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Above: Andy Saunders' latest custom creation in progress...

Beaulieu tells us:

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Well renowned car customiser and brand ambassador Andy Saunders is set to unveil his latest creation at Beaulieu's [Custom and American Show](#) on Father's Day, Sunday 15th June.

Originally designed by Dodge's Bill Brownlie and brought to life by legendary customiser George Barris, the Dodge Daroo debuted on the 1967 show circuit. Built on the new Dodge Dart Convertible platform and painted in eye-catching Pearl Yellow, it was dubbed "*The car that revolutionised the Hot Rod scene.*" In 1968, it reappeared with updated styling, a two-tone candy green paint job, and a more refined look, but then vanished into history.

With only six surviving exterior photos and no technical documentation, Andy Saunders has spent months recreating this forgotten legend. His version, named Daroo 1/3, reflects both versions of the original while adding a new chapter to its history.

Daroo 1/3 now joins Andy's celebrated lineup of builds, which includes three Guinness World Record holders. Its international debut at this year's show is set to be a real highlight for fans of custom automotive industry.

Andy will also be on the lookout for his favourite custom car at the show as he presents the coveted Andy Saunders' Award. Owners of custom or American vehicles can still book their participant tickets to show off their ride and be in with a chance of taking home this prestigious award or one of the many others including The People's Best in Show, The Solent Renegades Choice or the Brian Ackland Memorial award. Classic American Magazine will also be attending, selecting a finalist to attend their Classic American Car of the Year final at the Classic Motor Show in November.

As always at the Custom and American Show, which falls on Father's Day, there will be



plenty for all the family to enjoy.

Fans of TV and film are in for a treat at this year's show, where a star-studded lineup of legendary vehicles will be on show in a special feature display. From cult classics to animated favourites, the display brings together some of the most famous cars to ever hit the big screen.

Step back in time with the DeLorean time machine from *Back to the Future*, or relive the high-tech crime-fighting action of the '80s with KITT, the intelligent Trans Am from *Knight Rider*. Supernatural fans won't want to miss the iconic '67 Chevy Impala, and film buffs will recognise the '74 Chevy Nova featured in *Pulp Fiction*. Also on display is the '87 Chevrolet Corvette C4 from *The A-Team*, and the beloved 1963 Volkswagen Beetle Herbie.* For younger fans, the display includes a full-size replica the colourful Mystery Machine from *Scooby-Doo*.

Fans of all ages can also check out the Transformers display, featuring the Optimus Prime truck, the sleek Bumblebee Camaro, and even walking Bumblebee and Megatron robots.*

As always, visitors can enjoy a selection of live music at the show. Whether you're relaxing or hitting the dance floor, there'll be plenty of toe-tapping tunes to keep you in good spirits. This year features Dorset-based country/folk band Route 66 and Craig Jefferson's lively Elvis tribute act! Adding to the atmosphere, a local cheerleader group will be performing vibrant routines throughout the day.

Visitor and participant tickets include admission to the whole Beaulieu attraction, including the [National Motor Museum](#) and its new display, *Icons of F1*, opening on 24th May, as well as [Palace House](#) and its newly refurbished bedrooms, open to the public for the first time this year. There is also the 13th-century Beaulieu Abbey, Monorail, Secret Army Exhibition, Brabazon Restaurant and Little Beaulieu, the adventure playground. Plus, Beaulieu's brand new feature exhibition '[We Had One Of Those](#)', where visitors can get back in the driving seat of cars from their past. Discover Beaulieu's packed events calendar at



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Kim adds: Don't Miss Beaulieu's Spring Autojumble

Over the weekend of 17th and 18th May will be held Beaulieu's Spring Autojumble – ideal for finding parts for restorations, automotive literature, etc, etc. A great day out for any classic vehicle enthusiast.