always great to see familiar faces.

Don’t hesitate to connect with others, ask questions, and enjoy everything the weekend has to offer. Around here it’s more than a club, it’s a community.

Cheers to you and yours. 

CAMERON PETERSEN
PRESIDENT
Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club

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Featuring the 1904 Auburn (right) and the 1926 Duesenberg Model A Touring (left; on loan to the ACDA Museum from the Oldaker Family) depicted on the 2026 festival poster.



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With this year's Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Festival and Reunion's focus on the *Year of the Century Car*, it seemed fitting to write about the Auburn Automobile Company and its position in 1926, a pivotal year for the company. But first, we need to go back a few years.

Frank and Morris Eckhart sold the Auburn Automobile Company in June 1919 to a group of Chicago-based bankers and investors, nicknamed the *Chicago Gang*. They brought in a much-needed influx of cash, and organized stock into the company and financed the company's first national advertising campaign for the Auburn Beauty-Six. 1919 and 1920 saw an increase in cars sold with 6,062 and 5,034, up from 1,374 in 1918. Gross sales in 1919 amounted to \$2.5 million and a net of nearly \$1 million. These profits dipped slightly in 1920 to \$802,000, however, the Chicago Gang remained optimistic. Starting with the post-WWI-driven economic recession in 1921, profits fell to \$307,000 and 3,306 cars sold. 1922 was even worse with profits less than half of the year before and crashing to a mere \$8,342 after taxes in 1923. The Chicago Gang knew the company and their investments were in freefall, and needed to figure out a way to turn things around and fast.

Luckily, in 1924, Ralph Bard, part of the Chicago Gang, met 30-year-old E. L. Cord, who was hired in July 1924 as Vice-President and General Manager of the Auburn Automobile Company. Cord negotiated his pay for \$1,000 per month or 20% of the net profits, whichever was greater. Stock

The Business Strength

It discounts every bill; buys material on the most favorable terms; gives its customers and dealers generous support.



A. P. KEMP
President and Treasurer of the Auburn Automobile Company; formerly second Vice-President of the H. H. Franklin Manufacturing Co. of Syracuse, N. Y.; for 19 years with the First National Bank of Chicago where, during the last few years of his association with the bank, he specialized on automobile financing.



J. I. FARLEY
Vice-President of the Auburn Automobile Company and Director of Sales; actively associated with the Company for the last fourteen years during which time he has been closely allied with its success.



WM. WRIGLEY, JR.
Founder and owner of Wrigley's Chewing Gum enterprises; a great merchandiser of national fame. Director of the First National Bank of Chicago; Director of the Consumers Company, Chicago; Director of the Erie Railroad Company and Director of the Yellow Cab Company.



H. H. HITCHCOCK
Formerly Vice-President, now Chairman of the Board and a Director of the First National Bank of Chicago; Vice-President of F. B. Hitchcock & Co.; Director of First Trust & Savings Bank; Director of Wm. Wrigley, Jr. Company; Director Pacific American Fisheries Co.; Director National Safe Deposit Co.

IN financial strength, and ability to exercise the magic force of ready money, the Auburn Automobile Company is one of the strongest in the industry.

Every bill is discounted. There are always ample funds available to take advantage of favorable purchases for a long time ahead. No activity of the company is in any way cramped for lack of funds.

This condition has always been true of the Auburn Company even during the recent depression which left so many automobile companies in a precarious condition.

It is a fact of big moment to the owner of an Auburn car for it means that Auburn is

in the business to stay — as it has stayed with steadily increasing success since 1900. It means that every Auburn owner can buy an Auburn car with perfect assurance that the service and the backing of the factory will continue for years to come.

It means, too, that Auburn is able to support its dealers with everything necessary

AUTOMOBILE IN 1926

ARTICLE BY Sam Grate, Curator,
Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum
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for aggressive and successful conduct of their business — and that is the reason that so much value is attached to the Auburn franchise by aggressive and successful selling companies in all parts of the country.

Likewise, Auburn is able to get the best service from manufacturers of material of all kinds, and is able to hold its costs as low

ests in many kinds of business and all of whom have been successful.

The present enviable position of the Auburn car is the result of steady growth since the company began the manufacture of automobiles in 1900.

During all that time the company has been able to maintain a volume of production that won for it large operating and marketing advantages — and each year those advantages have become more pronounced.

They are all expressed in the remarkable value that the Auburn is able to give its customers — a value not surpassed by any other maker of fine motor cars.

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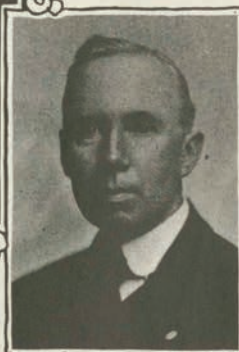
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as they can be held for a car of the high Auburn quality.

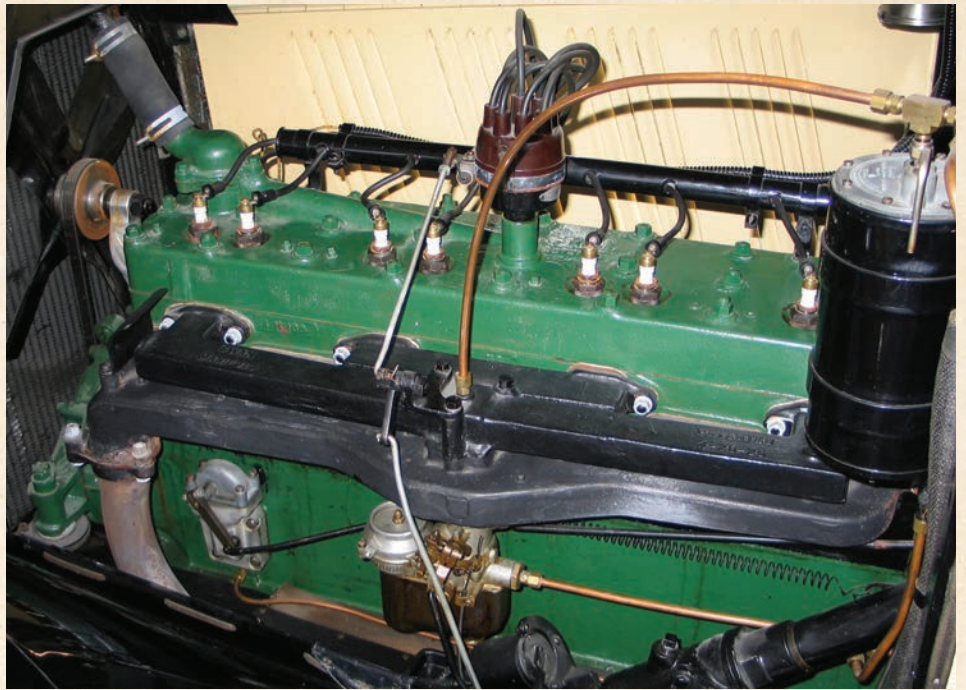
The great business strength of the Auburn is indicated by the personnel of the board of directors—men who have wide-spread inter-

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▶ *The Chicago Gang, a group of bankers, investors, and business owners included William Wrigley Jr. of the chewing gum and Wrigley Field fame*



Formal portrait of Errett Lobban Cord



Lycoming 4H series eight-cylinder engine as seen in a 1926 Auburn 8-88 roadster

options were additionally included in his contract. Cord was no stranger to the automotive world. Before arriving at Auburn, he was the General Manager for Quinlan Motors in Chicago and a distributor for the Moon Motor Car Company for Chicago and Milwaukee – whose distributorship accounted for 40% of all Moon sales nationwide at its peak.

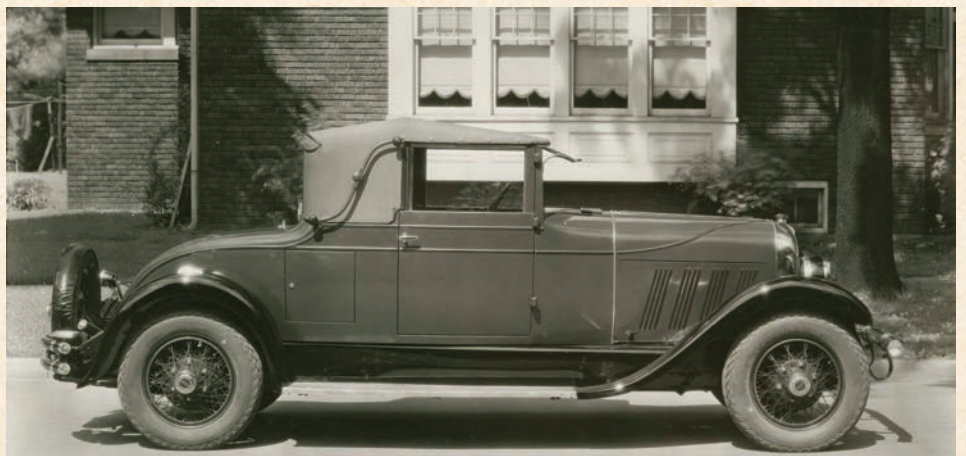
Cord quickly went to work. Apathetic and discouraged dealers were sitting on old stock while 600-700 unsold Auburns, mainly sedans, and parts sat at the company. Cord cut prices on the older models and sold them in what Cord himself called “a smart way.” In an interview with Eugene Whitmore of *Sales Management Magazine*, Cord stated, “When I learned that our dealers could sell a few coaches, I ordered the production department to make up a lot of coaches, in spite of the fact that we had many sedans in stock. Then, for every two coaches we sold, we worked off a sedan.”

