

Old Car Festival

AT THE HENRY FORD

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SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2025 | GREENFIELD VILLAGE®

Henry and Clara Ford in 1896 with Quadricycle, by Norman Rockwell, 1951-1952. THF95604 / From the Collections of The Henry Ford.

SPECIAL DEMONSTRATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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THE 19-AUGHTS: A GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC REUNION PICNIC
Ford Home
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FARM POWER EXPO
Farmers used early internal combustion engines to complete many tasks. The Early Engine Club demonstrates “hit-and-miss” engines and early tractors in action.
Ford Home
Saturday & Sunday 9:30-5:00
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“KITCHEN SINK” ENGINE DEMONSTRATION
Watch a replica of Henry Ford’s first gasoline engine from 1893.
Bagley Avenue Workshop
Saturday & Sunday 10:00-4:00 (on the hour)
Closed Saturday & Sunday 12:00-1:00
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SPECIAL VEHICLE DISPLAY 19TH-CENTURY MOTORING
Original and replica vehicles including an 1893 Benz, an 1898 Autocar and a full-size model of George Selden’s 1877 Motor Buggy from the collections of The Henry Ford.
Detroit Central Market - All day
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HAGERTY DISPLAY
Visit the Hagerty team.
The Lodge at Christie & Main - Patio
Saturday 9:30-4:00
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FORD TIMES 1908-1917
Join automobile historian Andy Dervan as he explores Ford Motor Company’s Ford Times, launched in April 1908 to publicize the company and the planned introduction of the Model T in October 1908.
Martha-Mary Chapel
Saturday & Sunday 1:00
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HITTING THE ROAD: MOTOR CAMPING WITH THE EARLY TIN CAN TOURISTS
Roadside historian Daniel Hershberger discusses the 1910-20s motor camping movement. Learn what unique equipment campers carried, where they camped and how they found their way.
Martha-Mary Chapel
Saturday & Sunday 2:00
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THE FINANCING OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY IN 1903
Join historical presenter Ray Swetman for a discussion about the business side of the early Ford Motor Company. Learn more about how Henry Ford gathered the finances to launch his company in 1903.
Martha-Mary Chapel
Saturday & Sunday 3:00
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EARLY MOTOR CAMPING
Join historian Daniel Hershberger for an exhibition and presentation on early motor camping.
Camp Talks
Near Scotch Settlement School
Saturday & Sunday 12:30 & 3:30
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BICYCLE GAMES
With the Wheelmen.
Main Street outside Wright Cycle Shop
Saturday & Sunday 2:00
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1910S: A RAGTIME STREET FAIR
Washington Boulevard - All day
Women’s Suffrage Booth
Learn how women organized the fight for the right to vote.
Near Wright Home
Saturday & Sunday 9:30-5:00
Women’s Suffrage March
Saturday & Sunday 3:00
Cakewalk
Saturday 12:30 & 2:45
Sunday 1:30 & 2:45

