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**THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM REOPENS AFTER ITS THREE-WEEK  
SUMMER RECESS WITH A FREE ADMISSION WEEKEND  
AND FOUR NEW EXHIBITS SEPTEMBER 26-27**

**DETROIT** -- The Detroit Historical Museum emerges from its annual three-week summer recess **Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27** to show off four new exhibits. Admission will be free for everyone on both days.

Among the new exhibitions opening this September, the main attraction will be *VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed*, an exhibit devoted to Detroit's appetite for fast competitions. Eye-catching graphics, videos, stories and interactive displays will provide an in-depth look at a wide variety of competitions featuring dragsters, stock cars, hydroplanes, sailboats, airplanes and even track and swimming. Key artifacts include the following:

- A complete 22-foot top-fuel dragster, built and raced in 1976 by legendary owner **Robert "Poncho" Rendon** of **Roseville** with **Dick LaHaie** of **Lansing** behind the wheel;
- The **Presidents Cup** hydroplane trophy from 1947 presented to **Danny Foster**, driver of the *Miss Pepsi* owned by the **Dossin brothers** of Detroit (who later donated the funds to build the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle);
- A C-stock hydroplane raced in the late 1950s and 1960s by Michigan-based driver **Sam Sayer** on loan from the **Motorsports Hall of Fame of America**;
- And a mini-sports car that invites kids of all ages to climb behind the wheel.

A one-of-a-kind concept car from Ford Motor Company – a Cougar II – will be the next featured vehicle in the Museum's *Automotive Showplace*. The fastback red coupe was built in 1963 as a prototype and potential competitor for Chevrolet's iconic Corvette. It was never put into production. The *Automotive Showplace* exhibit is presented with the support of the **MotorCities National Heritage Area**.

Another new exhibition, entitled *Detroit Trivia*, will feature more than 300 years of fun facts. In addition, the exhibit will feature various questions categorized by their degree of difficulty, as well as historic images and unique artifacts.

Finally, the latest installment in the popular *Fabulous 5* exhibit series focuses on “Detroit’s Snack Food Superstars,” including the **Better Made Snack Food Company**, **Germack Pistachio Company**, **Sanders Confectionery**, **Stroh’s Products** and **Vernor’s Ginger Ale**. The **Germack Pistachio Company** is the Savory Snack Superstar Sponsor for this exhibit.

In addition, the **Detroit Historical Museum Store** will hold a “Snack on This” special weekend sale. All snack foods items will feature a 10 percent discount. In addition, all local history titles from **Arcadia Publishing** will be on sale for 25 percent off the cover price.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit’s Cultural Center area, reopens to the public Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Regular hours are 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*. For more information, call the Museum at **(313) 833-1805** or check out our website at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).

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