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## **San Diego Automotive Museum Announces New Exhibit: Alternative Fuel: The Power Around Us**

*Exhibit, presented by Wheelhouse Credit Union, runs through June 6<sup>th</sup>*

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**SAN DIEGO, CA** – The San Diego Automotive Museum has announced its newest exhibit, **Alternative Fuel: The Power Around Us**. Presented by Wheelhouse Credit Union, the exhibit offers the opportunity to experience the ever-evolving world of alternative fuel technology in automobiles. The special exhibit will run through June 6<sup>th</sup>.

As eco-friendly alternative fuels become more common and widely accessible, the exhibit features educational panels exploring the history of alternative fuels and automobiles. Vehicles on display in the exhibit include SWIGS Pro Racing Electric Superbike, Honda FC Sport Mockup, 1924 Ford Model T “Hydrogen-powered Depot Hack,” M-Pulse Solar Racing Car, and UCSD Solar Model Car. Power sources for these vehicles include battery-electric, hydrogen fuel cells, hydrogen internal combustion engines, and solar cell.

“I think it’s important to tell the story that alternative fuels for powering automobiles isn’t a new idea. Nicholas-Joseph Cugnot built a self-propelled vehicle with a steam engine in 1769. Thanks to our friends at Wheelhouse Credit Union we get to tell the story here at the San Diego Automotive Museum,” said Lenny Leszczynski, CEO, San Diego Automotive Museum.

The exhibit is sponsored by Wheelhouse Credit Union as part of its multi-year partnership with the museum. “Presenting this exhibit brings together two of the credit union’s passions: our commitment to sustainability initiatives and San Diego’s treasured community institutions,” said Wheelhouse Credit Union President/CEO Lisa Paul-Hill. “We’re excited to partner with San Diego Automotive Museum to tell the story of alternative fuels that support a clean environment in an educational and entertaining way. We encourage our community to visit this one-of-a-kind exhibit before June 6<sup>th</sup>.”

The exhibit features unique panels exploring the comprehensive history and evolution of alternative fuels, including:

- The story of battery-powered electric vehicles, hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, hydrogen internal combustion engines, and solar cells.
- The history of gasoline-powered cars and how they were once considered alternative fuels.
- The evolution of hybrid cars and the potential for widespread conversion of gasoline engines to hybrid or electric motors.
- The drawbacks of battery-electric cars and the issue of range with an electric vehicle.
- The remarkable results with solar cars and technological advancements coming onto the market.

Individuals who are interested in learning more about San Diego Automotive Museum exhibits can visit the SDAM website at <https://www.sdautomuseum.org/exhibitions>.

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**About the San Diego Automotive Museum:**

Since 1988, the mission of the San Diego Automotive Museum is to tell the story of the social and technological past, present, and future of motorized vehicles throughout its collections, exhibitions, and educational programs. For more information, please visit [www.sdautomuseum.org](http://www.sdautomuseum.org).