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RUNNING THE 1901 SWEEPSTAKES REPLICA
See firsthand the power of Ford’s first race car.
Main Stage
Sunday 3:00
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A 1927 GARDEN PARTY
Join in with staff to play period games and learn about fundraising and social issues in the late 1920s.
Near Bandstand
Saturday & Sunday 9:30-5:00
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WORLD WAR I VIGNETTE - 1919
This vignette explores the lives of U.S. and Allied soldiers and Welfare Service personnel after the November 11, 1918, Armistice. Saturday features games and training the Army of Occupation used to keep busy while in Germany; Sunday highlights their return home with a parade, a picnic, and mustering out of service.
Cotswold Cottage
Saturday 11:00-7:00
Sunday 11:00-5:00
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1915 LEISURE & PLAY
See how the automobile affected leisure activities in 1915 as staff prepare picnic foods on a coal burning stove and demonstrate craft activities.
Edison Homestead
Saturday & Sunday 9:30-5:00
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GEORGIA LOWLANDS MUSIC & FAMILY LIFE
Blues from the Lowlands performed by Rosa Warner-Jones, plus 1930s African American family life and foodways.
Mattox Family Home
Saturday & Sunday 9:30-5:00
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CAR GAMES
Competitions in early motoring skills.
Walnut Grove
Saturday & Sunday 11:30-4:00
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CANADIAN MODEL T ASSEMBLY TEAM
Watch a Model T be assembled in minutes!
Walnut Grove
Saturday & Sunday 12:30 & 3:00
- FIRE TRUCK PARADE**
Parade begins at the Commercial Vehicles Parking on Christie Street
Saturday & Sunday 1:30
- SATURDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES**
Greenfield Village is open until 9:00
SATURDAY GASLIGHT TOUR
A spectacular sight as hundreds of cars featuring gas, kerosene and early electric lamps take to the streets. Beginning at 7:00
- RIVER RAISIN RAGTIME REVUE AND RAGTIME-ERA DANCING**
A professional theater orchestra dedicated to educating and entertaining via the performance, preservation and restoration of significant American music. For more information, visit [ragtimeband.org](#).
Main Stage at 7:00
DIXIELAND PARADE FINALE
Evening festivities conclude with a Dixieland-style parade to the exit gates led by the Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band.
Parade begins at Main Stage at 8:15

MAP KEY

- General Tickets and Membership
- Ride Tickets
- Main Stage on Washington Blvd.
- Restrooms (wheelchair accessible)
- Family Restroom
- Companion Care
- Nursing Room
- Mobility Rentals (wheelchairs, scooters, etc.)
- Designated Smoking Area
- Emergency Issues: Please contact any staff member for assistance
- Storm Shelter
- Information
- Shopping
- Mamava Pod

TICKETS + CONCIERGE



To locate an activity, match the icon next to the activity with the corresponding icon on the map.

All activities are free of charge unless noted. All programs and prices are subject to change.

LIVE MUSIC

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VILLAGE TRIO
Liberty Craftworks Archway
Saturday & Sunday
12:00, 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00
- GREENFIELD VILLAGE QUARTET**
Liberty Craftworks Archway
Saturday & Sunday
12:30, 1:30, 2:30 & 3:30
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JJ PRZEWOZNAK
Ford Home
Saturday & Sunday
11:00, 1:00 & 3:30
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RAGTIME PIANO
Stage near Edison Statue
Saturday & Sunday
All day
- TASLIMAH BEY RAGTIME QUARTET**
Stage near Edison Statue
Saturday 11:30, 1:30 & 3:30
Sunday 12:45, 2:00 & 3:30
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MENLO PARK PIPE ORGAN COMES TO LIFE
Radio host and organist Dave Wagner performs popular tunes of the early automobile era on the newly restored Menlo Park pipe organ.
Menlo Park Complex (second floor)
Saturday & Sunday 1:00-4:00
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MASTERS OF MUSIC
Near Bandstand
Saturday 12:00, 2:00 & 4:00
Sunday 1:30 & 3:30
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ROSA WARNER-JONES
Live gospel and blues music.
Mattox Family Home
Saturday 11:30, 1:30 & 3:00
Sunday 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

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MODEL T PHOTO OP
Next to Ford Motor Company
Saturday 9:30-7:00
Sunday 9:30-5:00
- PASS-IN-REVIEW PARADES**
Join historians as they share their vast knowledge of the history, design and fun of vintage vehicles.
Main Stage
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Bicycles 11:00
19th-Century Automobiles and Vehicles Through 1919 1:00
Commercial Vehicles 3:00
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Bicycles & Motorcycles 11:00
19th-Century Automobiles and Vehicles 1920 Through 1932 1:00
Race Cars 3:00
Awards Ceremony
Following the last Pass-in-Review

