



NAAM 2017 Annual Conference: March 21-24, 2017 On the Road: Telling History Via Many Different Routes

WELCOME!

Welcome to the NAAM 2017 Annual Conference! The theme for the conference is “On the Road: Telling History Via Many Different Routes” hosted by the LeMay Family Collection in the Seattle/Tacoma area.

About Spanaway & Seattle-Tacoma

The LeMay Family Collection at Marymount is in Spanaway, Washington, which is five miles south of downtown Tacoma, Washington, on the main tourist road to Mount Rainier National Park. Culturally, because of the military and Boeing industrial/machinist influences, the area is one of the richest “car cultures” in the United States. (Maybe it’s that we’ve never used salt in winter, too.) Pierce County, where we’re located, has one of the highest registrations per capita of anywhere in the United States for classic and vintage cars. It’s also in close proximity to Seattle (approximately 20 miles from SeaTac airport), where some of the best history, technology, art and cultural attractions in the country are located. Tacoma, itself, has built an entire industry around a nearly quarter billion dollars in private investment in cultural tourism through its museum attractions (Highlights include the Museum of Glass, Tacoma Art Museum, LeMay – America’s Car Museum, and the Washington State History Museum, etc.). There’s lots of green and “The Mountain” (Mount Rainier) is always lurking over it all. The main industries are technology, industrial, retail, universities, tourism, and agriculture.

Information About LeMay Family Collection

The LeMay Family Collection Foundation is a non-profit 501c3 organization with most of its operations at Marymount. Marymount is a historic 87-acre property – a former boys’ military academy run by the Sisters of Saint Dominic. On this property, we are open as a car museum where we have three buildings with over 500 vintage vehicles on display year-round. We also have displays of other Americana and memorabilia (vintage motorcycles, radios, dolls, gas pumps, etc.). We run the museum as a hybrid of a self-guided tour of one building and a docent tour of other buildings. Not just a car museum, the LeMay Family Collection at Marymount is also a place for collections of things that were important to the industrialization of America in the 20th century. If we can figure out how to tell the story, in terms of why it mattered to the automobile, we’re open to creating space for it. It’s still a young museum on a tight budget, but it’s getting its groove rather nicely.

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Tourism Convention & Visitor’s Bureau Info

www.traveltacoma.com

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Host Hotel & Accommodations

A hotel room block is reserved for the conference at the Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel & Conference Center. Please make reservations early. Click [National Association of Automobile Museums](#) or call 253.848.1500 and say you are with the “National Association of Automobile Museums” group to make your reservations.

Room Rate: \$109.00/night (Including tax, the nightly total is \$124.72).

Also, the hotel is extending the conference room rate for several days before and after the block for anyone who would like to visit the area outside the conference dates.

This conference hotel is nine miles from the LeMay Family Collection at Marymount. Rooms come with free WiFi, flat-screen TVs with DVD players and Keurig coffeemakers. They also have microwaves and minifridges. A hot breakfast buffet is complimentary, as are all-day cookies and hot drinks. Other amenities include a fitness room and an indoor pool with a whirlpool tub and terrace, as well as 3 conference rooms. Happy Hour at the Fireside Bar & Bistro is Monday-Friday from 8pm-Close.

Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
620 S Hill Park Dr, Puyallup, WA 98373
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Additional Transportation Information:

The closest international airport is the Sea-Tac International Airport (35 miles north of Marymount, 29 miles from the host hotel). Sea-Tac is the North American Hub for Alaska Airlines and the West Coast International Hub for Delta Airlines.

Getting a rental car or using a taxi or Uber driver may be your best way of reaching the host hotel or Marymount after arriving at the airport.

NOTE: Transportation from host hotel to destinations will be provided on Wednesday and Thursday of the Conference. Conference attendees will need to coordinate their own transportation on Tuesday and Friday of the Conference. We strongly suggest a rental car, Uber, or some other taxi service.

Rental Cars & Shuttle Info: <http://www.portseattle.org/Sea-Tac/Parking-and-Transportation/Ground-Transportation/Pages/Rental-Cars.aspx>

Regional Bus Routes: Check out Pierce Transit for more specific instructions from your location (take Pierce Transit Bus Route #1 to Spanaway from downtown Tacoma).

Weather: Washington is not known as the “Evergreen State” for nothing! The Seattle-Tacoma area has a reputation for being rainy and green - we always say it’s best to dress in layers.

Conference Dress:

Attire for the conference is business casual, and business or cocktail attire for the concluding banquet and awards ceremony.