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JUMP-STARTING SWAP MEET SEASON

Spring Carlisle gates open April 18

Central Pennsylvania's birds are chirping, the grass is getting green and the sound of throaty engines permeates the state's countryside, announcing that Spring Carlisle and the Spring Carlisle Auction are under way at the 82-acre Carlisle Fairgrounds April 18-22.

The Spring Carlisle Swap Meet and Car Corral is a paradise of cars, accessories and memorabilia. Approximately 100,000 attendees see more than 3,000 vendors in 8,100 vendor and car corral spaces during the event. And for those looking to buy a collector car, there are more than 1,800 vehicles of all makes, models and prices for sale in the car corral.

For the second year, a sister event takes place just one block away at the Carlisle Expo Center. The second annual Spring Carlisle Auction heralds real cars at real prices, showcasing antique, collector and special-interest vehicles. More than 250 vehicles are set to cross the block April 20-21, and will include collector cars of all types.



You never know what will appear for sale at Spring Carlisle. Last year, this 1937 Ford convertible sedan made an appearance.

MORE INFO

Spring Carlisle
1000 Bryn Mawr Road
Carlisle, PA 17013-1588
717-243-7855



2007 Amelia Island

Concours features
wondrous classics
and celebrated
race car drivers

Story and photos by Phil Skinner

A more elegant setting couldn't have been selected than the fairway in front of the luxurious Ritz-Carlton Resort standing majestically against the sea for the 12th Annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. A record number of spectators jammed the lawns where more than 240 invited entries were put on display representing nearly every era of the automobile, with a special emphasis on several segments of motorsports. This year, a record number of cars were fielded while an estimated 20,000 spectators came through the gate. The combination gave the impression, at times, that the entire field was a sea of colorful spring outfits, which completely obscured the vehicles spectators had come to see.

Making Amelia Island unique in its presentation is chairman and founder Bill Warner's desire to honor a past motorsports hero as the grand marshal. Bestowed with this very special salute was one of the most successful drivers in endurance racing, Derek Bell. With a total of five overall wins at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, combined with his trio of wins at the 24 Hours of Daytona, as well as a couple of 12-hour Sebring victories under his belt, he was very deserved of being Amelia's man of the year. Hundreds of his fans were duly impressed when he drove onto the field in the Porsche 962 coupe that he had driven to victory at one of his Le Mans wins. Most of his wins came behind



One of just 26 produced, the Hudson Italia coupe was one of the most attractive cars ever built and a last-gasp effort by a great American independent manufacturer. It was displayed by owner Wayne Carini.



One of the many special salutes presented at the Amelia Island Concours was to Coachcraft customs, starting off with the first car produced in their shops, this 1939 Mercury roadster shown by owner Derby Ahlstone.



Using aircraft technology, the 1948 Hewson Rocket was created in the Coachcraft shops with hopes of going into production, but only this Ford V-8-powered proto-

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Riding with **THE WIND** The Helicron

