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AMANDA BERRY RECEIVES SENTIMENTAL GIFT FROM LATE GRANDFATHER NEARLY TWO DECADES LATER

*The restored 1986 Monte Carlo SS will debut at the
Summit Racing Equipment I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama in March 2020.*

Cleveland, OH (January 13, 2020) – The Summit Racing Equipment I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama, March 13-15, 2020 at the I-X Center, will debut Amanda Berry’s restored 1986 Monte Carlo SS at this year’s show. This feature car, restored by the students at Max S. Hayes High School under the direction of Greg Boykin, will proudly be displayed on John Shapiro Cruisin’ Time All-Stars on Thunder Row all weekend for an estimated 55,000 attendees to see.

It may just be an ‘86 Monte Carlo SS to most, but this car is more than that to Berry, kidnapping survivor, activist and best-selling author. Berry’s love for cars started as a young girl through a bond she shared with her grandfather and when she was to turn 16, the car would be hers. Unfortunately, this gift sat idle because Berry was kidnapped on April 21, 2003, one day before her birthday.

Seventeen year’s later, Berry no longer has to wait for her dream car because of the dedication and generosity Boykin and his team at Max S. Hayes High School have shown. From the floorboards to the exterior, the students will have spent more than 500 hours refurbishing the ‘86 Monte Carlo SS.

“The show has a deep commitment to working with local schools through our Career Day and Hotrodders of Tomorrow programs,” said Steve Legerski, Show Manager. “When Greg from Max S. Hayes brought this project to us, we knew debuting a car like this at the Piston Powered Auto-Rama would be the perfect platform.”

This project goes beyond restoring a classic car. By reviving the life of the Monte Carlo SS, it highlights the goodness of humanity and the memories Berry shared with her late grandfather. The restoration was made possible by Amanda Berry, Axelrod Collision Center, Dollar Bank, Evercoat, Greg Boykin (Auto Repair Collision Instructor), Max S. Hayes High School, Meguiar’s, Safelite AutoGlass, Sherwin-Williams and Summit Racing Equipment.

For more information about Amanda Berry’s Monte Carlo SS restoration, please visit pistonpowershow.com/amanda-berry.

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ABOUT THE I-X PISTON POWERED AUTO-RAMA:

The I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama is the largest indoor showcase of custom cars, trucks, antique construction equipment, motorcycles, tractors, planes, military equipment and more of its kind in the

world. Each year the weekend-long event fills more than one million square feet of space with over 1,200 vehicles at the I-X Center in Cleveland, Ohio. For more information, please call 216-265-7223 (RACE) or visit pistonpowershow.com.

ABOUT THE I-X CENTER:

The International Exposition (I-X) Center in Cleveland, Ohio is one of the nation's premier exhibition facilities. It is the largest single building convention center in the United States, comprised of 2.2 million sq. ft., including more than one million sq. ft. of flexible presentation space. I-X Center is conveniently located adjacent to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, just 15 minutes southwest of downtown Cleveland, with nearby hotels and secure on-site parking for more than 7,000 vehicles. The I-X Center has hosted more than 1,500 events attracting 50 million visitors during the past 30 years. For more information, visit ixcenter.com. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Youtube and Instagram @IXCenterCLE.