During this, Cord set about re-building a dealership network, reconciling with prior dealers and building a rapport with the company. Only two models in 1924 were offered with nine body styles, the 6-43 powered by a Continental engine, and the 6-63 powered by Weidely engine. Cord ended both

engine maker’s contracts, and using his master negotiation skills, paired with the Lycoming Motor Company in late 1924, who coincidentally introduced their first in-line eight-cylinder engines. Youthful vigor, enticing ideas, and the promise for increased business, Cord received components for below-wholesale prices and a run of 100 bodies on credit by Central Manufacturing in Connersville, Indiana. In order to make the auto show circuit for 1925, the Auburn Automobile Company and Cord used what capital they could to produce the new 6- and 8-cylinder Lycoming-powered Auburns for 1925. The company posted an anemic net profit of just \$60,000 for year-end 1924.

Cord made efforts to streamline methods of manufacturing, including using as many interchangeable parts as possible. The number of parts suppliers was reduced. Additionally, the new Auburn 8-88 and 6-66 model, with the more-modern styling, benefitted from these improvements and proved to be popular in the auto show circuit. The rejuvenated dealership network, which now included high-end dealers in New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, and more, led to 5,601 Auburns sold in 1925. Sales totaled \$7.9 million with a net profit of \$750,000 and a cash surplus. In November 1925, the company paid off all debt.

1926 Auburn 8-88 roadster, photographed on 7th and Van Buren streets in Auburn, Indiana



Now we arrive at 1926.

This quick and profitable turnaround proved beneficial for Cord, who, using his employment contracts terms, had purchased the company's stock over time. By November 1, 1925, he liquidated the Chicago banker's preferred stock and came to own the Auburn Automobile Company outright. At the February 2, 1926, annual meeting, Cord was elected as President of the Auburn Automobile Company. At 32 years old, Cord became the youngest President of an automobile company. He was the undisputed leader and venerable savior leading a rejuvenated company into a new year.

Immediately following his newly appointed leadership, Cord revamped the company's business practices, leading to increased output and a reduction in overhead cost, which was passed down to the automobile pricing. He set about having the 8-88 and 6-66 model lines available for a lower cost with improvements to the engine output, exterior design lines, and interior upholstery and seating. Auburn offered seven body styles for the 6-66

and 8-88 series ranging from \$1695 - \$2495 for the eights and \$1395 - \$1695 for the sixes. The company brought back a four-cylinder engine, built by Lycoming, with five different body styles ranging from \$1145 - \$1195. The buying public were biting on the new Auburns, and production for 1926 totaled 8,502 units, an increase of almost 35 percent.

All-new company advertisements included catchy slogans such as, "Drive it! If it does not sell itself, you will not be asked to buy!" and "Yesterday a daring departure. Today the unquestioned style leader." Most advertisements included a blurb of wisdom quoted from Cord himself, as if he were speaking directly to the public.

"Comparison is on the measure of value. It is not what you pay but what you get – not what the manufacturer says about his car in his advertisements, but what the car says for itself in service."

– E. L. Cord"

Premium products were listed by name, such as Davenport cushions, Marshall springs, and Spanish leather just for the interiors. More expensive color advertisements were created, the first since 1923.

E. L. Cord knew that he had a good thing going. He knew that the company was going to continue to grow and needed a way to expand and modernize to meet its future needs. He looked

1925 Auburn 6-66 advertisement published in the May 23, 1925, issue of the Saturday Evening Post

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST May 23, 1925

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1926 Auburn advertisement, focusing on the luxury of the Auburn's interior

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Luxury is now available in these roomy cars. With new type Davenport cushions, wide, deep and soft, you enjoy the relaxation and comfort of an overstuffed chair.

High-priced Marshall Springs throughout, with double deck on both cushions guarantee permanency of shape, resiliency and quietness of the upholstery.

No car runs sweeter, none better, none holds the road easier, none requires less driver-effort and none stands up under the hardest usage longer, than does the new Auburn.

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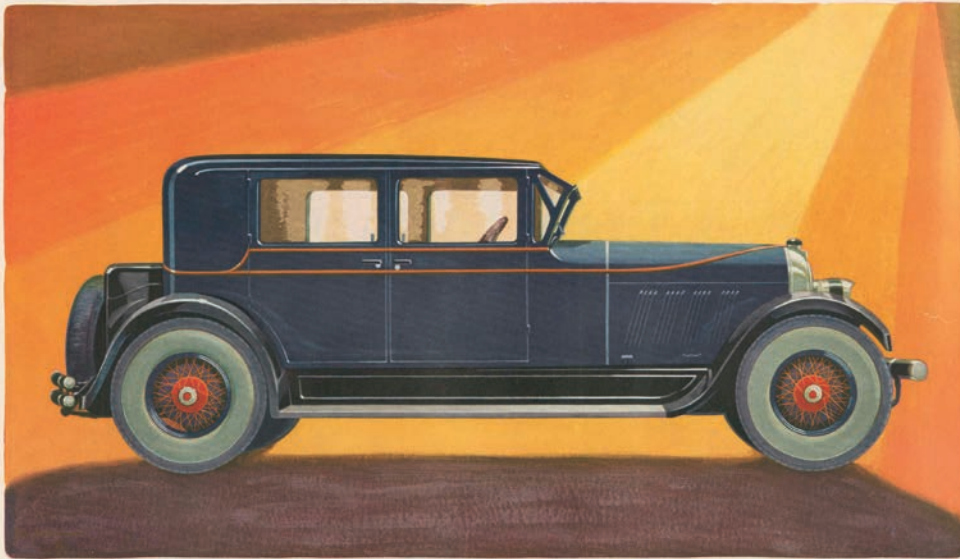
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high-horsepower engines and speedy cars demanded a high selling price that did not translate into automobile sales. Cord, a racing fan and very aware of what Duesenberg could do, saw the company in trouble. He leveraged Auburn Automobile Company stock and purchased Duesenberg out of bankruptcy for \$500,000 in November 1926. It was re-named Duesenberg, Inc. and Cord named himself as President, Fred Duesenberg as Vice President of Engineering, and brought his friend Harold Ames as Vice President of Sales. Cord tasked Fred and the company to design, engineer, and build the most powerful, prestigious, and technically advanced motorcar the world has ever seen. After a few years, the Duesenberg Model J was introduced to the world.

Bright color advertisement for the new 1926 Auburn 8-88 brougham

beyond the aging buildings and systems of the Auburn Automobile Company and set his sights on Connersville, Indiana, a city 130 miles south with a population of approximately 10,000 people. An automobile hub of the 1910s to 1920s, manufacturers such as Anstead, Lexington, and McFarlan were in great decline. On August 26, 1926, Cord purchased the 85,000-square-foot Anstead Engineering facility for just \$40,000. The large, more modern

building was just what Cord needed to keep up with future demands. The city was so glad to see Cord's interest that they gifted him the 135,000 square-foot former Lexington Motor Car Company building on November 26, 1926. Cord now had two large, modern facilities and a bright future ahead for the Auburn Automobile Company.

In nearby Indianapolis, Indiana, the Duesenberg Motors Company was floundering and heading for bankruptcy after being in receivership a few years prior. Brothers Fred and August Duesenberg were engineering and engine-building geniuses known for their racing prowess, however, their

1926 ended on a string of highs – the highest production the company had ever achieved, the highest gross revenue ever of \$10.8 million, the highest stock price ever of \$72-7/8 a share. Production floor space increased from 527,000 square feet to 747,000 with the Connersville additions. Duesenberg, Inc. rounded off the latest additions and the Auburn Automobile Company, under the helm of a young, but already proven E. L. Cord, headed into 1927 with a carload of confidence, enthusiasm, and zeal. ♦

Roadside view of the Auburn Automobile Company logo on part of the defunct Lexington Motor Car Company complex given to the company by the city of Connersville, Indiana

1926 Auburn sedans parked by the DeKalb County Courthouse on Main Street in Auburn, Indiana, denoting one day's production of the Auburn automobile



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The best just got better. Long known for its customer focus and full-service offering, SweetCars recently completed a full-scale remodel of its facilities that sweeten the deal.

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“We’re all big car enthusiasts on this team,” says SweetCars General Manager Michael Barney. “We all have car interests outside the shop.”

Everyone at SweetCars takes great pride in the service they provide, which is why the company’s newly completed site remodel has them abuzz with excitement.

“We really went all out with it,” says Barney. “Everything is fresh and clean, and we’ve drastically improved the efficiency of both our service and detailing departments.”

Tackled in stages, the remodel began more than two years ago with refurbishing the former Westwood Lanes building that sits on its property. Today, the erstwhile bowling alley houses overflow storage, a rotating photography studio, and the region’s only dry ice cleaning bay.

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process, allows technicians to clean and refresh areas of a vehicle that may be too difficult or too hazardous to reach otherwise. Ambient conditions must be precisely controlled, with temperature maintained at seventy degrees and humidity not more than thirty percent. An HVAC filter wall keeps the air free of dust and pollutants.

It’s a source of pride for Barney, who notes, “We consulted experts and brought in the best equipment.”

Completion of phase one gave SweetCars room to enlarge its service and detailing departments. With the transformation of the Westwood building, SweetCars was able to move its service department into the former overflow storage area and expand detailing to fill the entire space it had previously shared with service.

“We were maxed out,” says Barney of conditions before the remodel. “We had a beautiful, clean space and both departments were able to do their work, but it was like a coordinated dance.”

Now, says Barney, service and detailing each have dedicated spaces designed specifically for them. The whole area was gutted and rewired to add electrical capacity. The service area has added an alignment rack and more lifts, including one that will accommodate full-sized vans. In the detail area, a three-bay, enclosed space with bright, white walls was created to accommodate the exacting requirements necessary for applying paint protection film. In both

spaces, everyone has room to spread out and focus without distraction.

Its upgraded service capabilities and storage space have allowed SweetCars to augment its vehicle offering, as well. In early 2026, SweetCars received its first order of OGV Luxury Coach vehicles. These luxury sprinter vans range in style from executive shuttles to limos to RV accommodations. They plan to keep a variety of models in stock, with options that range from bars to bathrooms and beyond.

