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## AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM®

### **America's Car Museum Selects 1955 Greavette 24-Foot Streamliner to be First Boat Shown in Museum**

*Display Highlights Museum's Hagerty Education Program  
Watercraft-Restoration Initiative*

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TACOMA, Wash. (October 21, 2014) – America's Car Museum (ACM), the largest automotive museum in North America, is known for its more than 300 vintage cars displayed throughout its four-story, 165,000-sq.-ft. building that overlooks Tacoma, Washington.

However, now ACM boasts its first boat – a 1955 Greavette 24-Foot Streamliner – drawing focus to the Museum's boat-restoration initiative and the Hagerty Education Program, which awards grants and scholarships to young adults seeking education in automobile and boat preservation and restoration.

“The Hagerty Education Program is mainly associated with bringing cars and trucks back to their original condition, but we also support wooden-boat restoration,” said Diane Fitzgerald, director of the Hagerty Education Program. “This Greavette will help boost visibility for the craftsmanship skills we hope will be instilled in the next generation of artisans who will keep vintage boats in the water.”

The Greavette is on loan from Al McEwan, whose cars are also featured in ACM's Master Collectors exhibit, which is recognizing McEwan and two others for their contributions to the collector-car community and in preserving, restoring, and sharing the world's automotive heritage with the public.

Greavettes were some of the last mahogany-bodied luxury boats made in North America, and McEwan's is powered by a 354-cubic-inch Chrysler “Hemi” V-8 engine. According to McEwan, it is the only 24-foot Greavette Streamliner known to have been made in 1955, and it will be displayed through September 2015.

The Hagerty Education Program recently awarded a grant to the Great Lakes Boat Building School in Cedarville, Michigan, which specializes in wooden-boat craftsmanship. In 2014, Hagerty, the world's leading insurance provider for classic vehicles and host to the largest network of classic car owners, announced it is committing \$1.75 million to the Hagerty Education Program over the next five years.

“ACM prides itself on being more than just a car museum,” said Fitzgerald. “Having this Greavette on display certainly enhances that notion and provides us with a platform to raise awareness about preserving antique boats with assistance from the Hagerty Education Program.”

**About LeMay – America's Car Museum** ([www.lemaymuseum.org](http://www.lemaymuseum.org))

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LeMay – America's Car Museum, which opened in June 2012 in Tacoma, Wash., explores how the automobile has fulfilled a distinctive role at the core of the American experience and shaped our society. The four-level, 165,000 sq. ft. museum with rotating exhibits is designed to be the centerpiece for automotive history as well as an educational center and library. The campus, offering a majestic view above the Foss Waterway, is located adjacent to the Tacoma Dome and contains a 3.5-acre show field, theatre, café, banquet hall and meeting facilities. For more information on Museum hours, becoming an ACM member, volunteer opportunities or to make a donation, visit [www.lemaymuseum.org](http://www.lemaymuseum.org).

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