



# KEMPAUTOMUSEUM

*Classic Cars Classic Venue*

St. Louis, Missouri



*Discover why there is  
nothing like the  
Kemp Auto Museum*

# Welcome to the Kemp Auto Museum

Founded in 2005, the Kemp Auto Museum is the only museum in the United States featuring Mercedes-Benz and many award winning cars on loan from private and public collectors. With a permanent collection that spans 125 years, the museum actively enhances the depth and range of its holdings to reflect the brilliant artistry, craftsmanship and engineering of rare and classic automobiles from around the world.

The first museum to focus on early Mercedes-Benz, the inventor of the automobile, this collection explores the impact of European design and technology and its lasting influence on descending generations of cars. Though most cars on display in the museum were hand-crafted luxury vehicles — many belonging only to a handful of elite drivers — they revolutionized the motoring world like nothing before, opening new avenues of innovation for succeeding vehicles to explore and reinvent.

Some of these cars were renowned for their unique styling, others for their impressive performance and others still for the people who once drove them. At every turn, visitors will learn exciting insights on early automobiles, their unique history and their cultural value. Sweeping with the energy of a different time, these vehicles have transformed along with society.

Through the world wars and a great depression, the establishment and removal of great political powers and the social revolutions, these cars have continued to connect us to the people and places of our past. A myriad of special exhibits, public programs and auto shows

broaden the scope of the museum and help make it the place it was envisioned to be — a cultural center where enthusiasts, tourists and visitors can gather, discuss and appreciate the automobile.

Ask the information desk for details on upcoming public and member events or visit the museum website at [www.kempautomuseum.org](http://www.kempautomuseum.org).

Enjoy your visit and check back regularly. The museum frequently adds special exhibitions and visiting cars to its collection throughout the year.



## Collection Highlights

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL
1886	Benz	Patent Motorwagen *	1960	Mercedes-Benz	220SE Cabriolet
1930	Mercedes-Benz	SSK *	1960	Mercedes-Benz	220SE Coupe
1931	Mercedes-Benz	370S Mannheim	1960	Mercedes-Benz	300d Adenauer
1935	Mercedes-Benz	500K Special Roadster *	1961	Mercedes-Benz	300SL Roadster
1939	Mercedes-Benz	540K	1965	Mercedes-Benz	190Dc
1950	Mercedes-Benz	170 S	1965	Volkswagen	Karmann Ghia
1951	Mercedes-Benz	170S Cabriolet	1967	Mercedes-Benz	230S
1952	Mercedes-Benz	300b Cabriolet	1972	Mercedes-Benz	600
1955	Mercedes-Benz	300SC	1973	Mercedes-Benz	Unimog
1958	Mercedes-Benz	180 D	1973	Rolls Royce	Silver Shadow
1958	Bentley SI	Freestone & Webb	1975	Trabant	601S Deluxe
1959	Mercedes-Benz	190SL	1977	Volkswagen	Super Beetle Cabriolet
1959	Mercedes-Benz	220SE Sedan	1978	Volkswagen	Microbus

\* Restored



## Enhance Your Museum Experience

The Kemp Auto Museum is home to some of the rarest Mercedes-Benz in the world and other classic automobiles, dating from 1886 to present day. Through an array of programs and activities, the museum offers visitors an opportunity to view and learn about the contrasts between prewar and postwar engineering and design, the development of automotive technology and the influence of major political and cultural movements in Europe and America.

There are a variety of ways to experience the museum:

**Docent Led Tour:** Docents highlight permanent and revolving exhibits and offer new insights through technical, cultural and historical points of view.

### AUDIO TOURS

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HISTORY THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD

CHILDREN'S TOUR

\$2.00 PER GUEST  
20-25 MIN. PER TOUR

**Audio Tour:** The audio tour guides visitors through the exhibition, offering historic and richly-narrated commentary on some of the museum's most remarkable automobiles.

### Self-guided Tour:

An interesting and reflective tour at your own pace, enhanced by historical murals and interpretive panels.

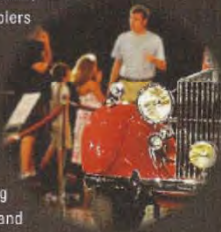
**Museum Library:** Visitors are given access to the museum's vast collection of rare books, prints and other materials relevant to the history and development of its exceptional collections, open Tuesday – Sunday, 10am to 1pm. Special hours and tours available by appointment.



## Group Tours and School Programs

The Kemp Auto Museum welcomes groups by reservation, extending its interactive exhibits and educational programs to a wide audience, ranging from pre-schoolers to adults. Group tours include curriculum-based tours, hands-on exhibitions and workshops. Group visits are available at reduced rates for a minimum of ten and are conducted during public hours as well as before and after regular museum hours.

To book a group tour please contact the information desk at (636) 537.1718 or email [info@kempautomuseum.org](mailto:info@kempautomuseum.org)



## Support the Museum

The Kemp Auto Museum is a nonprofit historical institution fulfilling the mission of the Fred M. Kemp Foundation by preserving and perpetuating the heritage of rare and classic automobiles for future generations. Your contribution will carry on the museum's tradition of selfless, visionary giving first started when founder Fred M. Kemp gifted his lifelong collection of Mercedes-Benz. It will help support the growth and expansion of the museum as a thriving cultural center. Your gift will enrich the community and the entire world with acclaimed collections, exhibitions and programs. It will also sustain the appreciation and ever concentrated understanding of prewar and postwar automobiles of the highest, most enduring quality.



There are many ways to give to the Kemp Auto Museum – from cash donations and automobiles, to memorabilia and literature. Automotive collectors interested in preserving their collection are encouraged to consider the Kemp Auto Museum, where all members of the community can enjoy their automobiles, learn from them and be inspired by them for generations to come.

For more information, visit our web site at [www.kempautomuseum.org/donations](http://www.kempautomuseum.org/donations) or contact the Executive Director at (636) 537.1718.

## Annual Events & Exhibitions

The Kemp Auto Museum has quickly evolved as a "destination" for auto events and exhibitions in St. Louis.

Major yearly events include:

### Concours d'Elegance:

Every May, crowds gather for the only invitational display of world class automobiles in the St. Louis area.

**Past & Recurring Events:** Jaguar Show, Classic Car Show, Ferrari Show, Austin Healey Show, Porsche Show and Big Truck Day. Please visit [www.kempautomuseum.org](http://www.kempautomuseum.org) or call (636) 537.1718 for specific dates and times.



## Event Space Rental

Go the extra mile and host your next event in a venue of distinction, class and elegance. Whether hosting an intimate, low-key dinner for 50 or a large extravaganza for 800, the Kemp Auto Museum is perfectly poised to carry out every detail of your affair with style and imagination.

To reserve a date for your next meeting, fundraiser or private event contact the Director of Events at (636) 537.1718 or email [events@kempautomuseum.org](mailto:events@kempautomuseum.org).



1886



1939



1954



1959



1961



1972



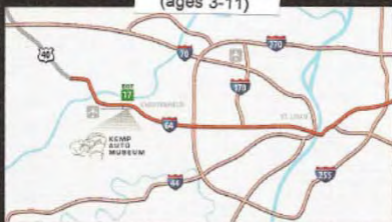
The Kemp Auto Museum is home to one of the country's finest collections of rare and classic Mercedes-Benz automobiles. Discover unique finds and classic beauties during your visit.

## Hours

Wednesday – Sunday  
10 am – 5 pm

## Admission

Adults \$9.00  
Seniors \$7.00  
Students \$7.00  
Children \$5.00  
(ages 3-11)



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