

JANUARY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



PROGRAM: **Tour of National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States (NATMUS) in Auburn, IN, featuring a new Video on the 1953 Futurliner restoration**

LOCATION: Dinner – Auburn House Restaurant – 131 W. 7th St (corner of 7th & Jackson)
Program – NATMUS Museum
1000 Gordon Buehrig Place (behind ACD Museum)

DATE / TIME: **Wed., January 19, 2005** 5:30 pm Social @ Auburn House (blue star)
(see map below) 6:00 pm Dinner @ Auburn House
7:00 pm Program @ NATMUS (red star)

COST: **\$17.00** SAE Members and Retirees
\$21.00 Non-member and walk-in registration
\$10.00 Students
\$5.00 Tour Only

MENU: (Buffet) Homemade Lasagna, Auburn House Chicken, Red Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Italian Salad, Chocolate Cake, and Breadsticks

RESERVATIONS: ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY January 14. Company reps are listed on the last page. On-line reservations may now be made at the Section web site: <http://www.saesections.org/fortwayne/>



1953 Futurliner (under restoration in Michigan)



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About the Program ...

Celebrating 100th Anniversary of SAE and 100th Anniversary of International Truck

NATMUS is a non-profit museum with emphasis on post World War II cars and trucks but with vehicles on display from 1908 "high wheelers" to current production pick-ups. NATMUS is housed in the former Service and Experimental Department buildings of the Auburn Automobile Company. These are two of the few remaining factory production buildings of the company.

Each year there is a very colorful and exciting road rally that takes place in Mexico called "La Carrera Panamericana". The race began in 1950 to celebrate the opening of the Pan-American Highway that runs the length of Mexico. The three original La Carrera vehicles on display are believed to be the most currently on display in a single place in America.

NATMUS features a display of International products ranging from a 1909 Autowagon through several 1990's prototype trucks and the Endeavor. The Endeavor held the land speed record of 226 mph for diesel-powered trucks at the Bonneville Salt Flats from 1992 thru 2000.

Trucks rumbled by in the background, working, always working. But what child didn't stop in play to look up and envy the driver? At NATMUS, you'll see trucks from throughout automotive history, from 1909 to present with approximately 45 trucks on display.

Visit NATMUS and travel back in time with your classic - remember the back seat you rode in as a child, the car you took to your senior prom, the car that accompanied you on your honeymoon. They have about 75 cars on display, mostly post-war models of the 1940's thru the 1970's.

The toys and models on permanent display should bring back memories from your childhood. Don't be surprised if you find yourself pointing and exclaiming out loud with others.

1953 GM Futurliner

After spotting Bob Valdez's Futurliner (converted into a motor home) while on a business trip in Palm Springs, California in January of 1998, Don Mayton knew he had to have one. His search led him to the National Automotive and Truck Museum in Auburn, Indiana where they not only had one awaiting restoration, but they had a "Partner Program" where he could take it home to restore and they would help raise the estimated \$200,000 to complete it. The museum owns the Futurliner and Don and his crew of volunteers are content to be part of an effort to bring the Futurliner back from the past. We will watch a new video on the restoration that is taking place in Michigan.


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March – Couples Night – watch for announcement

April 6 – Student Competition Night



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