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Old Car Festival 2021 Participant Information

Summary

At the longest-running antique car show in America, you will be immersed in the moving stories of the early automotive era, perfectly set in the place where the history of the American automobile not only is passionately preserved, but also comes to life every day. From the turn of the century to the Great Depression, Old Car Festival in Greenfield Village offers a raucous ride of vehicles that epitomize the earnest optimism of the American Dream.

Generations of car owners share their passion with fans during this beloved tradition, showcasing an astounding array of restored vehicles in an authentic hometown setting that brings you right into a long-ago moment.

Wander through the Village and talk to owners about their treasured vehicles. The ongoing Pass-in-Review parade is a car lover's dream, as electric, steam and gas-powered engines are constantly in motion around you. Watch drivers engage in games of skill, see a Model T assembled in just minutes, or just sit back and enjoy our experts sharing "car talks" while historic vehicles cruise.

Ragtime America comes to life in the center of Greenfield Village with historically-inspired street food, music, dancing and even a cake walk. Plan to stay late Saturday evening for the Gaslight Parade of Cars, and dance along with popular music of the Ragtime era. Cap off the evening with a Dixieland-style parade and a fireworks finale.

Application & Participant Information

For Application and Participant information please visit: <https://www.thehenryford.org/participants/>. This page will be updated to the most current information as it comes in. Check prior to arrival.

Check-In & Credentials

Check-In:

All participants in the 2021 Old Car Festival program must pick up their packet at Check-In. Stop *FIRST* at Check-In, and pick up your participant packet. Walk-up registrations will not be considered. If you have not received communication by email after submitting an online application, your application may not be in the system.

If your vehicle is accepted, you will be asked to select a check-in time. **YOU MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRIVE DURING CHECK-IN HOURS.** If you have an emergency on the way and will be arriving after check-in, you must call our Security Team at 313.982.6096. When you call, please identify yourself as a participant and specify that you need to make arrangements to enter the Village after hours.

Check-In Hours: Thursday, September 9, 2021 – 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
 Friday, September 10, 2021 - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 Saturday, September 11, 2021 - 7:00 am – 12:00 pm

An email containing further Check-In information, including the location and a map, will be sent one week prior to the event. This information, along with the most up-to-date information can also be found at <https://www.thehenryford.org/participants/>.

Credentials & Packets:

Each accepted participant will receive a packet at Check-In containing the following items:

- **Participant Wristbands** – These are your credentials for the weekend. They identify you as a participant, allowing you admittance to the Village and Museum Saturday and Sunday of Old Car Festival weekend. Your wristband must be securely worn on your wrist for the duration of the weekend.
 - The wristbands are not valid for rides, movies, or the Ford Rouge Factory Tour.
 - Participants will receive four wristbands per single accepted application. Participants with multiple entries will receive four wristbands for the first entry and one for each additional entry for up to six wristbands. There are no exceptions, and no additional wristbands will be provided, so please plan accordingly.
 - If you wish to leave participant wristbands for guests arriving at a later time, you may leave them in an envelope with staff at Participant Check-In on Friday evening. They will be delivered to the Will-Call window located at the front of the Greenfield Village Ticket Building for the weekend. After Friday evening, wristbands should be taken directly to the Will-Call window. Please direct your guests to pick them up there.
 - Only registered participants **with wristbands** will be allowed to enter Greenfield Village through the Village Service Road with their vehicle.
 - Only registered participants **with wristbands** will be allowed to enter Greenfield Village prior to 9:30am.
 - Please inform your guests that they must enter Greenfield Village through the Main Village Entrance.
- **Vehicle Dashcard** - Unique to you and your vehicle, provides important information for our parking crew, narrators, and guests. PLEASE place the card visibly on the windshield of your vehicle as soon as possible. PLEASE leave it in place at all times while in Greenfield Village. You will also receive your village parking designation at check-in.
- **Popular Choice Ballot** - Use this to vote for your favorite vehicle at the event. (Yes, you can vote for your own.)
- **Commemorative Vehicle Dash Plaque** - Limit one per packet.
- **ON REQUEST - Participant Discounted Admission Coupon** –Can be used to purchase up to a TOTAL of four (4) admission tickets to Greenfield Village in any combination (Senior/Adult/Youth) at the member price. This discount applies to Greenfield Village admissions only and is valid for Motor Muster weekend. Tickets for any other venue must be purchased separately at full admission price.
- **ON REQUEST - Participant Ride Pass Coupon** - Can be used to purchase up to a TOTAL of four (4) Ride Passes at the member price. This discount applies to Ride Passes only. Individual ride tickets must be purchased at regular price.

After Check-In:

After check-in, vintage vehicles will enter Greenfield Village through the service road leading into the Village. Tow/chase vehicles may enter the village through this gate, drop off supplies and equipment, and return to the designated parking lot to park.