PASS-IN-REVIEW PRESENTERS

- MATT ANDERSON**
Automobile historian and curator of transportation, The Henry Ford
- ANDREW BECKMAN**
Automobile historian and archivist, Studebaker National Museum
- DEREK MOORE**
Automobile historian and curator of collections, Lane Motor Museum
- BILL SMITH**
Bicycle historian

HAGERTY YOUTH JUDGING

A unique opportunity for youths ages 8-13 to learn about historic cars through participation in a simple and fun judging process.
Saturday 10:00-12:30

LANSING-TO-DEARBORN ENDURANCE RUN DISPLAY

Members of the antique car community re-create an early 20th-century endurance run from Dearborn to Lansing and back again.

SPECIAL DINING

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STREET FAIR
Saturday 9:00-8:00
Sunday 9:00-3:00
1940s-inspired food, snacks, beverages and beer truck. Breakfast available
- 90

EAGLE TAVERN
Saturday 11:00-8:00
Sunday 11:00-3:00
Last seatings at 8:00 & 3:00
1850s dining
- 91

A TASTE OF HISTORY*
Saturday 8:00-9:00
Sunday 8:00-4:00
Historically themed stations with seasonal recipes. Breakfast available
- 92

SIR JOHN BENNETT SWEET SHOP
Saturday 8:00-7:00
Sunday 8:00-4:00
Coffee, baked goods, candy
- 94

FROZEN CUSTARD
Saturday 11:00-9:00
Sunday 11:00-5:00

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CAROUSEL CONCESSIONS
Saturday 10:30-8:00
Sunday 10:30-4:00
Hot dogs, ice cream, snacks and beverages
- 96

OWL NIGHT LUNCH WAGON
Saturday & Sunday 11:00
Historic franks, chips, cookies, pop, water, beer
- 97

STAND 44*
Saturday 11:00-9:00
Sunday 11:00-4:00
Seasonal craft food, beer and wine, Tractor beverages
- 98

COVERED BRIDGE CONCESSIONS
Saturday 11:00-7:00
Sunday 11:00-3:00
Snacks, beverages and beer
- * Restrooms open throughout event

SHOPPING

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GREENFIELD VILLAGE STORE
Josephine Ford Plaza
Saturday 9:30-9:30
Sunday 9:30-5:30
- 101

LIBERTY CRAFTWORKS STORE
Saturday 10:00-7:00
Sunday 10:00-5:00
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LOGSDON & CO.
Quality Reproductions for the Vintage Sportsman. Logsdon & Co. is your outfitter for top-notch 19th- and early 20th-century classic camping, antique motoring, vintage hunting, and traditional fishing accessories, clothing and gear.
Near Scotch Settlement School
Saturday 9:30-7:00
Sunday 9:30-4:30



VOTING AND AWARDS

INFORMATION BOOTH & POPULAR CHOICE VOTING
Grab a ballot from The Lodge and vote for your favorite car.
Voting closes at 1:00 Sunday

POPULAR CHOICE AWARD CEREMONY
Expert judges determine Vehicle Class Awards based on authenticity, quality of restoration work and care with which each car is maintained.
The Lodge at Christie and Main
4:30 Sunday following final Pass-in-Review



PRESS PLAY ON THE PAST

NEW! Find The Henry Ford on Spotify to listen to the official playlist of Old Car Festival, featuring ragtime, Charleston and other hits of the early 1900s.





74TH ANNUAL OLD CAR FESTIVAL

NINETEENTH-CENTURY MOTORING

The automobile defined the 20th century, but its origins lie firmly in the 1800s. Karl Benz patented his pioneering Motorwagen in 1886, and American auto manufacturing was underway by the mid-1890s. Some of the country's most storied makes — Oldsmobile, Stanley, Packard and Buick among them — started in that decade, and many future industrialists took their formative steps. In 2025, Old Car Festival recognizes the automobile's earliest years with a salute to 19th-century motoring.

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