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# SPEED. AMERICAN SPEED.

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## The American Speed Festival showcases NASCAR, Indy and more.

HOW MANY TIMES have we ogled a significant historic race car in a show or museum and wished we could have seen and heard it running in its day? For most of us, way too often.

That's the beauty of the American Speed Festival, held in October at the M1 Concourse in Pontiac, Michigan. As with Goodwood or Monterey, it's not just the sights but the heart-pounding sounds

of all those great cars charging around that track: engines warming up on grid, hard acceleration down the straights and snappy downshifts into the turn.

Pontiac's M1 Concourse, located just northwest of Detroit, is an 87-acre playground for auto enthusiasts that boasts a 1.5-mile, 11-turn road course, 250 private garages, a sizable event center and its own motorsports club. 🏁



The event honored Richard Petty with some of his famed No. 43 machines circling the track.