Modern Vehicles, Parking & Shuttle Services

Look forward to a postal mailing in the two weeks prior to Old Car Festival. We will be accommodating overnight parking for campers, motorhomes, and trailers. The parking map will be sent prior to Old Car Festival. Shuttle service will be available. We will be using modern parking lots both on campus and in close proximity to Greenfield Village. All parking designations, maps and schedules will be included in the August mailing.

*There will be designated parking near the shuttle stops at each parking area nearest the shuttle for those with mobility challenges. The Participant Shuttle will drop off and pick up near Eagle Tavern. You may also enter and exit Greenfield Village in your historic vehicle at any time. The Eagle Tavern Lot is not available for participant use.

If you need to bring any modern vehicles or trailers into the Village, please be aware:

Modern vehicles of any kind are not allowed in Greenfield Village before 5:30 pm on FRIDAY, between 9:15 am – 9:30 pm on SATURDAY and between 9:15 am – 5:30 pm on SUNDAY.

Shuttle service will be available between the parking lot and Eagle Tavern. To return from the Village, pick-up the shuttle near the Eagle Tavern. Wristbands must be worn on your wrist and cinched tight prior to entering Participant Shuttles and Greenfield Village.

Shuttle Hours: Schedule and information will be confirmed prior to the event. Check as event gets closer.

Friday - 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Saturday - 7:00 am - 9:30 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

During the Event

- Vintage vehicles will be displayed in Greenfield Village and may be kept on the grounds the entire weekend. Ramps or docks for unloading and loading are not available, nor is covered parking.
- All period vehicles will be on display in rough chronological order throughout Greenfield Village along the roads for guest viewing.
- Wheelchairs and scooters are available from Guest Services at the Village Ticket Building on a first-come, first-served basis.
- You may cover your vehicle while parked in the Village overnight; however, it must be uncovered before 9:30am the following morning, when the Village opens to guests.
- Greenfield Village will be open to the public 9:30am-9:00pm on Saturday and Sunday 9:30am-5:00pm. There will be special events as well as open driving. All participants are expected to showcase their vehicle during the times Greenfield Village is open for Old Car Festival.
- Selling of any kind is not allowed in Greenfield Village during guest hours except by approved vendors.

Pass-In-Review:

During Old Car Festival, we have many presentations taking place at the Main Stage. These are narrated by our team of expert historians. Pass-in-Review is one such presentation. Our team in the field will notify participants when it's time to proceed to the main stage with their vehicle. Once at the stage, our automotive historians provide information about your vehicle type to the crowd of spectators. They will normally include unique and innovative features found on this model as well as any other include vehicle information you have included in the application.

The reviewing stand is located on *Main Street* at *Washington Boulevard*. Ample covered bleacher seating for guests will be located across from the reviewing stand. All times will be listed in the Program.

Activities:

Automotive Demonstrations - Will take place on Walnut Grove. These activities are designed to give our guests an idea of what early motoring was like. There will be narrated demonstrations on side-curtains installation, different forms of early lighting such as acetylene and propane lamps, as well as electric and steam cars.

Car Games - Will also be held on Walnut Grove. The games *really* give you an opportunity to show off your vehicle and your driving skills. They allow our guests to see you and your car in action in a fun setting and help put the "festival" into the event. We have scheduled the games to make it easy for you to get involved. All participants receive a ribbon for playing in the Car Games. You can participate as often as you like on either or both days, but you will receive only one ribbon.

Gaslight Tour - Beginning at 7:00pm as darkness falls, all are invited out into the streets of Greenfield Village for the Gaslight Tour. Whether its gas, kerosene, or early electric, all are welcome.

Special Event - Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 7 p.m. – Look for evening programming and event details on the website (<https://www.thehenryford.org/current-events/calendar/old-car-festival/>) closer to Old Car Festival weekend.

Other Activities - Please check your program for times and locations of other fun activities for the whole family.

Awards:

Popular Choice - Guests and vehicle owners cast their vote for their favorite vehicle by filling in the ballot using the participant number shown on the Dashcard displayed on your vehicle. One overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be presented on Sunday at approximately 4:30pm.

Curator's Choice - In the spirit of this museum-oriented approach to collecting and preserving our automotive culture, we present the "Curators Choice" award. This award will be presented to the car, truck, or motorcycle which, in the opinion of The Henry Ford's transportation conservation and curatorial staff, is the most original (unrestored) and in the finest state of preservation considering the age of the vehicle. This review has no bearing on whether a vehicle is accepted or denied participation in the event. Two Curator's Choice awards will be presented on Sunday.

