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Carl Casper's Auto Show Goes Big with Grand Finale Celebration

Legendary cars, celebrities, rock 'n' roll festival, low rider hopping and more.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (February 17, 2017) — After 55 years, the Carl Casper Custom Auto Show bids Louisville farewell — but not before throwing a grand finale celebration Feb. 25-26. Record-breaking crowds are expected to flood exhibits for the last chance to take in this collection of vintage, custom and celebrity cars. The event is one of the longest running in the history of the Kentucky Exposition Center.

Larger than ever, the final show will fill the West Wing, North Wing, East Hall and South Wing A and B Saturday, Feb. 25 9 a.m.-11 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 26 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Fan-favorite events and features include:

- Low Rider Hopping Nationals
Saturday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Finals on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 2 p.m., Freedom Hall
- Koolville: traditional, custom and rat rods
- Celebrity cars: "Fast and Furious" cars driven by Paul Walker and Vin Diesel; Dale Earnhardt's Famous #3
- Historical Hollywood cars: "Batman the Movie" and "Batman Returns" Batmobile; "Dukes of Hazzard" General Lee; "Knight Rider" K.I.T.T. 2000

Celebrities will also make appearances at the show, meeting with attendees and signing autographs:

- WWE Superstar Daniel Bryan
Sunday, Feb. 26 at 12-3 p.m., South Wing A
- Animal Planet's "Project Grizzly" bear trainer Jeff Watson
Saturday, Feb. 25 at 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 26 at 12-4 p.m., North Wing
- "Jessie & Bunk'd" star Skai Jackson
Saturday, Feb. 25 at 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., South Wing A

The crowd is sure to be "all shook up" when rock 'n' roll performers take the WAKY Radio Stage in the West Wing. Tributes include Elvis, The Beatles, Jerry Lee Lewis, Rod Stewart, Neal Diamond and more. A complete schedule with performance times is available at www.carlcasper.com.

Superheroes will be out in full force collecting for charity, while pinstripers paint for charity auctions that run throughout the weekend.

Tickets are available at the door: \$17 for adults and \$5 for children age 6-12. Children age 5 and under are free. Parking is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.

For more information, including how to get discount coupons, visit www.carlcasper.com.

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One of the 10 largest facilities of its kind in the U.S., the [Kentucky Exposition Center](#) (KEC) features 1.2 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space, including Freedom Hall, an indoor arena that seats 13,500 people. The facility's class "A" exhibit space totals 677,000 square feet and accommodates a wide range of events year round. KEC is the permanent home of the Kentucky State Fair, National Farm Machinery Show, Eddie Ford Kentucky Hoopfest and North American International Livestock Exposition. For more information, go to www.kyexpo.org.

Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, KEC is easily accessible and just seven minutes south of downtown Louisville. Entrances to the facility are located off Phillips Lane, Crittenden Drive and Preston Highway. Parking is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.