By Greg Riley

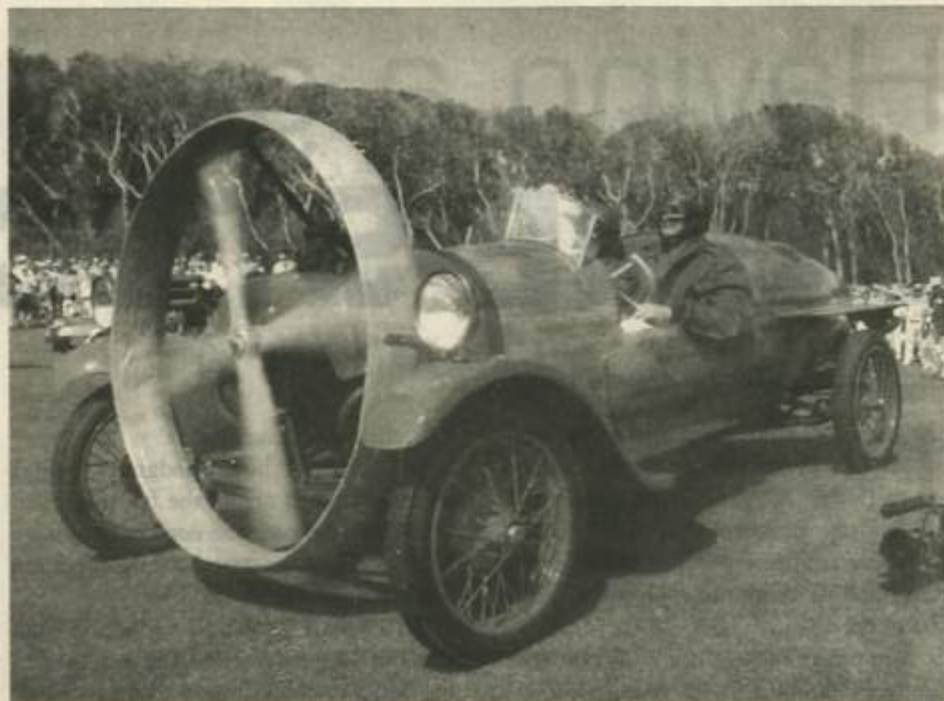
One of the most unusual car museums in the country is the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville, Tenn. The museum, which was started in 2002 by Jeff and Susan Lane, features more than 150 cars and motorcycles. The focus is on unusual European cars, including the more familiar makes such as Citroen, MG, Alvis, Renault, Morgan and Mercedes. When was the last time you saw a Trabant, Skoda, Steyr, Zaz or Zundapp? How about the one-off Helicron?

All of the marques listed above, and many more, are on display at the Lane Motor Museum. The museum is also unusual in that virtually every vehicle in the collection runs, and many are driven regularly. The Lanes are regular participants at

Amelia Island Concours, the Keeneland Concours, EuroAuto Festival and Keels & Wheels Concours with cars from the collection. Last year, Eve Hutcherson and Susan Lane participated in the women-only 1,500km Rallye des Princesses from Paris to Monaco driving a 1956 Thunderbird.

Regular events are scheduled to start the museum cars, which draw crowds of appreciative patrons. Many additional events are held at the museum, including the annual Microcar Drive on April 28 and a stopover by The Great American Race 2007 on July 2.

One of the most unusual cars in the collection has to be the propeller-driven 1931 Helicron, which was acquired in 2004. This one-off vehicle was discovered



Jeff and Susan Lane, appropriately dressed in period aviation clothing, demonstrate the Helicron at a concours.

in a French barn in 2000. The Helicron is based on a Rosengart chassis turned 180 degrees. The Rosengart originated as a French version of the Austin 7 built under license. The front axle is solid without suspension, but the rear is sprung, and the car features four-wheel mechanical brakes.

The coachwork is wood with a somewhat aeronautical flair, and the paint is an attractive French blue. The car was originally powered by an opposed ABC Scorpion engine, but is now powered by a Citroen GS 1.3-liter four-cylinder.

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**Friday, May 11th, 2007 at
10:00 a.m.**

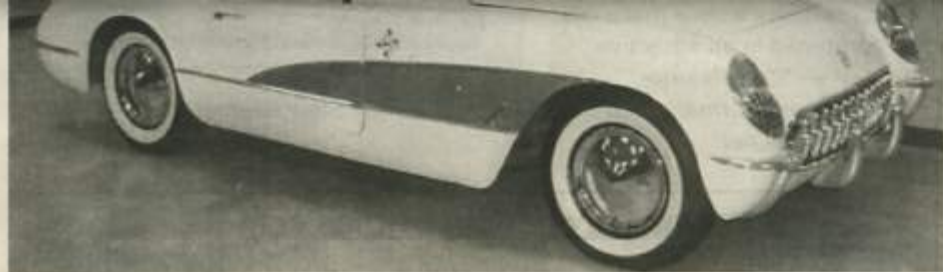
**Saturday, May 12th, 2007
at 10:00 a.m.**

Both Days Held in Milton, Wisconsin

(at exit 171B off I-39, take US 14 West 2 miles to N. Neville Rd, turn right for 2.5 miles then right on E M-H Townline Road - watch for signs!)