Vehicle Class Judging - Judging during Old Car Festival uses a 400-point system. The winners in the judging competitions are almost always "restored" vehicles. Professional museums that collect vehicles, however, prefer to collect un-restored vehicles. The ultimate standard for museum collecting would be a vehicle with all of its original, un-restored surfaces and components in "as-new" condition. Although the standard is seldom obtainable, vehicles that approach it are the best expression of the standard against which cars are judged is the way they appeared and functioned when sold new from the dealer to the original owner. They are also an expression of the "material culture" of the time in which they were created, and, hence, provide the best permanent documentation of that period. Therefore, such vehicles are much sought after by museum curators. Judges examine the authenticity of the vehicle, the workmanship of all the restoration work, and the quality of maintenance performed by the owner. Then, using a 400-point judging system, they determine a first, second, and third place winner in each of the eleven (11) judging classes. From these winners, one (1) Grand Champion is chosen on each day of the Festival.

Judging starts at 10:00am and ends at approximately 2:00pm each day. You, or an authorized representative, must be at your vehicle when it is being judged in order to assist with opening hoods, etc. and to answer any questions the judges may have about the vehicle.

Tentative Schedule: Saturday – Vehicles dating 1919-1932
 Sunday – Vehicles dating 1896-1918 & Commercial Vehicles

All awards and ribbons will be presented on Sunday at approximately 4:30pm. Presentation will take place at the Pass-in-Review stand. If you believe you are in the running for an award, please be at your vehicle at 4:00pm. This will make it easier for our staff to locate you and give you the good news. Winners will be asked to drive their vehicles to the Pass-in-Review stand to receive the award.

Special Considerations:

As a participant, you occupy an unusual position during this program. Not only are you a guest with respect due, you are also a representative of The Henry Ford with responsibilities to the guests. You can help make our guests' visit memorable by showing a genuine interest in them, sharing in their excitement, and engaging in some friendly conversation. We understand that we may ask more of you at our program than at other events, but we need your help to present a successful program.

There may be weddings on Friday or Saturday evenings in the Martha-Mary Chapel with receptions in Eagle Tavern and/or Lovett Hall. Although Old Car Festival is the primary event taking place in Greenfield Village, there may be other uses of The Henry Ford's venues. We ask all our participants to be conscious and courteous with each other.

General Safety Guidelines:

The safety of participants, guests and staff is our number one priority. If you are observed failing to follow the below mentioned guidelines your credentials will be revoked and you will be asked to leave the premises and not allowed to return. Depending on the circumstances, you may lose your invitation to participate in programs at The Henry Ford. Museum and Village safety policies are aimed at preventing any employee, volunteer, guest, vendor, or participant from being subjected to any unusual health and/or safety risks. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

- Please be patient there are many vehicles in Greenfield Village this weekend.
- Please observe the 5 MPH speed limit on all Village roads, pedestrian right-of-ways, traffic patterns, stop signs and credential checkpoints.
- Please follow directions given by uniformed staff of The Henry Ford.

- Vehicles must come to a complete stop at credential checkpoint locations, where you will be asked to show your wristbands. All wristbands must be worn on your wrist and cinched tight prior to reaching checkpoint. This will help keep the traffic flow from backing-up.
- All vehicles should stay clear of Firestone Farm roads and lanes.
- Railroad tracks are live. OBEY ALL CROSSING SIGNALS.
- Guest and participant access to Lovett Hall is prohibited.
- Please demonstrate proper respect for The Henry Ford property and equipment.
- Potentially dangerous horseplay and practical jokes are not acceptable behavior.
- Shoes MUST be worn at all times during the event.
- Pets (other than certified service animals) are not allowed on the grounds of The Henry Ford. This includes all parking areas as well as the Village itself.

- **Alcoholic Beverages:**
 - For the days that you are here and part of our public programming, you represent The Henry Ford. Guests think of you as an extension of our staff. We expect you to follow the same standards for professional behavior that we ask our staff. All of The Henry Ford staff and participants are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages while on the property of The Henry Ford.
 - If you are observed consuming or displaying alcoholic beverages during operating hours, you will be asked to leave the premises and not allowed to return. You are not permitted to bring any alcoholic beverages onto the property of The Henry Ford or property being used by The Henry Ford. Doing so would be a violation of the liquor license held by The Henry Ford. Controlled substances are also not permitted AT ANY TIME.
- **Smoking:**
 - In compliance with the May 1, 2010 State of Michigan Public Smoking Ban & The Henry Ford Smoking Policy, smoking of any tobacco products (this also includes pipes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and e-cigarettes) is strictly prohibited on The Henry Ford campus.
 - Participants may smoke in the following areas:
 - Inside their personal vehicles parked in The Henry Ford parking lots
 - On the asphalt near the gate between the Edison statue and the Tintype Studio (this may be slightly moved due to Tintype demonstration)
 - On the sidewalk between the entrance to Taste of History and the Stone Mill
 - On the sidewalk next to the Yellow Gate at Lovett Hall
 - Signs and smoking urns are placed at all designated smoking areas. These rules apply to both daytime and evening hours.
- **Weapon Policy:**
 - Possession of weapons, including but not limited to firearms, knives or dangerous objects while visiting The Henry Ford properties is prohibited.

*In case of emergency, contact the nearest employee and ask them to call our Security Department.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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