



AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM®

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## **LEMAY: AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM OPENS STEVE SALEEN RETROSPECTIVE**

*Renowned Tacoma, Wash. automotive gallery unveils a year-long exhibit celebrating a legacy of racing and road cars by acclaimed racer-turned-automaker Steve Saleen*

*“Saleen: A Journey from the Heart of a Racer to America’s Supercar” features 17 historic vehicles, including early race cars, Saleen Mustangs, S7 supercar, S1 and more*

**TACOMA, Wash. (Nov. 20, 2019)** — For the next 12 months, racing fans, high-performance car buffs and other automotive enthusiasts can get up-close and personal with historic vehicles and articles from a true American automotive legend – all at a world-class museum facility in the Pacific Northwest.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, [LeMay: America’s Auto Museum](#) (ACM) in Tacoma, Wash. opened the facility’s first year-long lifetime retrospective dedicated to a single automotive personality – internationally acclaimed racer-turned-vehicle manufacturer **Steve Saleen**, and his Corona, Calif.-based company, [Saleen Automotive](#).

The exhibit, “**Saleen: A Journey from the Heart of a Racer to America’s Supercar**” offers visitors a unique display of Steve Saleen’s rich automotive history, spanning over four decades. Visitors can enjoy a variety of historic vehicles on display, including Steve Saleen’s personal racing machines, early Saleen Mustangs, the Saleen S7 (considered America’s first supercar), and examples of the company’s new *Saleen 1* midengine turbocharged sports car and recently unveiled Saleen 1 GT4 concept race car. The exhibit initially features 17 Saleen vehicles, with additional cars rotating into the exhibit throughout the year-long display.

- 1976 March B Formula Atlantic race car driven by Steve Saleen
- 1984 Saleen Mustang
- 1987 Saleen Mustang race car
- 1988 March Indy Race Car driven by Steve Saleen
- 1992 Saleen Race Truck (winner of the SCCA RaceTruck Challenge)
- 1995 Saleen S351 Mustang
- 1996 Saleen Mustang Le Mans race car

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- 2001 Saleen S7 supercar featured in the film “Bruce Almighty” (2003)
- 2004 Saleen SA-20 Mustang
- 2005 Ford GT (engineered and manufactured by Saleen under contract to Ford)
- 2005 Saleen Mustang featured as police Decepticon *Barricade* in “Transformers” (2007)
- 2006 Saleen S281 Mustang in “Molly Pop” hot pink
- 2014 Saleen SA-30 Mustang
- 2019 Saleen S302 Mustang “Black Label”
- 2020 Saleen Sportruck XR
- 2020 Saleen 1 sports car (street version)
- 2020 Saleen 1 GT4 concept race car

The Saleen exhibit at ACM officially opened to the public on Saturday with a ‘Saleen and Caffeine’ event that invited visitors to meet Steve Saleen and enjoy a guided tour of the display. The exhibit opened to record attendance on Saturday morning, with Saleen owners and enthusiasts across the Pacific Northwest gathering for the event.

“It’s an honor to stand here in America’s Car Museum’s beautiful facilities with vehicles representing over four decades of my life and career,” said Steve Saleen, founder and CEO of Saleen Automotive. “I’m proud of our past achievements, but I also look forward to continuing our legacy into the future with unique new Saleen vehicles and a global presence in motorsports.”

In addition to showcasing the uniquely American automotive brand, the “*Saleen: A Journey from the Heart of a Racer to America’s Supercar*” exhibit aims to inspire the public with Steve Saleen’s illustrious career in automotive engineering, design and manufacturing.

“This is more than a chance for the community to get up close to some of the most extraordinary cars in the world,” said ACM CEO Jennifer Maher. “This is also an opportunity for young people to see that there’s a clear career path in automotive technology and people like Steve Saleen are the role models.”

For more information on “*Saleen: A Journey from the Heart of a Racer to America’s Supercar*” and to purchase tickets visit: [www.AmericasCarMuseum.org](http://www.AmericasCarMuseum.org).

For more details on Saleen Automotive and Steve Saleen, visit [www.Saleen.com](http://www.Saleen.com), or follow Saleen on social by using on Facebook at [Facebook.com/Saleen](https://www.facebook.com/Saleen) , or by using [@Saleen](https://twitter.com/Saleen) on Twitter and [@Saleen](https://www.instagram.com/Saleen) on Instagram.

### **About Saleen Automotive, Inc.**

Saleen is dedicated to transforming the transportation experience. For over 35 years, the California-based automotive manufacturer has redefined driving through high-performing vehicles that combine championship-winning racing pedigree with innovative technology and distinctive styling.

From the first Saleen Mustang in 1984 to the legendary S7 in 2000 and the groundbreaking new Saleen 1, company founder Steve Saleen has continually set the bar for vehicle design and performance engineering on streets and racetracks worldwide. In addition to its distinctive *Saleen Signature* and *Saleen Original* vehicle lines, Saleen offers a wide variety of technical parts, lifestyle accessories and apparel for those with a passion for performance. Learn more at [www.saleen.com](http://www.saleen.com).

**About LeMay – America’s Car Museum**

America’s Car Museum (ACM), a member of America's Automotive Trust, is an international destination for families and auto enthusiasts to celebrate America’s love affair with the automobile and learn how it shaped our society. Based in Tacoma, Wash., the stunning 165,000-sq.-ft. facility has been recognized as one of MSN’s 10 Best Automotive Museums worldwide, USA Today’s 10 Best Museums in Seattle and KING5’s Best Museum in Western Washington. ACM serves as an educational center for students of all ages, features 12 rotating exhibits and hosts AAT’s annual Signature Events. For more information, visit [www.americascarmuseum.org](http://www.americascarmuseum.org)

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