



**Pomona, CA (Feb. 2, 2016)** – A roadster built by volunteers and students from the Alex Xydias Center for Automotive Arts at Fairplex sold for \$105,000 at this past weekend’s Barrett-Jackson auto sale. Barrett-Jackson, The World’s Greatest Collector Car Auctions®, kicked off its 45th anniversary in Scottsdale, Arizona with a docket filled with more than 1,500 rare and collectable vehicles, the AXC roadster being one of them.

In collaboration with L.A. Roadsters car club, passionate expert volunteers donated their time and worked with the students from the Alex Xydias Center for Automotive Arts – a division of The Learning Centers at Fairplex – to build a 1932 Ford as a tribute to America's most iconic roadster, the quintessential Bob McGee Hi-Boy. The tribute evoked the sporty look of the original with modern safety and comfort amenities added.

After dozens of bids, the 1932 Ford Hi-Boy “McGee Tribute” sold Jan. 30 for \$105,000, with 100 percent of the hammer price benefiting AXC.

The Alex Xydias Center for Automotive Arts is a program developed in collaboration with automotive business owners and classic car enthusiasts to offer high school students a two-year automotive program that allows them to gain the confidence and hands-on experience needed to enter the automotive industry. Students explore concepts and skills in basic mechanics, diagnostics and service, auto body, metal fabrication and restoration.

“Everyone at The Learning Centers at Fairplex is extremely grateful to the volunteers, L.A. Roadsters and Barrett-Jackson for supporting our AXC students during the development, building and selling of the iconic 1932 McGee Roadster,” said Margie Shamblin, manager of education at The Learning Centers at Fairplex. “Through the support of partners like Barrett-Jackson, L.A. Roadsters and the unique resources of the Fairplex campus, we can continue to support young students interested in the automotive industry.”

In addition to the selling of the car, two of the most significant entities in the motor sports industry also recognized and celebrated the hard work of AXC students this past weekend. Rob Mullner from JC Whitney and John Wells from Mecum Auctions presented a \$7,220 check at the Grand National Roadsters Show Jan. 30 to benefit the Alex Xydias Center for Automotive Arts. Both JC Whitney and Mecum are huge supporters of AXC.

For more information on The Learning Centers, visit [tlcfairplex.org](http://tlcfairplex.org).

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