A great collection that is literally taken right out of the barn! Many great entry level pieces and several gems scattered throughout! Here's a great chance to add to your collection, get

Mr. Meyer enjoyed working on his old trucks! Most of the trucks have running motors, nearly all of the trucks have good wheels and many have new tires. Many of the truck



Modified with a two-tone finish, this 1954 Chevy Corvette roadster will be offered for sale April 27 at Yingling's Auction Gallery as part of the David H. Schmidt Estate sale. (Yingling's Auction Gallery photo)



This 1936 Ford two-door sedan is part of the pre-estate sale offering on behalf of Herman Bryn, presented by Bill Berg Auction Service. The sale will take place April 28 in Argusville, N.D. (Bill Berg Auction Service photo)

Erickson/Peterson Model T auction

Model T Fords are a timeless piece of American history and they changed the way we live. On May 5, VanDerBrink Auctions will present a no reserve auction of restored Model Ts from the Sam Erickson Collection and the Mike Peterson Collection.

The sale will feature a wide variety of project cars, car bodies and many parts for restoration and rod projects. It will be held in northern Minnesota on the Peterson

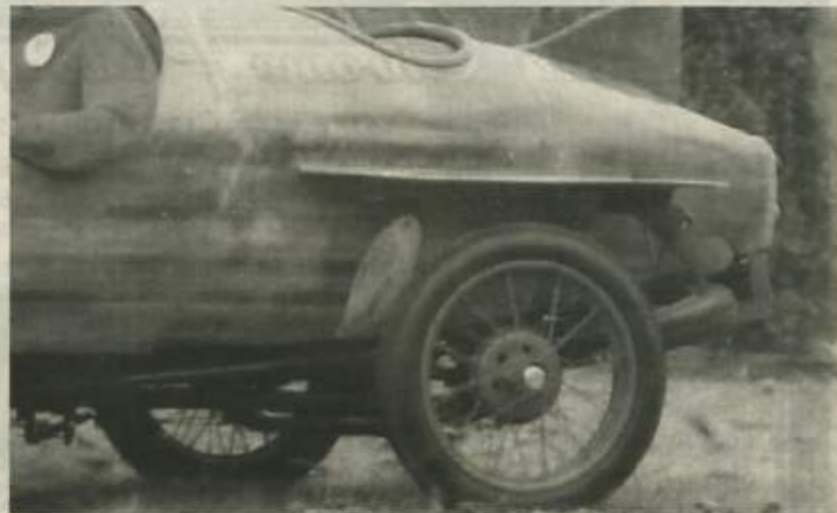


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Museum Director Jeff Lane reports that the Helicron is very loud and windy but can cruise at 30-40 mph on level ground, although acceleration is very slow. Top speed is estimated to be a gusty 60 mph. The brakes are reportedly quite good, due to the low 1,000-pound curb weight, but there is no reverse. Hill climbing is slow, and take-off on steep

grades is challenging. Jeff and Susan participated in the 50-mile Amelia Island tour of White Oak Plantation while driving the Helicron in 2006.

The museum also features an in-house restoration shop presided over by Jeff Lane and Greg Coston. Some of the collection has been restored in the shop, including the Helicron. Preparing the Helicron for Amelia Island was quite challenging with



More of an airplane without wings than an automobile for the open road, the Helicron features a large four-blade propeller, an open cockpit, a stabilizer fin and rear-wheel steering.

many midnight hours by Jeff, Greg and other museum staff and volunteers.

The Helicron is one of three propeller-driven vehicles in the Lane Motor Museum collection. There is also a 1929 Harley-Davidson-powered Wind Wagon and a L'clair on loan from the Musee' Regional de l'Air Museum in France. The Wind Wagon has an unusual provenance, having been constructed by Ted Jameson,

the uncle of legendary racer and commentator Sam Posey.

The Helicron will be exhibited at the 2007 Keels & Wheels Concours. The event will be held May 5-6 in Seabrook, Texas. Show information is available at www.keels-wheels.com. Information on the Lane Motor Museum and many cars from the collection can be seen at www.lanemotormuseum.org.