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## **An Electric 1942 Peugeot VLV is a Rare Find for Lane Motor Museum**

### ***One of only 377 produced***

**Nashville, TN, January 14, 2008---** During World War II, gasoline was scarce and many European car manufacturers were looking for alternative sources of fuel to meet restrictions imposed by occupying forces. In order to meet these demands, Peugeot, one of the oldest car makers in the world, developed its first electric car, the Peugeot VLV. VLV stands for *Voitures Légères de Ville* - (Light City Car).

The Peugeot VLV is a simple, four-wheeled open car powered by an electric motor. This rear engine, rear wheel drive car could obtain a top speed of 22 miles per hour. While many common comforts and adornments are missing from this car, the vehicle had a range of up to 50 miles and was considered a luxurious option to walking. The total weight of the car is 800 pounds, of which 350 pounds consisted of four 12-volt batteries. Although many small electric vehicles were produced in France during the late 1930s and early 1940s, very few electric vehicles may be found today.

The 1943 Peugeot VLV joins another Peugeot car, a 1949 Peugeot Triporteur (3-wheeler), and a 1920 Peugeot Propeller Bicycle, already part of the Lane Motor Museum collection.

### **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 display 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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