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Detroit – The Detroit Historical Society presents “America’s Motor City Weekends” at the Detroit Historical Museum. During this year’s two North American International Auto Show weekends, January 14 – 15 and January 21 – 22, all guests will receive half off museum admission. In addition, the museum will be open each day from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition, see a special screening of “Our Arab American Story” showing Saturday and Sunday, January 14 & 15 at 1 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum. Each screening is free with general admission to the Museum. The film, by Emmy-Award winning director Keith Famie, presents an in-depth look at the group’s customs, holidays, religious alliances and the complexities of being Arab American though the eyes of several local entrepreneurs, artists and community leaders who have made an impact in Metro Detroit.

Don’t forget to check out the 1914 Anderson Detroit Electric Car now on display in our Automotive Showplace. In 1907, the Anderson Carriage Company began building an electric automobile powered by a rechargeable lead acid battery. The vehicles averaged about 80 miles per charge, with a top speed of 20 miles per hour. By 1911, the product had become so successful that the company’s name was changed to the Anderson Electric Car Company, and later to the Detroit Electric Car Company. These cars were more reliable than gasoline cars and did not require cranking to start. They were also more expensive, selling for $2,600 when a new Ford Model T was just $600. The vehicle on display was purchased by Mrs. Helen Newberry Joy on Oct. 11, 1921. She was the wife of Henry Bourne Joy, Sr., president of the Packard Motor Car Company. While he drove Packards, Mrs. Joy enjoyed her Electric, and kept its license active until 1947.

Other exhibitions include Detroit Toy Stories. Drawing on more than 7,000 items in the Society’s collection, this exhibit features a variety of toys from multiple generations of metro -more-
Detroit children, including a doll house, dolls, games, wardrobes, pedal cars, hula hoops, toy soldiers, toy trucks and much more. In addition, the exhibit features video of historic wind-up toys and classic toy commercials, “play stations” throughout the gallery that will allow guests to play games that have stood the test of time such as Operation, Etch A Sketch and checkers, as well as personal stories and photos from metro Detroiter's remembering the toys that made their childhood special.

The Detroit Historical Society Guild is the Presenting Sponsor for the Detroit Toy Stories exhibit, with Radio Disney AM 910 as Media Sponsor.

The latest installment in the Fabulous 5 exhibit series showcases “Detroit’s Destinations,” including Belle Isle, Campus Martius Park, Eastern Market, Franklin Cider Mill, and The Heidelberg Project. These historic places have attracted metro Detroiter's for years. The Presenting Sponsor for the Fabulous 5 exhibit is the Detroit Historical Society Guild.

Another new display features the works of William Bushnell Stout, an inventor whose technical imagination was years ahead of his time. This display includes numerous illustrations, design drawings and models Stout donated to the Society’s collection. His revolutionary designs -- including the Sky Car, an aircraft that could shed its wings and operate as a car -- pushed the bounds of contemporary automotive, aeronautic and train travel. It was Stout’s creativity that produced the famous Ford tri-motor airplane. He was an innovator until his death in 1956.

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) 833-1733. 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.

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