According to Barney, adding OGV to its lineup just made sense.

“The OGV brand shares our customer-first, do-the-right-thing approach,” says Barney. “Both the people and the product fit how we operate. They are also built nearby in Elkhart, which is pretty cool.”

Perhaps the best part about SweetCars is that a customer doesn’t have to own a high-end vehicle to take advantage of its top shelf service and detailing. It’s not unusual to see a Camry in the shop beside a Ferrari.

“We service more than just luxury cars,” says Barney. “In fact, that’s actually just a small portion of what we do. Whether a customer has one car or one hundred, we want to help.”

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SARAH FISHER.



In 2000, at just 19 years old, Sarah Fisher became only the third woman to qualify for the Indianapolis 500.

Over the course of her career, she would qualify for the race nine times – the most appearances by a woman in the event's 110-year history.

Fisher made history repeatedly throughout her professional career. She became the youngest driver ever to lead laps in an IndyCar Series race, the first woman to stand on an IndyCar podium, and the first woman in the world to qualify fastest for a major open-wheel race when she captured the pole position and set a new track record at Kentucky Speedway. That performance remained the best result by a woman in IndyCar until Danica Patrick's victory in Japan in 2008.

Her racing career extended beyond IndyCar. Fisher accepted an invitation

from the legendary Richard Childress Racing to explore opportunities in NASCAR, recording four top-10 finishes in 13 starts.

In 2008, Fisher made history again by launching Sarah Fisher Racing, becoming both the youngest team owner and the only female team owner in the IndyCar Series. She remained an active driver-owner until retiring from driving in 2010, later selling her ownership stake in 2016.

Fisher's passion for motorsports began early. She started racing quarter-midgets at age five and went on to win three World Karting Association Grand National Championships. By age 15, she was competing in winged outlaw sprint cars and earned the 1995 Dirt Track Racing Round-Up Rookie of the Year award. While still in high school, Fisher was profiled on NBC's *Today Show*

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 Sportscaster

1975 Tony Hulman

Former Owner of Indianapolis Motor Speedway

1976 Harold Ames

Former Executive at Auburn
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1977 Gordon Buehrig

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1978 Alice Huyler Ramsey

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1980 Alex Tremulis

Auburn Automobile Company Chief Designer

1981 Dan Haggerty

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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
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1988 Richard Kughn

Businessman and ACD collector

1989 Chris Schenkel

American Sportscaster

1990 Kay Buehrig

Widow of Gordon Buehrig

1991 Carroll Shelby

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1992 Andy Granatelli

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1993 Dean Kruse

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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

Indycar

2022 Rick Dore

Custom car builder and co-host of
Lords of the Car Hoards

2023 Corky Coker

Automotive ambassador & former owner
of Coker Tire

2024 Randy Ema

Duesenberg historian and expert, "Mr. Duesenberg"

2025 Sam Mahdavi

Two-time NDRA Drag Racing Champion and host of
television show, *Sam's Garage*

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highlighting her groundbreaking path in motorsports and her vision to challenge traditional boundaries between men and women in sports.

Following her racing career, Fisher continued her entrepreneurial work in motorsports. In 2016, she purchased the historic Whiteland Raceway Park, reopening the track in 2018 and restoring it as a development hub for young racers.

She married her longtime front-left tire changer Andy O'Gara in 2007, and the couple has two children. Their son, Danny O'Gara, now races competitively as he pursues the same dream his mother once had – competing in the Indianapolis 500.

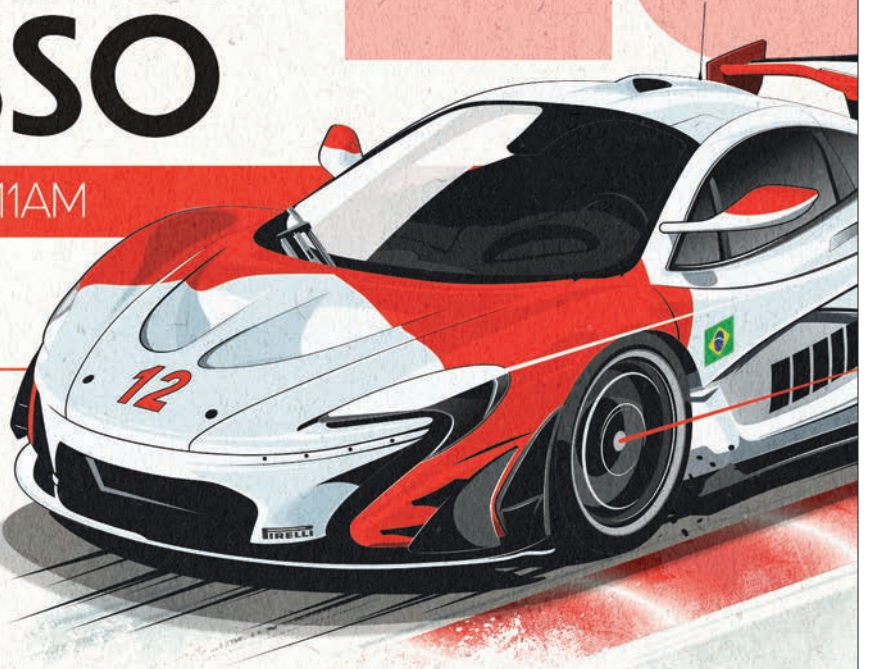
In 2019, Fisher earned her bachelor's degree, continuing a lifelong commitment to growth both on and off the track. 🍷

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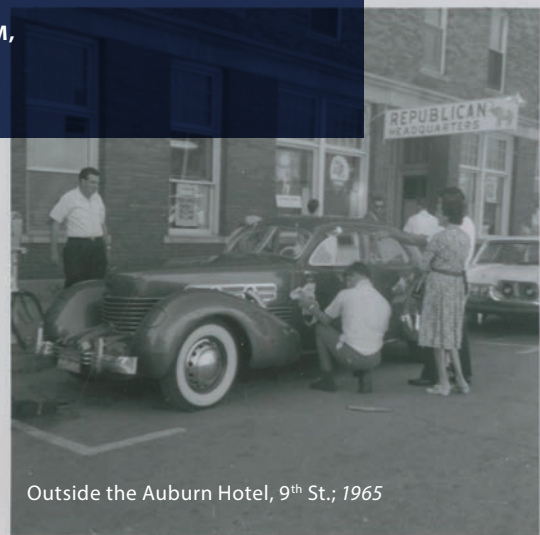
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1950s



ABOVE: Ladies reading *The Evening Star*

RIGHT: Cars parked at the Courthouse post-parade



Outside the Auburn Hotel, 9th St.; 1965

1960s



1930 Duesenberg J in the Parade of Classics; 1967



Aerial shot of downtown Auburn; 1979

BELOW: Martha's Popcorn; 1985

BOTTOM: John Martin Smith driving the 1904 Auburn featured on the 2026 festival poster.



1970s



Trunk photo with ACD Festival bumper stickers; 1977



Gordon Buehrig, designer for the Auburn Automobile Company, exiting parade car; 1977



1988 Hoosier Tour banner



ACDA Museum grand opening; 1974

1980s

1980s



1980 ACD Club Reunion

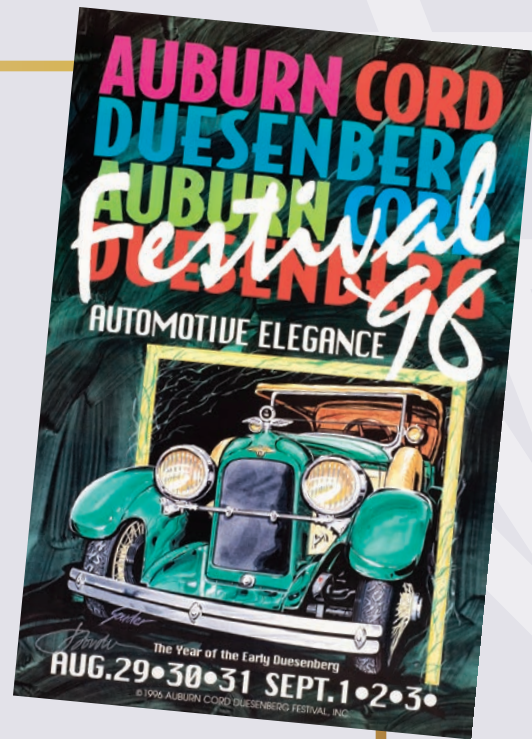
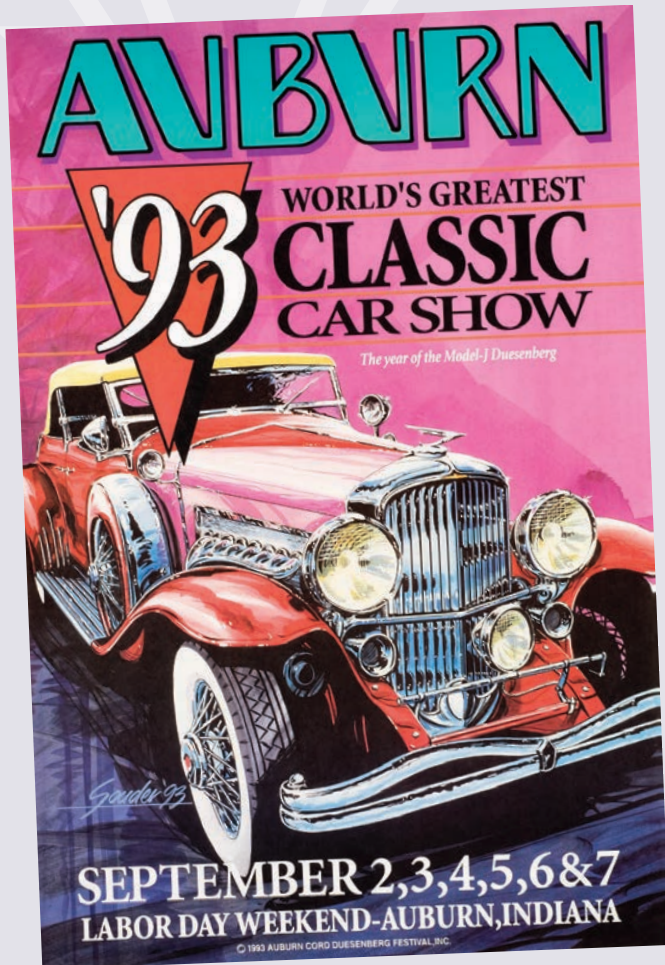


