Thirty Years! The Museum opened its doors 30 years ago on November 5, 1989. It was a day of great fanfare and celebration. The Museum’s 30th Anniversary will be marked with the same excitement…but this time with decades of gratitude for everyone who has helped us reach this milepost through their generosity.

In 1989 we were focused on fundamentals – from selling admission tickets and running a store to operating equipment and perfecting customer service skills. Who knew what 30 years would bring – we didn’t think it would be flood, fire and famine, but it was (1997 flood, 2014 arson fire, and many financial challenges). Those were the road bumps. Our future was filled with so much more – national and international recognition, countless awards, notable programs and a museum and collection that still captivates visitors.

While day-to-day operations and a 30-year-old facility continue to occupy a good portion of our day, it’s gratifying programs like our new STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) field trips that symbolize what we’ve become. Thanks to a generous grant from the Hart Foundation, we developed an immersive STEM program for 3rd-6th grade students from low income, high needs schools. It offers exceptional learning opportunities and earned the Museum a First Place NAAMY Award of Excellence in Education in the annual competition of the National Association of Automobile Museums.

Please know your contribution today to our Annual Giving Campaign is an investment that will extend our journey into the next 30 years. Please give generously – your support is needed more now than ever. A pledge form and return envelope are enclosed for your convenience. If you prefer, you may call the Museum at (775) 333-9300 or go to automuseum.org to make your donation.

For 30 years our friends, donors, members, Board of Trustees, staff, volunteers, community and the collector car arena have embraced the Museum. We can’t begin to express our gratitude for your generosity and support.

With sincere appreciation,
The NAM team