



Benefits

of donating automobiles to the museum.

Tax benefits for donating property to an institution with an IRS status of 501(c)(3), like Auburn Automotive Heritage, Inc. doing business as the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum. Choose the best option that matches your personal goals, be it an outright gift, or deferring a gift until after your lifetime through a bequest in your will or living trust.

Donating to the Permanent Collections:

- Donors may have the vehicle's full independent appraised value serve as the basis for a tax deduction to the extent of the law.
- Donors receive recognition.
- Donors enjoy the satisfying knowledge that their former property may be seen by the public for generations to come.
- Donors are fulfilled by helping enhance a nationally acclaimed and accredited automobile museum in its ability to exhibit, interpret and educate.

Donating property with the expressed purpose of generating revenue for the museum:

- In the case of property donated to generate revenue, the donor may deduct the amount generated for the museum by the sale of the property to the extent of the law.

Automobile Donations

Gifts make the collection

Automobiles have been given to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum since its inception in 1974. Seventy percent of the current exhibited collection is composed of donations to the museum. (Others are privately owned cars on loan.)

Donating to the Permanent Collections:

- **Exhibit Collection:** Automobiles in fine condition are given to the Permanent Collections for exhibition in the thematic galleries. The autos must fit the mission of the museum, the subject of a gallery, and be in exhibitable condition, or desirable enough to merit restoration. This collection consists of the best examples of their type.
- **Education-Use Collection:** Cars deemed appropriate to use for educational purposes. They may be driven to destinations, and students and adults alike may be invited to sit in and experience the automobile.

Donors may choose to donate vehicles for the specific purpose of generating revenue:

- Donors may specify at the time of donation that they are donating an automobile to the museum for the express purpose that it be sold and the money used for a specific purpose. This decision must be directed by the donor.
- The revenue is generated through equal-opportunity public sale of the vehicle(s).

Integrity makes the collection

If an automobile is donated to the collection, it stays in the collection. The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum follows the National Standards and Best Practices for U.S. Museums as established by the American Alliance of Museums.

Rest Assured:

Automobiles (or any other artifact) donated to the permanent collection will NOT be sold to generate revenue for the museum to operate.

In accordance with museum best practices, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum ethics policy does not permit it to sell its collection artifacts and use the money to fund its operations.

In the extremely rare and unlikely incident that an object is officially removed from the permanent collection, through any means including insurance claim, sale, or trade, proceeds will be directed towards the purchase of another object for the collections, or the care of the existing collection. No object from the collections will be officially removed from the permanent collection for the primary purpose of generating revenue.

Be a part of it:

We are committed to showcasing the finest collection in the world relating to our story. We are proactively seeking to collect more automobiles through donations. Donors can be sure that the autos will be cared for and shared with generations to come.

Wish List

Many makes and models are desired for the museum's permanent collection. However, there are significant gaps in the permanent collection that we especially want to fill including:

Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg

- Auburn - 1903 - 1907
- Auburn - First and second generation Speedster
- Cord - L-29 Closed and custom bodied
- Cord - L-29 Sedan, L-29 Phaeton, L-29 Brougham
- Cord - 810/812 Phaeton
- Cord - 812 Custom Berline
- Duesenberg race car
- Duesenberg Model A
- Duesenberg Model X and Y
- Duesenberg Model J-various body styles
- Duesenberg J-supercharged

Original

- Any outstanding, original examples of Auburns, Cords or Duesenbergs

Auburn, Indiana, Built

- Such as 1908-09 Black, de Soto, Handywagon, Model, Union
- Any vehicle that is not currently known to exist

Full Classics™

- Cadillac V-16
- Buick
- Lincoln 1932-33, V-12
- Marmon V-16
- Chrysler Imperial Dual Cowl Phaeton
- Rolls Royce Phantom I
- Early 1930's Packard
- European Classics
- Unusual Custom-Bodied Vehicles

Indiana Gallery

- McFarlan- large displacement engine

Special Interest

- Large horsepower Brass Car ≥ 48 h.p.
- Chrysler/DeSoto Airflow
- Rolls Royce Silver Ghost
- 1948 Tucker
- Mercedes-Benz 300 SL "Gullwing"

Engine

- Duesenberg Model A
- Weidely as used by Auburn Automobile Company

Supporting

- 1928 -1930 Stinson Jr. Aircraft
- 1930 - 1936 Dodge boat with Lycoming engine
- pre-1900 Duesenberg bicycle