ABOVE: 1985 view from outside the Auburn Hotel

RIGHT: Kruse International Auction at DeKalb High School; 1985



1990s



ABOVE & LEFT: Festival posters created by John Souder

RIGHT: Cord 810-812 driving past the 1990 ACD Festival banner



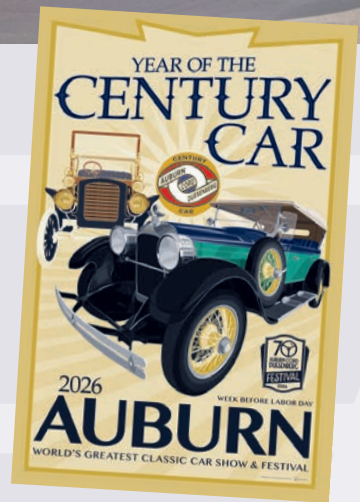
2000s



ABOVE: NATMUS' Futurliner #10; 2006
RIGHT: Concert crowd; 2025



Arrival of the Fast & Fabulous; 2025



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The car is very different from the Auburns of the 1920s and 1930s that you see. The engine is located under the middle of the car, it has overhead valves, a crank start, and acetylene lights. Headlights and even the top were optional when you bought one, but this car had both. The car has a 2-speed planetary transmission, and will do around 40 mph in high gear. These were high quality cars and cost around \$1200 new.

I've been collecting cars since I was a teenager, and grew up in the old car hobby. My father is a restorer, dealer, and collector, so it has been in my blood since I was born, I suppose. We purchased our first pre-war classic over 20 years ago, a 1933 Auburn, which we tour with and bring to Auburn for the Festival and Reunion frequently.

Our 1909 Auburn was sold new to a farmer in Ohio who used it regularly until he parked it in his barn around 1917. There it stayed until it was brought out and sold in 1956 to Walter Fender who restored it and toured with it. He brought it to Auburn for the Festival in 1958! In the 1980s, the car was purchased by Dr. David Farst. He showed the car and placed it on display in the ACDA Museum in the 1990s. Around 2020 the car was sold to Myrna Schild in Illinois, and we purchased it from her last year. We are the fifth owner of the car.

We have been coming to the festival since 2007, relative newcomers. One of my favorite memories involves driving our other early car, the 1912 Auburn Speedster, which as we know is the only one of its model still around and running. After finishing a 5-year restoration, the first thing that we did was take it on the 2018 Hoosier Tour. It was also the first car in the Parade of Classics, leading a line of Speedsters.





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MERV ROBINSON

AUSTRALIA

1926 AUBURN 6-66 ROADSTER

Built in March 1926, this car was exported to Australia new. The Auburn Automobile Company had a very good export arm, especially in the 1920s.

My interest in cars, and especially Auburns, began in 1958. I was 14 when my father said I must learn about how cars were built and operated, so he bought two cars for me to learn on. One was a 1928 Oakland Tourer, and the other was a 1927 Auburn 6-66 buckboard. The Oakland I pulled completely to pieces, and the Auburn I got started and drove around the farm.

I came across the 1926 Auburn Roadster at Aristocrat Motor Trimmers at Port Road, Alberton. They were upholstering our 1927 Falcon Knight Tourer. Mr. Vanderbrook, the owner, had a collection of 50 old cars he had obtained over the years. I would call in to see him whenever I was in Adelaide. On one of those trips, I found out that he had passed away, and that his wife had sold about half of the cars. I then made arrangements to look at the rest of the car, and purchased a 1925 Flint model 40 Tourer and the remains of the 1926 Auburn 6-66 Roadster. (If it was a Ford or Chevrolet, you would have found a better one to restore.) The Flint I had restored by January 1980, and we shipped the car to New Zealand to

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THOMPSON SMITH

INDIANA

1926 AUBURN 8-88 TOURING CAR

My dad loved history, and cars are part of our local history. We always had old cars and were working on them as I grew up.

We bought our 1926 Auburn in West Virginia. We had heard about the car and called the owner. The car had been stored since the 1960's and was kept in a dirt floor barn. We bought it sight unseen and drove to West Virginia to pick it up. To our surprise, the car

was complete and in better condition than expected. It is an unrestored original car that has required very little to keep it running over the years.

The best thing about having an unrestored car is you don't have to worry about it. As the kids grew up, they could crawl all over it and we didn't have to worry about anything getting damaged. Taking the car to Eckhart Park with the family every year is the best memory.

It's hard to pick one favorite ACD Festival memory, but the highlight is always spending time with family and friends.

We usually pull a 1920 Zagelmeyer Camper Trailer behind the car. Vintage camping is quite popular, and the camper always gets the car a lot of attention.





participate in the 21st International World Rally based in Rotorua. In 1986 we again shipped the Flint to New Zealand and participated in the Pan Pacific Rally based in Christchurch.

Upon returning home, I started to do some restoration work on the 6-66 Auburn – dismantling what was left of the vehicle, and then starting to restore the car from the ground up, rebuilding the motor, gearbox, differential and the brakes. What was left of the timber frame would turn to powder when touched.

The 6-66 roadster was put on the back burner when we purchased a 1936 Auburn 852 Supercharged Cabriolet in 1988 and started restoring that vehicle. I felt it would be a better long-distance vehicle to drive. Since finishing the restoration of the 852, we have travelled over 45,000 miles attending rallies.



I joined the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club in January 1985. Over the years, I have picked up a lot of information from club members who helped me out with measurements and parts.

In 1992 we attended our first ACD Festival and have since been back twelve times. Whilst at the Festival, I get involved with certification of Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg vehicles and also judging Auburns. You pick up a lot of information from these sessions. I work on the theory that the more you put into a club, the more you get out of it. I would like to thank the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum in Auburn for the help and photos I have received. They have been very helpful in sending me photos and allowing me to take measurements of the 1926

Auburn 8-88 Roadster that was restored by Dennis Milstein. I first made contact with Dennis in 1985, and the headlights on our Auburn came from him.

After getting the wood frame done and metal skin attached, the Auburn was painted by Hunts Crash, Jamestown, and the upholstery by Justin Tilbrook, Clare. I had a bit of drama when I could not find the fuel tank brackets. I have them, as I have a photo when we pulled the car to pieces. They will turn up one day. I had a second pair that I was able to repair. Over the years, I have picked up anything to do with Auburns. You never know when you may need a replacement part.

I was “put under the pump” when two grandsons wanted the car in their weddings – one in August 2025 and the

other in October 2025. After towing the vehicle to check oil pressure, we played with the timing a little, turned on the ignition and she fired up.

Fifty-two years after I purchased the Auburn, it is up and running and is in as good a condition as when it left the factory in March 1926. It withstood both of the grandsons’ weddings, and didn’t miss a beat.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me over the years restoring the vehicle and locating parts.

I would also like to thank my wife, Aileen, for putting up with me during this restoration project, and also for finding bits at swap meets. She does love going to swap meets, as she also finds bits for herself. 💎

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The Great Race is one of America's premier vintage automobile endurance rallies, bringing together antique and classic vehicles from across the country for a competition built on precision, teamwork, and endurance rather than speed. Within this historic event, the X-Cup Division has become one of the most inspiring and meaningful categories competing in the rally. Created specifically for high school, technical school, college, and youth organization teams, the X-Cup Division gives young automotive enthusiasts the opportunity to restore, maintain, navigate, and compete in pre-1974 vehicles while learning valuable real-world skills. Students work together as drivers, navigators, and mechanics, developing leadership, communication, problem-solving, and mechanical experience throughout the demanding cross-country adventure.

Over a long weekend in March 2026, X-Cup team members from St. Louis Community College (St. Louis, MO), Mustang Country (Paramount, CA), The Cobra Experience (Martinez, CA), and Alfred State College (Alfred, NY) along with their advisors, had the opportunity to visit Auburn, Indiana to experience a unique piece of automotive history while



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attending a full day of training in preparation for The Great Race. Members of the X-Club Legacy Board who are veteran racers and navigators of the Great Race, presented training to educate the students on all aspects of the Great Race. Because most students are rookies, this was an opportunity to introduce them to many of the things they will encounter during the race. They learned how to install equipment such as Timewise Speedometers and created a great how-to video tutorial covering installation, calibration, and chart reading. After the classroom training, they went out for a drive to gain hands-on experience



with veteran drivers and navigators. They went home on Sunday with a wealth of knowledge and the preparedness of the Great Race champions they will soon become. Watching these students learn and the excitement they show is amazing, but knowing they are our next generation of enthusiasts who will keep the old car hobby alive and strong is priceless.

Thanks largely to generous donations and scholarships that cover the associated costs, students in the X-Cup division can compete in the Great Race each year. These financial contributions, covering everything from vehicle preparation to travel expenses, make participation possible for young people who would otherwise not have the opportunity.

X-Cup Legacy is a 501(c)(3) organization created by veteran drivers, navigators, and team members who have been involved in the Great Race for several years. X-Cup Legacy exists to empower the next generation of innovators. They connect high school, technical college, and university students by funding scholarships, resources, and mentorship. They ensure every student team experiences the thrill of precision driving, teamwork, and preserving automotive history. They are all volunteers who strive to minimize all the overhead so that all donated money goes directly to the students. Please consider helping to support the students participating in the X-Cup division of the Great Race. Driving the future one student at a time. Through opportunity. Through experience. Through legacy.

