



**Former Indy 500 Racers Lyn St. James and Dominic Dobson
Join HEP-sponsored “Future of Restoration” Panel Discussion during
Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion**

*Special Hagerty Education Program at America’s Car Museum event
to be presented live at the track on Saturday, August 15*

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TACOMA, Wash. (August 7, 2015) – Former Indy 500 racers Lyn St. James and Dominic Dobson will be part of a special restoration-themed panel discussion set for Saturday, August 15 during the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. The 45-minute presentation – “Young People and Old Cars: The Future of Restoration” – is sponsored and hosted by the Hagerty Education Program at America’s Car Museum (HEP). It will be broadcasted live from the track during a race intermission.

HEP, a program dedicated to preparing young adults for careers in automotive restoration, supports hands-on, career-based training for students in the United States and Canada. HEP is a program of America’s Car Museum (ACM), the largest automotive museum in North America.

McKeel Hagerty, CEO of Hagerty, will moderate the discussion, which will look at how the multi-billion automotive restoration and preservation industry is focusing on young people as the next workforce. The panelists are:

1. Dominic Dobson (former Indy racer and national director of Club Auto, ACM)
2. Stephen Murphy (curator and restoration specialist at Chicago Vintage Motor Carriage)
3. Lyn St. James (former Indy racer and HEP ambassador)
4. Tim Chambers (auto tech instructor at Laguna Hills High School and HEP grant awardee)
5. Josh Baum (conservationist for private California collector and former HEP intern at ACM)
6. Stacey Pucket (McPherson College graduate currently working at RM Sotheby’s)

“We are delighted to be sponsoring this important and provocative conversation about the next generation and their role in the automotive restoration and preservation business,” said HEP National Director Diane Fitzgerald. “We certainly believe there is a need to shape our automotive heritage future and this is an opportunity to engage multiple generations in that conversation.”

Support for HEP comes through various methods, including corporate sponsorships, individual donations and fundraising events at ACM in Tacoma, Wash.

“With the growth of vintage racing and the excitement of motorsports, we need to create a pipeline of skilled and passionate people to restore and preserve extraordinary vehicles,” said St. James, who will also be racing in the Motorsports Reunion. “Hopefully the panel discussion at Laguna Seca will



attract more racing enthusiasts to join the movement to protect America's automotive heritage by supporting educational programs of restoration and preservation.”

About the Hagerty Education Program at America's Car Museum

The Hagerty Education Program at America's Car Museum (HEP) is a grant-giving program supporting the ***pathway to careers*** for 18-25 year olds. We are at the center of a movement to preserve the skills and knowledge needed to protect our automotive heritage, by funding educational programs, scholarships and paid internships & apprenticeships. Founded in 2005 by Hagerty and formerly known as The Collectors Foundation, HEP supports hands-on, career-based education in communities around the United States and Canada while promoting America's automotive history and the interests of the collector community. HEP has awarded more than \$2.75 million in scholarships and grants since 2005. **This is the heart of HEP.** (www.hagertyeducationprogram.org)

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

America's Car Museum (ACM), named one of *USA Today's* 10 Best Museums in Seattle and KING 5's 2014 Best Museum in Western Washington, is an international destination where families and enthusiasts gather to celebrate America's love affair with the automobile and how it shaped our society. The stunning, four-level, 165,000-sq.-ft. Tacoma, Wash., facility features 12 rotating exhibits, five annual Signature Events and serves as an educational center, hosting students of all ages. For more information about ACM, visit www.americascarmuseum.org.

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