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JOIN AUTHOR MICHAEL W.R. DAVIS AS HE DISCUSSES “DETROIT AREA TEST TRACKS” ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9 AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

DETROIT - The Detroit Historical Society continues its popular Author Series with **Michael W.R. Davis**, author of “**Detroit Area Test Tracks**,” published by **Arcadia Publishing**, on **Wednesday, June 9** from **6 – 8 p.m.** at the **Detroit Historical Museum**.

The catastrophic failure of the new but unproven copper-cooled Chevrolet in 1923 forced General Motors to buy back the 100 cars it had sold to the public and recall another 400 in company and dealer hands. In 1924, General Motors built the industry's first scientific proving ground to test new vehicle designs before they were released for production and sale. These test tracks were a source of curiosity for decades because of the secrets they might have held inside. Davis will discuss how these facilities evolved and what actually took place inside.

Davis, who holds degrees from both Yale and Eastern Michigan University, is a former Ford Motor Company public relations executive. His previous books have covered Detroit’s role during World War II as "Arsenal of Democracy" and the histories of General Motors, Chrysler Corporation, and Ford. He is a longtime trustee of the National Automotive History Collection at the Detroit Public Library.

The cost of the event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$10 for the public. For more information or to register for the event, please call **(313) 833-1801** or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

Arcadia Publishing is the leading publisher of local and regional history in the United States. Their mission is to make history accessible and meaningful through the publication of books on the heritage of America’s people and places.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit’s Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling **(313) 833-7979**. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and

youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$4 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*; *Frontiers to Factories*; *The Motor City*; and *The Glancy Trains*.

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