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**“Art and the Automobile” – July 25, 2008**

Stunning cars, passionate art, heritage sites, bucolic landscapes: “Art and the Automobile” will showcase them all in the Eastern Townships of Quebec from Thursday, October 2, to Sunday, October 5, 2008. The headquarters for this unique cultural event will be the Davis-Kell Farm at 3605 Chemin Griffin in Ogden.



As a car aficionado, successful businessman Terry Kell has long dreamed of establishing an annual car rally and automobile show in the Eastern Townships that would evoke the spirit of the legendary Mille Miglia road race in Italy. As an avid amateur photographer and art devotee, he wanted to include a “photo rally” and an art exhibition as part of the proceedings. He has spent most of the last year to planning “Art and the Automobile” with a team of experts from both Canada and the United States.

Registrants for the Rallye du Chemin des Cantons will have the opportunity to drive on winding country roads when the fall foliage is at its peak and visit sites on the historic Townships Trail.

Photo rally participants will have the opportunity to photograph cars in motion and on display. They will also get the chance to explore the Townships countryside and photograph a wonderful variety of subjects, including local heritage venues. They will screen and discuss their work with a team of professionals headed by Californian Jesse Alexander, a master motorsports photographer and the author of *Driven, Forty Years of Motorsport Photography*, and *Porsche Moments*.

On Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5, the general public is invited to visit an automobile show at the Davis-Kell Farm. Among the cars on display will be:

- Vehicles designed by internationally renowned Montreal automotive designer Paul Deutschman, the guest of honour at “Art and the Automobile”
- The stunning new Deutschman-designed Callaway C-16 Speedster
- Up to fifty automobiles noted for their exceptional design
- A collection of microcars



Visitors will also be able to see Canada's oldest automobile—a steam buggy built in 1867 by inventor Henry Seth Taylor in Stanstead, just minutes from the Davis-Kell Farm. The Taylor car is returning to the Townships for the first time since it left in 1960. *"We're very grateful to the Science and Technology Museum in Ottawa for making the car available to us,"* Terry Kell says. *"It's a privilege to have it on loan."*



Visitors will also be able to visit an art exhibition at the Davis-Kell Farm. Jesse Alexander will show some of his acclaimed motorsports images in an exhibition entitled "Pushing the Envelope."

Other prominent artists exhibiting at "Art and the Automobile" will include Ontario glass sculptor Stephen Brathwaite and Montreal-based painter and poster artist Alain Levesque, both of whom have done exciting commissions for the event.

Award-winning Townships photographers Louise Abbott and Niels Jensen will assist Jesse Alexander in the photo rally, present a show called "Horsepower," and launch their new photo book, *The Heart of the Farm*.

There will also be an exhibit of automobile-inspired artwork by children from an orphanage in Nepal run by Child Haven International, a charitable organization close to Terry Kell's heart.

Everyone is welcome to attend the automobile show and art exhibition on Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5. Part of the daily admission fee of \$10 will be donated to Child Haven International ([www.childhaven.ca](http://www.childhaven.ca)); the Rediker Volunteer Center in Stanstead; and local historical societies.

The car rally and photo rally will be open to registrants only.

To register for the car rally or photo rally or to obtain more information, please visit [www.artandtheautomobile.com](http://www.artandtheautomobile.com). You can also email [info@artandtheautomobile.com](mailto:info@artandtheautomobile.com) or contact Terry Kell, director general of "Art and the Automobile," at 1-613-301-1000.



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