For more information regarding X-Cup Legacy, ways to support the program and more, visit x-cuplegacy.org. 



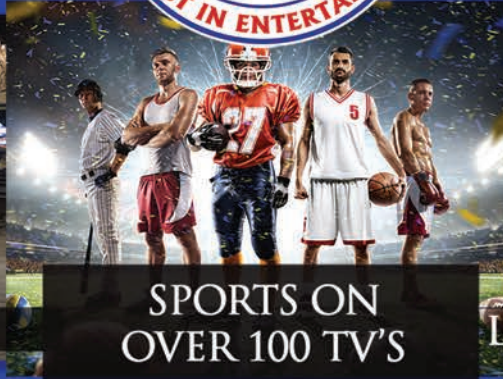
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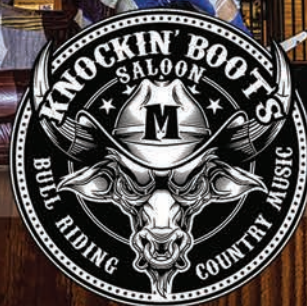
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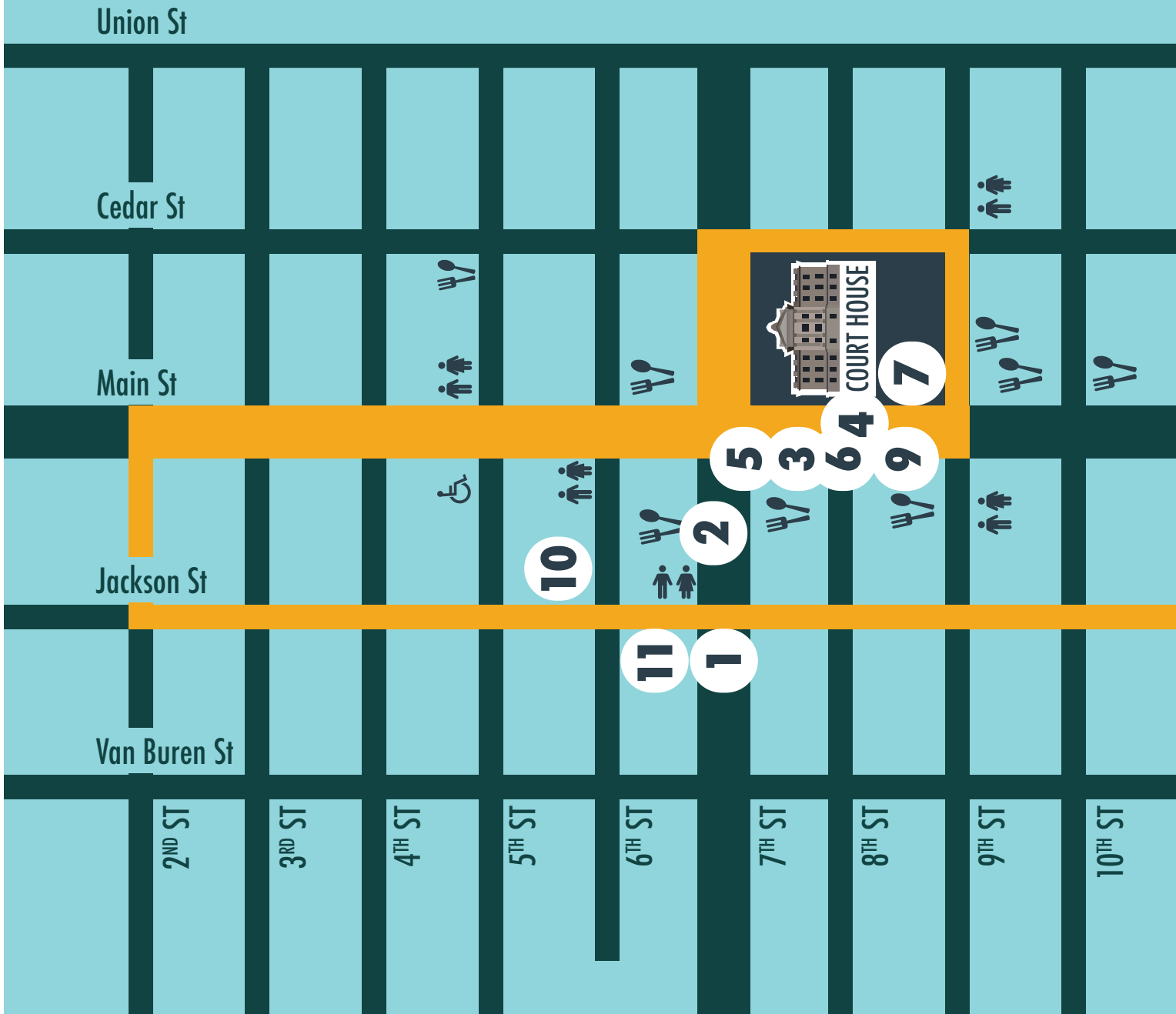
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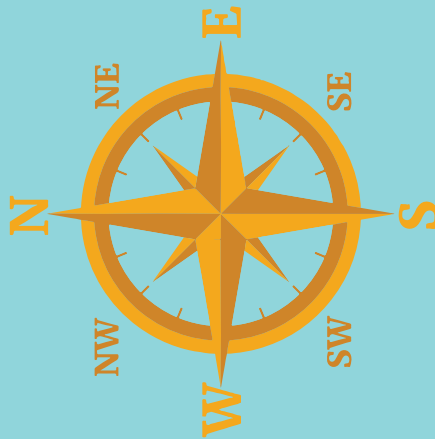
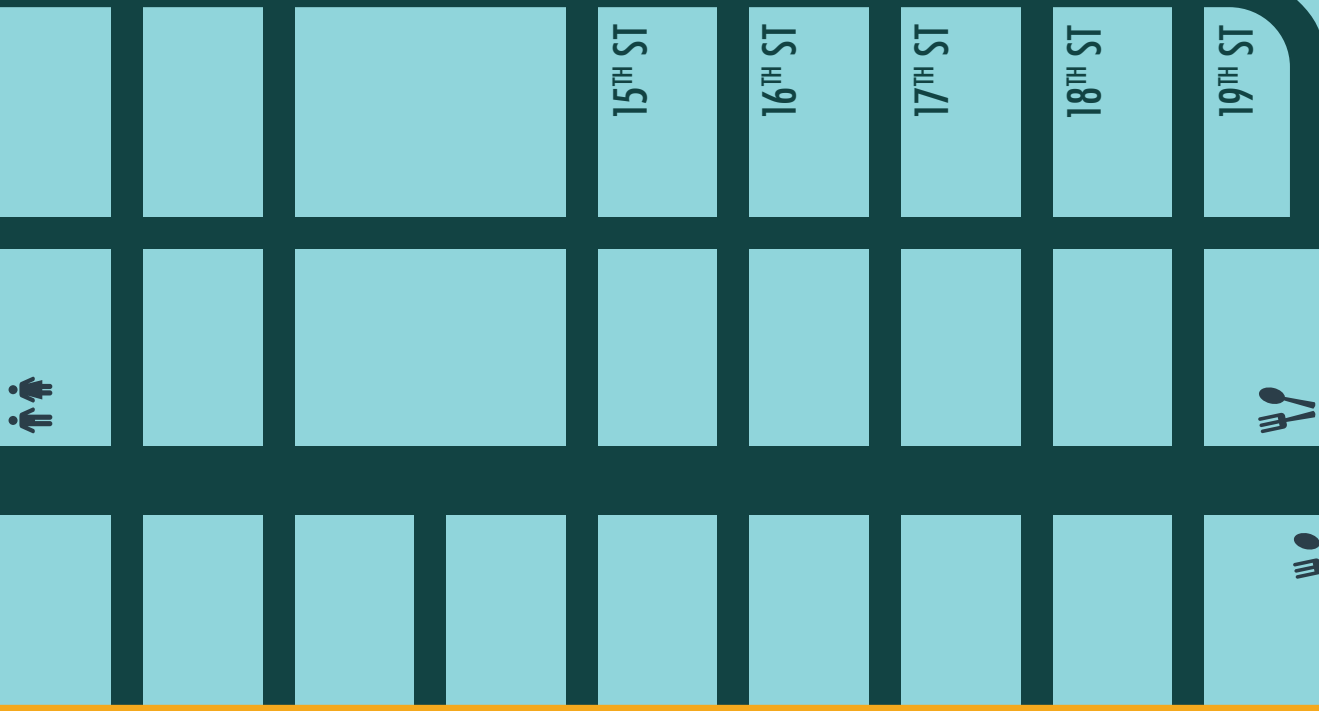
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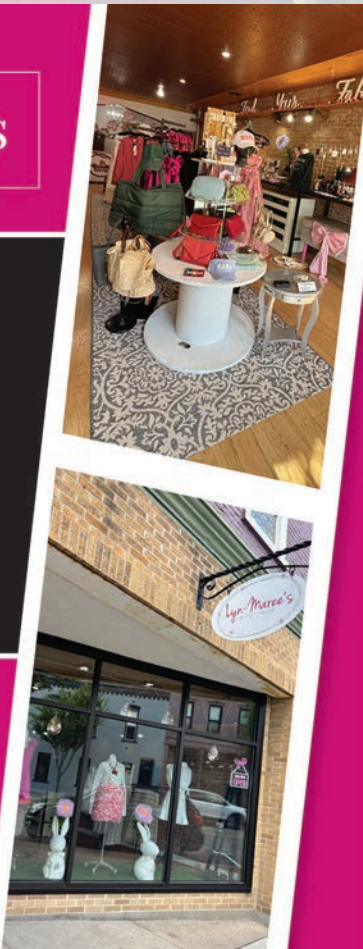
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Event times and dates are subject to change. Please check the ACD Festival website at acdfestival.org for the most up-to-date information.



PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUG. 28

GEARING UP FOR FESTIVAL CRUISE-IN AND COOKOUT

PRESENTED BY 9TH STREET BREW AND THE OLIVE TWIST

TIME | 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

LOCATION | 9th Street Brew – 101 E. 9th St.

COST | Food item costs vary

9th Street Brew and The Olive Twist team together to throw a block party to celebrate our kick-off to Festival week. Featuring a street full of a variety of classic cars to enjoy, some amazing custom slider burgers, crazy milkshakes, live music from our very own Auburn Community Band, street games...and so much fun. Join us to celebrate this kick-off to a great week in Auburn.

SATURDAY, AUG. 29

CHEERS TO THE FESTIVAL, 1960'S STYLE!

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | 6 - 9 p.m.

LOCATION | FUEL Social Club/Praxis Detailing;

220 W. Ensley Ave., Auburn

COST | \$50 per person; cash bar; two drink tickets included with admission

SUGGESTED ATTIRE | 1960's inspired clothing

Party your way into ACD Festival week at this year's Cheers to the Festival fundraiser and celebration. Enjoy 1960'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 2026 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 acdfestival.org, or call (260) 925-3600. For additional information, email leslie@acdfestival.org.

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

SUNDAY, AUG. 30

ANNUAL GARAGE CRUISE

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

TIME | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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 (beginning July 1) or more information. (260) 925-9100

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

ACD FESTIVAL HOOSIER TOUR STEAM TRAIN EXPERIENCE

PRESENTED BY THE INDIANA RAIL EXPERIENCE
& AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG FESTIVAL

TIME | 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (9 a.m. auto staging for photos)

LOCATION | Pleasant Lake depot – 1469 W. Main St.,
Pleasant Lake, Indiana

COST | Prices vary – see website for details;
limited seats available. Tickets can be purchased
online through indianarailexperience.org

Join the Hoosier Tour car group as they climb aboard the historic 765 Nickel Plate steam locomotive for a one-of-a-kind train experience. Check out the Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs of the Hoosier Tour as they are staged for photos beginning at 9 a.m.

Visit indianarailexperience.org for more information.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

51ST ANNUAL ACD FESTIVAL HOOSIER TOUR

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG FESTIVAL

TIME | 8:30 a.m. museum departure from the ACDA Museum

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

Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs take part in a regional tour to promote the ACD Festival and enjoy a variety of fun activities. The theme of this year's tour is "Trains, Planes and Automobiles".

Departing from the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, the tour will enjoy a one-day trip throughout the Fort Wayne and Angola, Indiana areas. Cars will be traveling to the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne, Trine University in Angola and then on to Potawatomi Inn for an overnight stay.

The tour arrives back at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum on Thursday, Sept. 3, at 11:45 a.m., with a performance by the Dixieland Band. Contact the Festival, leslie@acdfestival.org, for details and registration information.

FALL SWAP MEET AND CAR CORRAL (VENDOR SET UP)

PRESENTED BY EARLY FORD V-8 FOUNDATION MUSEUM

TIME | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

LOCATION | 2181 Rotunda Drive, Auburn

COST | Contact the museum for space rental costs

Space rental for both Car Corral and Swap Meet can be reserved by calling the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum at (260) 927-8022.

THE 56TH ANNUAL AUBURN AUCTION & SHOW – PREVIEW

PRESENTED BY KRUSE AUCTIONS

TIME | 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

LOCATION | Kruse Auctions; 5634 Opportunity Blvd., Auburn

Preview, test drive (by appointment) the auction cars, and meet with representatives of the Kruse Auctions' team onsite to answer questions about this year's selection of vehicles, prior to the auction. Visit kruseauctions.com or call (260) 927-0000, for more information including registering to sell, directions, etc.

MAIN FESTIVAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

FALL SWAP MEET AND CAR CORRAL

PRESENTED BY EARLY FORD V-8 FOUNDATION MUSEUM

TIME | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

LOCATION | 2181 Rotunda Drive, Auburn

COST | Free for spectators; contact the
museum for space rental costs

Celebrate Labor Day weekend at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum. Automotive parts, tools and automobilia galore! Pre-registration for vendors is preferred. Space rental for both Car Corral and Swap Meet can be reserved by calling the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum at (260) 927-8022.

Visit fordv8foundation.org or call for more information.

THE 56TH ANNUAL AUBURN AUCTION & SHOW – LIVE AUCTION

PRESENTED BY KRUSE AUCTIONS

TIME | 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; auction begins at 11 a.m.

LOCATION | Kruse Auctions; 5634 Opportunity Blvd., Auburn

COST | Varies; Visit kruseauctions.com for
admission information or call (260) 927-0000

Boutique auction including curated offering of 300+ Collector Cars & 150 Pieces of Memorabilia

ACDA MUSEUM ARCHIVE OPEN HOUSE

TIME | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

LOCATION | ACDA Museum, 1600 S. Wayne St.; 2nd floor
reading room and archives

COST | Free with museum admission

Take a break from the festival crowds and explore the museum's Reading Room and Archives! Whether you're a researcher, a history buff, or just need a quiet place to rest your feet, stop by and say hello. Our staff will be on hand to answer questions, help with research, or point you toward something good to read from our library.

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PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG FESTIVAL

TIME | 12 p.m.

LOCATION | ACDA Museum, Willennar Hall

COST | \$25 per person

Join us as we celebrate the official start of the 2026 ACD Festival. View Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs parked in front of the museum as they return from the Hoosier Tour. 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 at the ACD Festival office or online at 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 p.m.; outside event is from 6 - 11 p.m.

LOCATION | Auburn Moose Family Center – 10th and Main St.

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!

AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM ANNUAL BENEFIT & CELEBRATION: THE '26 ROYALE

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

TIME | 6 to 9 p.m.

LOCATION | Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum

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

The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum is celebrating 2026 in style with classic casino games including Blackjack, Craps, and Roulette along with live entertainment during its annual benefit and celebration, which is a must attend event for all! 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 a night of classic casino games. This annual benefit and celebration directly support 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 automobilemuseum.org or call (260) 925-1444.

THE "9TH STREET EXPERIENCE"

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB

TIME | **Evening**

LOCATION | **9th Street, between Main St. and Jackson St.**

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!

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

PRESENTED BY NATIONAL AUTO & TRUCK MUSEUM

TIME | **7 - 10 a.m.**

LOCATION | **NATMUS' parking lot**

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 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

LOCATION | **Auburn Skate Park parking lot, near Eckhart Park**

COST | **Free**

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

ACDA MUSEUM ARCHIVE OPEN HOUSE

TIME | **9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

LOCATION | **ACDA Museum, 1600 S. Wayne St.; 2nd floor reading room and archives**

COST | **Free with museum admission**

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TIME | 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; auction begins at 11 a.m.
LOCATION | Kruse Auctions;
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COST | Varies; Visit kruseauctions.com for admission information. (260) 927-0000

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PRESENTED BY NORTHEASTERN INDIANA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (NIARA)

TIME | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
LOCATION | Downtown Auburn; next to 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.

Visit w9ou.org for more information.



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DOWNTOWN CRUISE-IN

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG FESTIVAL

TIME | **Varies; Vehicle parking and registration begins at 10 a.m., at the north gate – 4th and Main St., and at the south gate – 11th and Main St.**

LOCATION | **Varies; Downtown Auburn, Courthouse Square**

COST | **\$15 per vehicle, cash only! (Additional charge for oversized vehicles); Free for Spectators**

Downtown Auburn is THE place to be for the popular Friday ACD Festival Cruise-In. Bring your vehicle for display as the downtown Auburn streets are closed for this unique gathering. 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.

Oversized vehicles must receive pre-approval from the festival office, (260) 925-3600, by Sept.1, and must enter through the North Gate.

ACD CLUB DRIVER'S LUNCHEON TOUR

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG CLUB

TIME | **Driver's Meeting and Departure times TBA**
LOCATION | **1600 Wayne St., in front of the ACDA Museum**

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 acdclub.org.

(ACD Club Member Event)

OFFICIAL AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG FESTIVAL DOWNTOWN BAR

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TIME | **Open at 11 a.m.**
LOCATION | **On Main St. in between 7th St. and 8th St.**

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PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | **Starts at Noon**

LOCATION | **7th St. between Jackson & Main**

COST | **Varies by vendor**

Check out our Cruise-In Cuisine featuring Coterie Pizza, Kona Ice, Travelin' Tom's Coffee, Waterloo Lions Club Burgers & Dogs, Hoosier Mama, Who Cut the Cheese? Drop it Like it's Hot, Another One Bites the Crust! Santo's Tacos, Diamond Plate, Ed's Fish & More, Salsa Grille, and More! Be sure to check out our downtown restaurants, too!

AUBURN AUTO ART SHOW

SPONSORED BY THE HOOSIER SLINGERS

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | **Noon - 6 p.m.**

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 to paint a variety of 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 p.m. and 5 p.m.

ACD LADIES TEA

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB

TIME | **1:30 p.m.**

LOCATION | **McIntyre Place; 116 S. Jackson St., 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 acdclub.org.

(ACD Club Member Event)

SPEAKEASY 2026

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN MOOSE FAMILY CENTER

TIME | **Lodge opens at 2:30 p.m.; food served starting at 5 p.m.**

LOCATION | **Auburn Moose Family Center, located between 10th St. and Main St.**

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

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

MUSIC BY DYLAN YOUMANS

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | **3 - 5 p.m.**

LOCATION | **Downtown Auburn, Main Stage (8th St. and Main St.)**

COST | **Free**

Join us for pre-concert music by musician, Dylan Youmans.

THE "9TH STREET EXPERIENCE"

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB

TIME | **Evening**

LOCATION | **9th Street, between Main St. and Jackson St.**

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!

