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## NASCAR LEGEND RAY EVERNHAM RETURNS TO HOST SEASON THREE OF VELOCITY'S HIT SERIES 'AMERICARNA'

(New York) – Velocity's hit series **AMERICARNA** returns to television next month with NASCAR legend Ray Evernham leading viewers through revolutionary moments in automotive culture. In the all-new season, premiering **Thursday, March 3 at 9 PM ET/PT**, Evernham opens the door to stories involving amazing cars and celebrity superstars. Ray explores the fascinating details behind the disastrous sinkhole that swallowed the showroom at the National Corvette Museum and visits with car loving A-list celebrities such as country music star Tim McGraw, racing legend Dan Gurney and blue's musician Joe Bonamassa.

"This new season of **AMERICARNA** offers more exclusive, captivating stories than ever before," said Robert Scanlon, General Manager of Velocity and Automotive Content. "Ray picks up where he left off as one of the most knowledgeable car experts around. He has greater access to industry insiders and headline makers to bring extraordinary stories to the **AMERICARNA** series."

"I can't wait for Velocity's viewers to come along with me for another season of exploring the most interesting car stories America has to offer," said Evernham. "I'm interviewing passionate car people from the music and racing industries, drag racing vintage hot rods on the beach, witnessing Corvettes that were destroyed by sinkholes being brought back to life and much, much more. Young, old, male or female, **AMERICARNA** will have a little something for everyone."

Season three of **AMERICARNA**, world premiering **Thursday, March 3 at 9 PM ET/PT**, begins with the special one-hour story of the National Corvette Museum sinkhole that made international headlines in 2015. Ray goes inside the rebuilding process of some of these invaluable Corvettes,

revealing exclusive footage of a milestone moment in the history of General Motors as the company restores Corvette #1,000,000.

Evernham also heads to Music City – Nashville, Tenn. – to work with renowned <u>Big Machine</u> <u>Label Group</u><sup>®</sup> President and CEO Scott Borchetta in sharing his extensive car collection and the story behind each one. From leading the world's biggest independent record label (home to artists like Taylor Swift, Florida Georgia Line and Tim McGraw) to serving as Contestant Mentor on FOX's "American Idol", Scott balances his work life with his car passion as he currently is a threetime champion at Nashville Speedway.

**AMERICARNA** is full of new car related stories including the tale behind the renowned oldfashioned hot rod race The Race of Gentleman (TROG). Featuring autos from 1934 or earlier, TROG participants race their old-fashioned wheels in vintage apparel down the coast of the New Jersey Shore. Also new this season, Evernham explores the legendary Beverly Hills Speedway, as well as racing icon Dan Gurney and his #48 AAR Eagle. The brand-new season of **AMERICARNA** world premieres **Thursday, March 3 at 9pm ET/PT** on Velocity.

**AMERICARNA** is produced for Velocity by Coolfire Studios and **AMERICARNA** Productions. For **AMERICARNA** Productions, Ray Evernham and Rick Hendrick are executive producers. For Coolfire Studios, Jeff Keane, Tim Breitbach and Steve Luebbert are executive producers. For Velocity, Joshua C. Berkley is executive producer, David Lee is vice president of production and Robert Scanlon is general manager of Velocity and Automotive Content.

## **About Velocity**

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