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New Exhibit Educates Travelers on the REVolution of Racing Sports Cars

PHILADELPHIA – Travelers who missed the Philadelphia Auto Show that wrapped earlier this month can get their automotive fix by walking through the corridor that connects Terminal E and F at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL).

A new exhibit, *The REVolution of Racing Sports Cars*, features more than 100 photos taken by Michael Furman that celebrate the evolution of international racing sports cars from the early 1900s to 1970. The exhibition is on view through August 2016 and is accessible to ticketed passengers.

The cars that are pictured and are currently on display at the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum, a short drive from the Airport in Southwest Philadelphia. The museum, considered to be one of the world's greatest collections of racing sports cars, was founded by Philadelphian Dr. Frederick Simeone. Dr. Simeone has said that his love for sports cars is in his DNA. His father passed his passion on to him.

Founded in 2008, the museum features more than "65 historically significant cars" that include Alfa Romeo, Aston Martin, Bentley, Bugatti, Chevrolet, Ferrari, Ford, Jaguar, Mercedes-Benz, and Porsche. Dr. Simeone has devoted more than 50 years creating this extensive collection that he refers to as "the spirit of competition."

The Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum has received several prestigious honors from the renowned International Historic Motoring Awards – Museum of the Year (2011), Publication of the Year (2012), and Car of the Year (2014). It is also home to the 1964 Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe – the first automobile to be named to the National Historic Vehicle Register and Historic American Engineering Record, a permanent archive of the Library of Congress.

"This exhibit documents an amazing collection of international race cars housed less than one mile from the Airport. I hope that once passengers see the photographs that they will be inspired to visit the Simeone Museum in person to see the cars first-hand," said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. "That is one of the most compelling components about the Airport's Exhibitions Program – the ability to share many of Philadelphia's cultural treasures with visitors from around the world."

This exhibition is presented by the Exhibitions Program at Philadelphia International Airport. For more information, visit phl.org or email art.airport@phl.org.

For more information about the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum, visit simeonemuseum.org.

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The REVolution of Racing Sports Cars features pictures by Michael Furman of the cars on display at the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum in Southwest Philadelphia, less than one mile from the Airport.

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