SUNDAES ON FRIDAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL AND SPONSORED BY 1ST SOURCE BANK, THE OFFICIAL BANK OF THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | **5 - 7 p.m.**

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

COST: | **\$2 per scoop; cash only**

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: THE REVEAL

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB

TIME | **5:30 - 8 p.m.**

LOCATION | **ACDA Museum**

Join us for a reimagined evening at the ACDA Museum as we celebrate the unveiling of the new Auburn Photo Car – an exhibit made possible through the generosity of the ACD Club.

The evening will feature cocktails, elegant hors d'oeuvres, heavy appetizer stations, and time to mingle throughout the museum surrounded by automotive history. Designed to be relaxed yet refined, this updated format encourages conversation, exploration, and celebration with fellow members and friends.

Pre-registration is suggested at acdclub.org.

(ACD Club Member Event)

CRUISE-IN CONCERT

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | **Live music from 6 - 11 p.m.**

LOCATION | **Courthouse Square, Main 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, SEPT. 5

ANNUAL AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG CLUB CAR SHOW

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG CLUB

TIME | 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION | Eckhart Park, 1501 S. Cedar St.

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 a.m.

ACDA MUSEUM ARCHIVE OPEN HOUSE

TIME | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LOCATION | ACDA Museum, 1600 S. Wayne St.; 2nd floor reading room and archives

COST | Free with museum admission

Take a break from the festival crowds and explore the museum's Reading Room and Archives! Whether you're a researcher, a history buff, or just need a quiet place to rest your feet, stop by and say hello. Our staff will be on hand to answer questions, help with research, or point you toward something good to read from our library.

Questions? Reach out to Madison, our Collections and Education Manager, at mauten@automobilemuseum.org.

ACD FESTIVAL VOLKSMARCH (AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION) 5K & 10K WALKS

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TIME | Start between 8 and 11 a.m.; must finish by 2 p.m.

LOCATION | Begin and end at Rieke Park, 1800 N. Indiana Ave.

COST | Free to the public, AVA members \$4 for AVA credit

Take a 5K or 10k walk with the Three Rivers Strollers Volksmarching Club during their annual ACD Festival walk on Sept. 5.

FALL SWAP MEET AND CAR CORRAL

PRESENTED BY EARLY FORD V-8 FOUNDATION MUSEUM

TIME | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LOCATION | 2181 Rotunda Drive, Auburn

COST | Free for spectators; contact the museum for space rental costs

Celebrate Labor Day weekend at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum. Automotive parts, tools and automobilia galore! Pre-registration for vendors is preferred. Space rental for both Car Corral and Swap Meet can be reserved by calling the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum at (260) 927-8022.

Visit fordv8foundation.org or call for more information.

OFFICIAL AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG FESTIVAL DOWNTOWN BAR

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TIME | Opens at 9 a.m.

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

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 2026 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.

(Ages 21 and over permitted)

**THE 56TH ANNUAL AUBURN AUCTION & SHOW –
LIVE AUCTION AND MAIN EVENT**

PRESENTED BY KRUSE AUCTIONS

TIME | 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; auction begins at 11 a.m.; main event begins around 5 p.m.

LOCATION | Kruse Auctions;
5634 Opportunity Blvd., Auburn

COST | Varies; Visit kruseauctions.com for admission information. (260) 927-0000

Boutique auction including curated offering of 300+ Collector Cars & 150 Pieces of Memorabilia

HAM RADIO SPECIAL EVENT STATION

PRESENTED BY NORTHEASTERN INDIANA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (NIARA)

TIME | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LOCATION | Downtown Auburn; next to 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.

Visit w9ou.org for more information.

KIDS' ZONE

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LOCATION | 6th St., between Jackson St. and Main St.

COST | Free

Join us for FREE fun in our ACD Festival Kids' Zone! Face painting, balloon art, giveaways, games, and more!

Mascot and additional character appearances will be announced on the ACD Festival Kids' Zone event page on Facebook.

***Kids must be accompanied by an adult*

PRINCESS MEET AND GREET WITH ANNA, ELSA AND MOANA – NEW!

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | 10 - 11 a.m.

LOCATION | Auburn Atrium's courtyard, 106 W. 6th St.

COST | Free

Get an autograph and a take a photo with a few of your favorite princesses.

***Kids must be accompanied by an adult*



May to Novemeber

This pop-up vintage fashion installation explores the evolving style of women during the same dynamic decades that produced the automobiles showcased throughout the ACDA Museum.

Workers Behind The Wheels



This permanent gallery explores the roles and stories of workers who brought automobiles to life, from factory floor to office—featuring the vital and often overlooked contributions of women.



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CONNECTING RODS LUNCH

PRESENTED BY THE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG
AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

TIME | 11 a.m.

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 automobilemuseum.org.

PRE-PARADE ENTERTAINMENT

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | 11 a.m.

LOCATION | **Courthouse Square**

COST | **Free**

Come and enjoy performances 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

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | **Starts at Noon**

LOCATION | **7th St. between Jackson & Main**

COST | **Varies by vendor**

Check out our Cruise-In Cuisine featuring Coterie Pizza, Kona Ice, Travelin' Tom's Coffee, Waterloo Lions Club Burgers & Dogs, Hoosier Mama, Who Cut the Cheese? Drop it Like it's Hot, Another One Bites the Crust! Santo's Tacos, Diamond Plate, Ed's Fish & More, Salsa Grille, and More! Be sure to check out our downtown restaurants, too!

PARADE OF CLASSICS

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB AND THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | 1 p.m.

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 Century Car". See the Baron Brigade Marching Band from DeKalb High School in addition to parade VIPs, including our parade Grand Marshal, Sarah Fisher, former IndyCar driver. Keep your eyes peeled for NATMUS' big red Futurliner #10, as it makes its way down the parade route, too!

MUSIC BY DJ DYLAN YOUMANS

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | 2 - 5 p.m.

LOCATION | Downtown Auburn, Main Stage
(corner of 8th St. and Main St.)

COST | Free

Enjoy pre-concert tunes by local DJ, Dylan Youmans.

MEET AND GREET WITH SARAH FISHER

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | 2:30 - 4 p.m.

LOCATION | Downtown Auburn, at the Main Stage
(8th St. and Main St.)

COST | Free

Don't miss your chance to meet Sarah Fisher, former IndyCar driver and IndyCar team owner, this year's Parade of Classics' Grand Marshal. Join us after the parade at the Main Stage for this memorable experience.

TICKET TO RIDE

SPONSORED BY KEETA

PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

TIME | 4 - 5 p.m.

LOCATION | Near the corner of 7th St. and Jackson St.

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 16 and August 20 Third Thursday Cruise-Ins, as well as limited ticket availability at the event! (One ride per person)



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TIME | 5 p.m. arrival downtown; 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 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 2026 edition of Fast and Fabulous powered by SweetCars! The fun begins at 5 p.m. 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 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Cars will be on display from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.!

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 p.m. with Weird Science with REKT at 8:15 p.m. 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 acdfestival.org for event details and more.

THE "9TH STREET EXPERIENCE"

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB

TIME | Evening

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

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!

BBQ AT RIEKE PARK

PRESENTED BY THE ACD CLUB

TIME | 6 – 8 p.m.

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

Have dinner with the ACD Club! (Menu to be determined.) Contact acdclub.org for more information. In 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 - 11 p.m.**
LOCATION | **Courthouse Square on the Main Stage**
COST | **Free**

Enjoy live music around the courthouse square, featuring Weird Science 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 to 11 p.m.**
LOCATION | **Auburn Cord Duesenberg
Automobile Museum**
COST | **\$40 Members, \$55 Non-Member,
\$350 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 automobilemuseum.org.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

2026 ACD FESTIVAL SUNDAY MARKET
PRESENTED BY AMS AND DABA

TIME | **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
LOCATION | **City County Parking Lot, 220 E. 7th St., Auburn**
COST | **Free for visitors; \$20 for vendors with
registration required prior to event**

Join us for a fun Sunday Vendor Market! Sign up to be a vendor or plan to visit, shop, and explore this holiday market for all kinds of unique finds, food and more. For more information visit auburnmainstreet.org.



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ACDA MUSEUM ARCHIVE OPEN HOUSE

TIME | **By appointment only**
 LOCATION | **ACDA Museum, 1600 Wayne St.; 2nd floor reading room and archives**
 COST | **Free with museum admission**

Take a break from the festival crowds and explore the museum's Reading Room and Archives! Whether you're a researcher, a history buff, or just need a quiet place to rest your feet, stop by and say hello. Our staff will be on hand to answer questions, help with research, or point you toward something good to read from our library.

Questions? Reach out to Madison, our Collections and Education Manager, at mauten@automobilemuseum.org.

HAM RADIO SPECIAL EVENT STATION

PRESENTED BY NORTHEASTERN INDIANA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (NIARA)

TIME | **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
 COST | **Free**

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PRESENTED BY THE ACD FESTIVAL

DATES | **The third Thursday of each month – May to September**
 TIME | **5 - 8 p.m.**
 LOCATION | **Downtown Auburn, around Courthouse Square**
 COST | **Free for cars and spectators; no registration required**

Join us downtown for cruise-in fun through the summer months.

Contact the ACD Festival office, (260) 925-3600, or acdfestival.org for more information.

AUBURN AFTER HOURS

DATES | **Third Thursday of each month/ year round**
 TIME | **5 - 8 p.m.**
 LOCATION | **Downtown Auburn**

An exclusive late-night look at local shops, boutiques, businesses and eateries in downtown Auburn. Visit auburnmainstreet.org/events for the monthly calendar of events.



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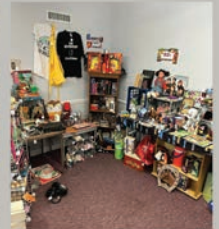
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DEKALB COUNTY FREE FALL FAIR

DATE | September 28 to October 3, 2026
 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.

