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### **Recently Restored 1950 Martin Stationette to be Unveiled at Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance**

**Nashville, TN, February 25, 2008**--- Lane Motor Museum will unveil the one-of-a-kind 1950 Martin Stationette during the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance to be held March 9, 2008. Museum restorers spent countless hours sympathetically restoring the Martin Stationette back to operable condition.

The 1950 Martin Stationette was originally created with maple, spruce, and other woods, and parts from many different vehicles including Harley-Davidson, Studebaker, and even Chevrolet. Using period photographs, a set of blueprints, and a 1974 magazine article to gather design information on this extremely rare vehicle, the Martin Stationette was pulled apart, restored, and put back together piece by piece.

Originally manufactured by the Martin Aeroplane Factory, the Stationette was the last of three vehicles designed by James V. Martin. The car is a chain-drive, all-wooden monocoque construction. It has a 4-cylinder Hercules engine, is rear wheel drive, and could reportedly reach a top speed of 107 miles per hour. Shown at the 1954 World Motor Sports Show where it won Grand Prize, the Stationette was offered as "America's economy car of the future." Martin failed to convince anyone to produce the Martin Stationette in mass quantities, and the car remained a one-off prototype.

Upon return from Amelia Island, the 1950 Martin Stationette will join two other Martin cars on the exhibit hall floor at Lane Motor Museum – the 1928 Martin Aerodynamic Car and the 1932 Martin Martinette, which is on loan from the Cradle of Aviation Museum. All three Martin cars are one-off prototype cars.

#### **About Lane Motor Museum**

Lane Motor Museum showcases approximately 150 unique cars and motorcycles from around the world. Cars on display represent countries from Asia, Europe, North and South America, and date from 1924 to 2003. Highlights of the Museum include the largest Czechoslovakian vehicle collection outside Europe, microcars, amphibious vehicles, alternative fuel vehicles, competition cars, and prototypes. The vehicles on the floor are regularly rotated to keep the exhibit floor fresh for returning guests. The Museum also offers a display of automotive art, a play area for children, and a gift shop.

Lane Motor Museum welcomes guests Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday; Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors (55+), and free for children 17 and under. Group rates are available. Lane Motor Museum is located at 702 Murfreesboro Pike just minutes from downtown Nashville. For more information on the Museum, call (615) 742-7445 or visit the website at [www.lanemotormuseum.org](http://www.lanemotormuseum.org)

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