



The Enthusiasts Collection Project & FAQs

We invite fellow enthusiasts to join our Enthusiasts Collection Project by exhibiting their beautiful vehicles for the benefit of our visitors and community. Participation in the Enthusiasts Collection Project will ensure a vibrant rotation of vehicles, whether it be cars, motorcycles, or trucks, in connection with our collection focus.

Benefits of participating:

- Your car will be seen with an array of beautiful and interesting vehicles.
- Your showing at the museum can add to your vehicles' pedigree.
- Your car will have a placard telling its story while giving personal recognition to you for your donation or loan.
- Your car will be displayed in a secure climate-controlled environment.
- Your car will be professionally maintained for exhibit
- You will receive the story placard for your car at the end of your loan.
- You will be recognized as an Enthusiast Collection Member on our recognition board and Website.

The Graham Motor Museum

Mailing Address: 905 Sussex Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54703 – 715-829-7733

How to Participate:

Vehicles can be loaned or donated to the museum. We are developing a list of vehicles that can potentially be displayed in the museum. The timing for display of selected cars will be based on a number of factors including the vehicle's availability as well as its relationship to current exhibits. Our objective is to show your car and keep the rotation of vehicles fresh for our visitors.

If you have an interest in displaying your vehicle at the museum contact Mike Markin at 715-829-7733 or send an email to TheGrahamMuseum@gmail.com

Frequently Asked Questions

What factors are considered in accepting a vehicle or artifact for loan or donation?

There are a number of important factors that are taken into account when reviewing a vehicle or item for acceptance including, but not limited to, the following questions:

- How does it fit the museum's mission?
- What is its current or future exhibit potential?
- Does the vehicle/item possess any unique or rare features?
- What story does it tell?
- What is its condition?
- Can we properly care for it?

Please contact us if you have a vehicle or artifact that you think may benefit our collection, even if you are not sure.

How secure is my vehicle or artifact at the museum?

We realize that the security of your loan or donation is important to you. Our facility doors are locked at all times when the museum is not open. Access during non-operating hours is limited to the museum officers. We have installed a state-of-the-art fire and burglary system, which is professionally monitored 24/7. Fire Marshall recommended fire extinguishers are located throughout the facility.

While your vehicle is in the museum, we will do our best to protect your item from the harm of others. You will be given the choice to have your vehicle roped off or not. Artifacts that are easily handled will be secured in appropriate display cases and cabinets. Only specially trained staff/volunteer members will be allowed to keep your vehicle clean while on display. In addition, we will have volunteers on the floor during open hours to keep an eye out as visitors pass through.

How do I start the loan or donation process?

Contact us either by email at TheGrahamMuseum@gmail.com or call Mike Markin at 715-829-7733. We will contact you about your donation or loan. Once in motion, we will ask you to fill out and submit an application for your object, along with recent and detailed photographs of the object in question. Your application will then be reviewed and we will contact you regarding its status.

If accepted, what documentation is needed to complete my loan or donation?

- Loan Documentation**

We require proof of insurance from the vehicle owner and a signed Loan Form (provided by the museum)

- Donation Documentation**

We require a signed vehicle title in the name of the donor without a lien and a signed Deed of Gift (provided by the museum)

How long is a typical loan to the museum?

If your vehicle is taken in on loan, the loan period will be agreed upon between you and the museum. The length of the loan can run 1 – 2 years. However, shorter periods will be considered based on vehicle availability, museum exhibits, and programs the museum is running. Loan documents must be completed (provided by the museum).

Does the museum accept donations or loans with restrictions?

No. The museum is not able to accept any items with restrictions that could prohibit the use or display of the items.

How is my loan or donation credited when it is on display at the museum?

All vehicles and motorcycles will be displayed with an informational story placard, which includes donor/lender information. Placards can be customized to include important details such as “in memory of” or “in honor of” as well.

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes. The Markin Foundation, Inc. d/b/a The Graham Motor Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the state of Wisconsin and as such you may be able to claim the “fair market value” of your non-cash donation to the museum as a tax deduction. Every donor will receive a donation letter, an official Deed of Gift, and required IRS forms in acknowledgement of their donation. We encourage you to consult your tax adviser and to review the IRS Publication 4303: A Donor’s Guide to Vehicle Donations.

How do I determine the value of my non-cash donation? Are vehicle appraisals necessary?

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), allows taxpayers to deduct the Fair Market Value of your gift to the museum. It is the responsibility of the donor to determine the Fair Market Value. The IRS requires that any donated item or collection valued over \$5,000 be appraised. By law, the museum cannot provide appraisals for donors as the IRS considers such activity a conflict of

interest. We can provide a list of national appraisal services upon request. You may also want to obtain IRS Publication 561 – Determining Fair Market Value.

Will I receive a museum membership in exchange for my donation?

No. Due to IRS tax deduction restrictions and non-profit regulations, The Graham is unable to provide any goods or services in exchange for your donation. This includes complimentary memberships and passes.

How will my donation to the museum be used?

It is the museum's intent to use all donated vehicles, motorcycles, and artifacts for interpretive display and/or educational purposes. However, not all items are able to always be on display and items often rotate and may be stored for some time. In the rare instance that an item is identified as a duplicate item, or non-relevant to the museum's collection, the item may be sold.

Can I have a “For Sale” sign displayed with or on my vehicle when it is loaned to the museum?

No. The museum does not permit such signage within the exhibits. However, you are not precluded from promoting your vehicle elsewhere. There are several local, regional, and national magazines in which you can list your vehicle for sale. The internet also offers a variety of options for selling it.

Will the museum accept my unfinished restoration project?

It depends. Occasionally project vehicles and motorcycles may be accepted for use in an educational program for students. Project vehicles may also be accepted if it meets the mission of the museum and there is an outside funding mechanism to ensure completion of the project.

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