

# AACA Grand Nationals & Zenith Competition Event Information

Final brochure will be available by April 14<sup>th</sup> online.

## AACA Grand Nationals & Zenith Competition

August 20-22, 2026 ▪ Allentown, PA

The NB Center for American Automotive Heritage

**Limited to 500 vehicles!**

[Register and pay online at AACA.org](#) using your AACA member number and PIN – it's quick and easy!

You may also fill out a registration form and mail it in with a check.

**Name badges are required for all activities at The NB Center.**

**Deadline: July 22, 2026;** NO refunds after deadline date.

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### Event Locations:

**The NB Center for American Automotive Heritage**, 570 Union Blvd, Allentown, PA 18109

**America On Wheels**, 5 North Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102

**Mack Trucks Historical Museum**, 2402 Lehigh Parkway South, Allentown, PA 18103

**The Palace Center**, 623 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, PA 18109

### Host Hotel:

#### Hyatt Suites Allentown West

621 Grange Road, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18106 (22 minutes from The NB Center)

**ALL ROOMS HAVE BEEN SOLD OUT AT THIS HOTEL**

**Membership Roundtable, AACA Judging School and Judges' Breakfast will all be held at the host hotel.**

### Alternate Hotels:

#### Homewood Suites by Hilton Allentown Bethlehem Center Valley

3350 Center Valley Parkway, Center Valley, Pennsylvania 18034 (22 minutes from The NB Center)

King Studio Suite, \$150, includes breakfast

King 1-Bedroom Suite, \$160, includes breakfast

Booking Link: [Click here to book a room](#); Or call Erica Jones: 610-351-6400 x159, reference AACA Room Block '26

#### Hilton Garden Inn Allentown Bethlehem Airport

1787-B Airport Road, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18109 (8 minutes from The NB Center)

Deluxe King, \$179, includes breakfast

Deluxe 2-Queen, \$179, includes breakfast

Booking Link: [www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/aacagrandnationals2026](http://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/aacagrandnationals2026); Or call Becky Zavilla: 484-245-0402, reference AACA Grand Nationals 2026

#### Moxy Allentown Downtown

949 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18101 (12 minutes from The NB Center):

Rooms, \$109, Booking Link: [Click here to book a room](#)

**Trailer Parking** will be at Coca-Cola Park (located across from The NB Center) and **all trucks and trailers must use the entrance at American Parkway and IronPigs Way.** All trucks and trailers should be removed by 12 p.m. on Sunday, August 23.



## Schedule of Events:

### Thursday, August 20

7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Trailer Parking at Coca-Cola Park  
12 p.m. – 4 p.m. Registration Pickup & Merchandise Sales inside The NB Center Visitor Center  
6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Welcome Reception at America On Wheels

### Friday, August 21

7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Trailer Parking at Coca-Cola Park  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration Pickup & Merchandise Sales inside The NB Center Visitor Center  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Zenith Display & Judging inside The NB Center Visitor Center  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Open House Session #1 at The NB Center  
11 a.m. Race Car & Motorcycle Checks  
1 p.m. Membership Roundtable at Hyatt Suites Allentown West  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Open House Session #2 at The NB Center  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m. AACA Judging School at Hyatt Suites Allentown West  
4:00 p.m. (approx.) Zenith Award Ceremony inside The NB Center Visitor Center  
7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Desserts & Ice Cream Social at Mack Trucks Historical Museum

### Saturday, August 22

6 a.m. – 10 a.m. Trailer Parking at Coca-Cola Park  
7 a.m. – 10 a.m. Registration Pickup at Show Field Entrance  
Only Show Cars Can Enter Show Field  
7:30 a.m. Judges' Breakfast at Hyatt Suites Allentown West  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Merchandise Sales on Show Field  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Show field open to the general public at Pedestrian Guest Entrance  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Judging of Show Cars  
6 p.m. Awards Dinner at The Palace Center

## The NB Center for American Automotive Heritage

The NB Center for American Automotive Heritage is a 27-acre, park-like campus dedicated to preserving, restoring, and actively driving historically significant American automobiles. Supported by more than 20 skilled professionals, the NB Center maintains a 200-car collection spanning 1910–2017. They also operate a specialty vintage engine rebuilding machine shop and a classic car maintenance and repair center serving collectors nationwide. As a benefit for Grand National registered participants, you will have the opportunity on Friday to enjoy exclusive access to select workshops and collection buildings for a firsthand look at the craftsmanship and mission that fuels the NB Center.

## Zenith Display

Now in its 10th year, the Zenith Award is an event that celebrates some of our members' best restorations, and with only 18 vehicles being selected from the 2025 Nationals this year is no exception. The Zenith competition will be held inside The NB Center Visitor Center from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Friday, August 21. Members are invited to view the cars while they are being judged and to attend the awards ceremony at the end of the day. Admission on Friday is free for AACA members, so please wear your name badge.

## **Event Highlights:**

### **Thursday, August 20**

#### **Welcome Reception at America On Wheels, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Visit the museum and enjoy an evening of food and drinks. Our menu for the night includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. No museum charge for paid reception attendees.

### **Friday, August 21**

#### **Zenith Display inside The NB Center Visitor Center, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

#### **Zenith Award Ceremony inside The NB Center Visitor Center, 4 p.m.**

#### **The NB Center for American Automotive Heritage Open House, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

The NB Center will offer **Grand Nationals registered participants ONLY** the opportunity for a behind-the-scenes look at select workshops and collection buildings during two open house sessions. Registered participants may select from a morning or afternoon session and may arrive anytime during their scheduled session time. This is a self-guided experience. Upon check-in at The NB Center Visitor Center, participants will be provided a map of the open buildings, which will be staffed by technicians who will be available to answer questions. Please keep in mind that there is a generous amount of walking as there are several buildings to visit. Buildings are handicap accessible and there is a limited number of golf carts to provide lifts as needed.

#### **Membership Roundtable at Hyatt Suites Allentown West, 1 p.m.**

#### **AACA Judging School at Hyatt Suites Allentown West, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

#### **Desserts & Ice Cream Social at Mack Trucks Historical Museum, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Take in the museum with your AACA friends as you enjoy a plethora of different desserts and an ice cream bar. No museum charge for paid reception attendees.

### **Saturday, August 22**

#### **Grand National Show Day at The NB Center**

Free admission for all AACA members and their guests. Please wear your Grand National participants lanyard or bring your AACA membership card for quick entry at the AACA membership entry point. General public (non-AACA members) will be charged a nominal donation for admission that benefits the local car museum, America On Wheels. Entry with donation at General Public entry point. *NOTE: This is the visitor policy of The NB Center, not the AACA.*

#### **Awards Dinner at The Palace Center, 6 p.m. (only 1 mile from The NB Center)**

A wonderful meal to celebrate our great members and their fabulous cars. Awards will be presented after dinner.