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1932 Martin Martinette joins 1928 Martin Aerodynamic Car at Lane Motor Museum

Nashville, TN, July 5, 2006. A 1932 Martin Martinette has joined the 1928 Martin Aerodynamic for display at Lane Motor Museum. The 1932 Martinette is on loan to Lane Motor Museum from Owls Head Transportation Museum located in Maine. Both vehicles are one-of-a-kind vehicles.

At the 1932 National Automobile Show in New York, James V. Martin displayed two experimental rear-engine cars of his own design, the four-wheeled Martin Aerodynamic and the three-wheeled 1932 Martin Martinette (photo attached). While they incorporated numerous airplane design features, they were also streamlined along Jaray principles.

The Martinette has a wooden frame, aluminum body, and independent wheel suspension by rubber cord. Access to the Martinette is through a single door in the front of the car. These two prototypes never entered into production.

After the Great Depression and World War II, James Martin made another attempt at the Martinette and also another three-wheeled vehicle called the Stationette (currently undergoing restoration at Lane Motor Museum). Both of these vehicles failed to capture the interest of financial backers.

The 1932 Martin Martinette will be on loan at Lane Motor Museum for one year. Both vehicles are currently on display at the Museum.

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 1922 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 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

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