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**JOIN CURATOR JOEL STONE AS HE DISCUSSES THE NEW EXHIBIT
VELOCITY: DETROIT'S NEED FOR SPEED ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

DETROIT - The Detroit Historical Society will host a Curator Chat in conjunction with the exciting new exhibit *VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed* on **Wednesday, October 21** from **6 - 8 p.m.** at the Detroit Historical Museum. Curator **Joel Stone** will lead the discussion.

VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed is an exhibit devoted to Detroit's appetite for fast competitions. Eye-catching graphics, videos, stories and interactive displays provide an in-depth look at a wide variety of competitions featuring dragsters, stock cars, hydroplanes, sailboats, airplanes and even track and swimming. Items featured in the exhibit include:

- A 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 Peps-V* owned by the **Dossin brothers**;
- 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**.

During the chat, Stone will discuss where and how these items were found, why the Detroit Historical Society chose to focus on racing in Detroit and much, much more.

Stone, raised in Detroit, has studied history, archaeology, and archival management at the University of Detroit, Wayne State University in Detroit, and the University College Cork, Ireland. He is a member of the Historical Society of Michigan, the Algonquin Club of Detroit, the Marine Historical Society of Detroit, and is a board member of the Association of Great Lakes Maritime History.

Admission for the Curator Chat is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$20 for guests. For more information or reservations, call **(313) 833-1801** or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

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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