

DBusiness Daily Update: Locally Produced Hot Rod Documentary Lands Tim Allen, Chip Foose, and More

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Notable car guys Tim Allen and Chip Foose will be featured in the "Detroit: A City of Hot Rods and Muscle Cars" documentary. // Courtesy of Keith Famie

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"Detroit: A City of Hot Rods and Muscle Cars," a documentary by local filmmaker Keith Famie, will include interviews with celebrity car enthusiast Tim Allen and designer Chris Foose, host of the "Overhaulin" television series and owner of Foose Designs.

Allen's personal car collection includes an original Shelby Cobra, a 1968 Pontiac GTO, a Dodge Demon, 1932 V8 Ford, vintage and modern Mustang GT350s, a modern Ford GT, a 1996 Chevrolet Impala SS with the LT5 V-8 from a C4 Corvette ZR-1, 1968 Camaro "restomod," and a modified Nova, and a Tesla Model 3, with which he says he has a "love/hate relationship."

"I wanted Tim to share his vast knowledge of the impact Detroit had on the world of 'let's go faster,' 'let's build it better,'" Famie says. "Allen's real respect is for those who looked at an everyday ride and said, what if we do this or do that? Will it look better? Could it be faster? Will it handle smoother?"

The footage includes Allen driving his 1950s series 60 Cadillac. While doing so, he made sure Famie and his crew felt the power under the hood of his Caddy as they circled the neighborhood that houses his private collection.

The documentary also will include an interview with Fosse, who got his start from watching his father, Sam Foose, a self-taught master welder, painter, and panel beater who displayed extraordinary mechanical skills.

"Throughout the interview, Foose was sketching and when our interview came to an end, he held up what took him a very short time to create: a tribute to Detroit with the line, 'You know, whether it's a muscle car, a hot rod, a pickup truck, no matter what it is. They all have one thing in common. They're all born in Detroit," Famie says.