DEKALB OUTDOOR THEATER

DATE | May-September
 TIME | Varies
 LOCATION | Center St., just south of 15th St.

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 through September
 LOCATION | Downtown Auburn Business District

Each year local artists share their talents and support downtown Auburn. 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 2026 summer art exhibit, "Steeped in Tradition", will feature 20 wooden teacup planters that will be placed around the downtown Auburn business district. Visit daba4auburn.org for more information.

DOWNTOWN AUBURN FARMERS' MARKET

DATE | May-October each year
 Wednesdays and Saturdays
 TIME | 7 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Visit 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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MISS AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG

A native of Waterloo, Indiana, Jozelynn attended Waterloo Elementary, DeKalb Middle School, and is a 2024 graduate of DeKalb High School. She is currently a senior at Ball State University studying theater education with minors in technical theater and directing for the stage. During her summers, she is a counselor with SpringHill Camps in Evert, Michigan. There, she is a 1:1 counselor for youth who benefit from extra support & accommodations.

Growing up in DeKalb County, Jozelynn developed a passion for helping others in her community. For a number of years, she has been an active advocate for Hearten House, a Gospel Rescue Mission in Auburn, Indiana. Hearten House provides support and resources to women facing homelessness, addiction, domestic violence, crisis pregnancy, and much more through their residential recovery and graduate programs. Additionally, Jozelynn has most recently been working with youth in the Muncie Community. She is a regular volunteer at The Boys and Girls Club of Muncie, Indiana, and co-designed the youth play *Oz!* By Don Zolidis at The Muncie Civic Theater in April 2026.

Jozelynn's favorite part of the festival? The Friday night cruise-in! She loves walking around the beautiful classic cars lined up along the historic DeKalb County Courthouse, talking with community members, listening to live bands, and grabbing a bite to eat (which will most likely be Scooby Snacks from Mad Anthony's!). She finds that this cruise-in is a special moment during the festival, primarily filled with DeKalb locals paying homage to their town's history and celebrating where it has brought them.

Throughout her reign as Miss ACD, Jozelynn has had countless opportunities to serve and connect with people throughout Northeast Indiana. A few of these include The ACD Festival Events, PRISM: A Conference for Women, Northeast Indiana Big Brothers Big Sisters Gala, Hearten House's Summer Shindig, Third Thursday Cruise-Ins, Women's Care Center Luxury Bingo, Auburn Christmas Parade, Night to Shine, Hearten House's Hope for the Future Gala, and much more. She is immensely grateful for all these opportunities and for the support she has received from the Miss ACD local pageant directors, the ACDA Museum, ACD Festival, and pageant volunteers who helped make her time as Miss ACD truly one of a kind. Holding the title



of Miss Auburn Cord Duesenberg has truly been a dream come true for Jozelynn. She is extremely proud to be representing the legacy of ACD automobiles and the kindhearted nature of DeKalb County on the Miss Indiana stage in June 2026. 💎

*Jozelynn "Jozie"
Vander Horst*



MISS AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG TEEN

Brynn Lortie

Crowned in July of 2025, Brynn embraced her role as Miss Auburn Cord Duesenberg Teen with passion and purpose. Throughout her year, she has proudly represented the Auburn community at appearances, including at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, community events, and outreach opportunities across Northeast Indiana. A highlight of her year has been competing on the Miss Indiana's Teen stage where she continues to grow in confidence and leadership.

Brynn will be a junior at Churubusco High School, where she is a three-sport athlete in basketball, track and field, and cross country, as well as a dedicated 4-H member. Additionally, she is also involved in her school's musical theater program and show choir, combining her love for athletics and the arts.

Her time at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival was a highlight of her year, especially connecting with community members, participating in festival events, and proudly riding in the parade.

As a titleholder, Brynn is passionate about her community service initiative, Rare but Real: Shining Light on Rare Diseases. Through this platform, she has raised awareness and funding for individuals and families affected by rare disorders, including partnering with the National Organization for Rare Disorders. Brynn is committed to using her voice to make a meaningful impact while representing her community with grace and pride. 💎



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DATE | Saturday, Aug. 29

TIME | 6 to 9 p.m.

LOCATION | Praxis Detailing/
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DATE | Friday, Sept. 4

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

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 2026 dash plaque while supplies last.

Stick around into the evening to enjoy free live music on the main stage at

courthouse square while you check out the cars. Whoa, Man! will take the stage at 6 p.m. with the Hubie Ashcraft Band finishing out a jam-packed Festival Friday! Thank you to our entertainment sponsor, Nucor!

**Please note: Oversized vehicles will be subject to an additional gate fee and need to enter at North gate. 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 Sept. 1 by contacting the ACD Festival office at (260) 925-3600.*

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DATE | Saturday, Sept. 5

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. 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 Century Car".

Pre-parade entertainment by the Auburn Community Band begins at 11 a.m. The Baron Brigade Marching Band, parade dignitaries including our Grand Marshal, former IndyCar driver Sarah Fisher, 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! ♦



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DATE | Saturday, Sept. 5

TIME | 4 to 5 p.m.

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

COST | Free


Join us for the 6th 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 16 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:

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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 acdfestival.org, or visit the ACD Festival's Information tent during the festival. 



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DATE | Saturday, Sept. 5
**TIME | 5 - 5:30 p.m. arrival
downtown; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
cars displayed; 6 - 11 p.m. concerts**
**LOCATION | Downtown Auburn,
around Courthouse Square**
COST | Free

The ACD Festival proudly welcomes SweetCars and the Fort Wayne Driving Club (FWDC) back to downtown Auburn for the 2026 edition of Fast and Fabulous powered by SweetCars! The fun begins at 5:00 p.m. when well over 100+ modern exotic and sports cars (Ferraris, Lamborghinis, McLarens, Porsches, Corvettes, Camaros, Mustangs and

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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 p.m. with Weird Science and REKT at 8:15 p.m. 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!

Follow the ACD Festival on social media for event updates and more information as it becomes available. Visit acdfestival.org for event details and more.

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

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PARKING

Ample parking is available throughout downtown and into the neighboring residential areas.

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

RESTROOMS

Restroom facilities are located in the following areas: Near 6th and Jackson Street, next to Beacon Credit Union.; 6th Street and Main Street next to the Olive Twist; near 5th and Main Street; Main Street and 11th Street; near the police station on Cedar Street and 9th Street; 9th Street between Main Street and Jackson Street next to Martha's Popcorn. See map on pages 38-39 for locations.

***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.*

PROHIBITED ITEMS

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.

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.

**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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We hope you enjoy reading the stories in this year’s publication, and that you will join us as we welcome the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club back to Auburn, Indiana for their annual reunion this Labor Day weekend. 



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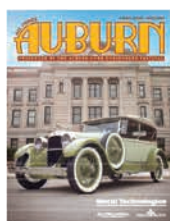
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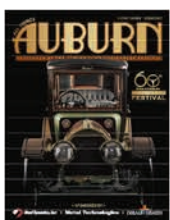
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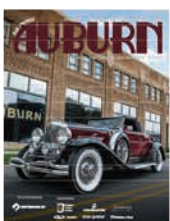
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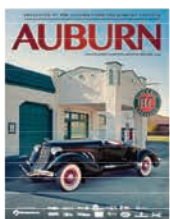
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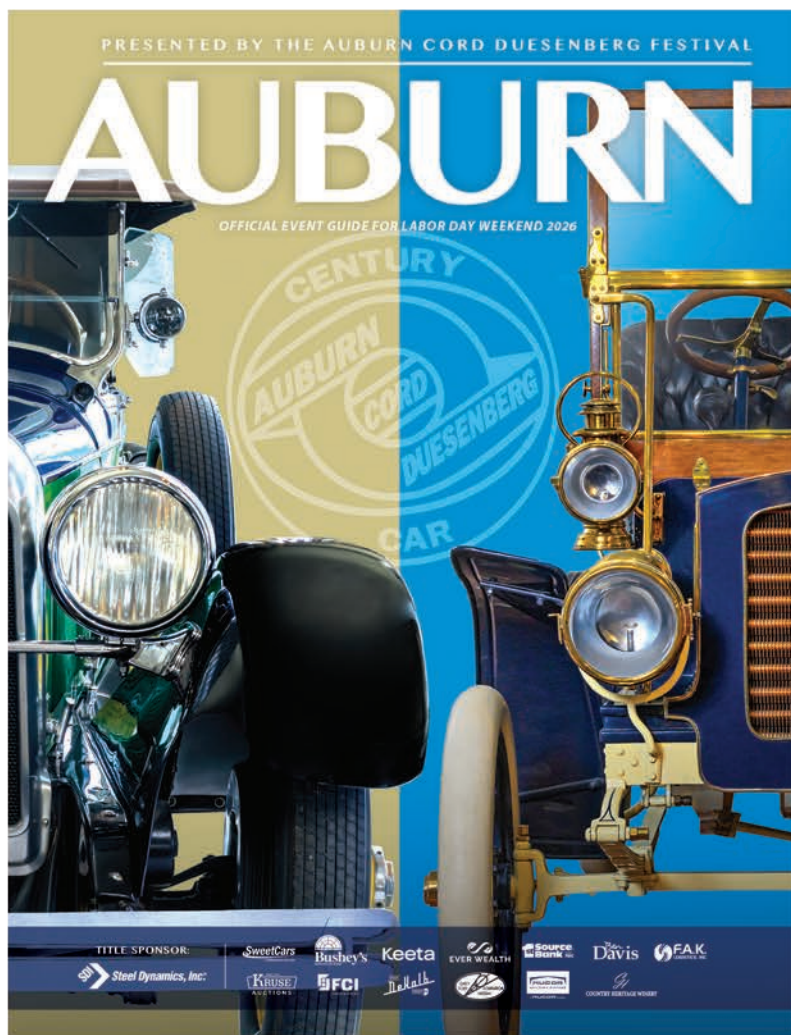
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