

EOD Exhibit Boasts a Jackson Motor Car

by Jim Stickford

The 2013 EyesOn Design Automotive Design Exhibition scheduled to be held at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe Shores on June 16 was to feature a lot of interesting motor vehicles made in Michigan.

And, most importantly, it was to raise money for the Detroit Institute for Ophthalmology.

This year's EyesOn Exhibition was titled, "Revolution, Not Evolution."

At a press preview of some of the vehicles displayed, event General Chairman Bob Grosscup said, "The cars that we've picked to show this year are radical changes from the vehicles that came before them."

He pointed out before the event, "We have them displayed in pairs because we want

to show the 'revolution' in design changes from one year to another.

"We also have a 'pure Michigan' display of vehicles."

Grosscup said that it isn't widely known, but Michigan had a lot of companies that made horse-drawn coaches.

And, these coach-building businesses often became auto manufacturers.

One of those coach companies was in Jackson and there were Jackson motor cars, one of which was shown at the press preview.

The Jackson automobile is property of Todd Holton, who collects Jackson cars.

"I live just 10 miles from downtown Jackson," Holton said.

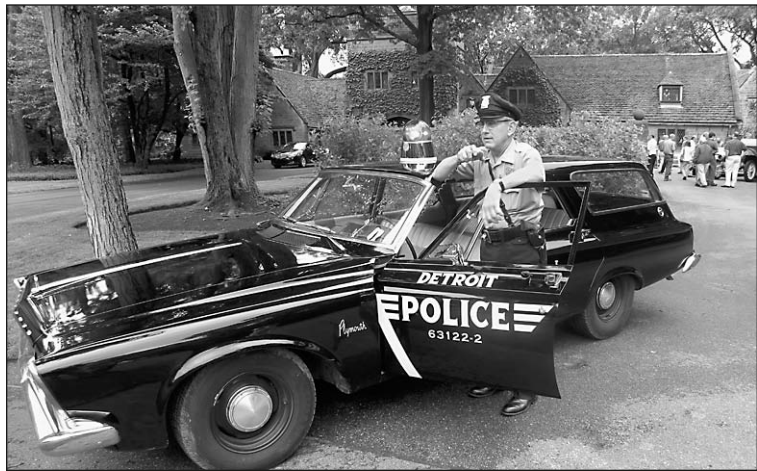
"I owned a Model T for years," he added. "I now collect Jacksons. I have one that works - which is here at the show - and

four others in various states of repair."

As befitting an event that raises money for the DIO, a couple of the judges of the vehicles in the show are sight-impaired. But that doesn't stop them from judging the vehicles. Each year, they feel the vehicles and judge the quality of the paint finish and stitching.

Husband and wife Nino and Marie Pacini, who are part of the DIO's vision-impaired support group, were at the press viewing. They examined the cars on display.

Another one of the vehicles on display at the press viewing was a 1963 Plymouth police station wagon. It was restored as a Detroit Police Department scout car by retired police officer George Patak, a former Wayne State police officer - 1978-85 - who also



A 1963 Plymouth restored as a Detroit scout car by George Patak.

served as an Ann Arbor police officer for 20 years, retiring in 2005.

Michigan was also home to an active boat building industry back in the days when boats were made of wood.

That's why a 1954 Chris-Craft boat was at the press viewing -

to show off another aspect of Michigan's transportation manufacturing history.

But, ultimately, Grosscup said at the preview, the whole goal has been to raise money for the DIO and its programs that help the vision-impaired.

New Buick Options Will Help Protect Against Collisions

Every 2014 Buick model - Verano, Regal, LaCrosse, Encore and Enclave - will be offered with a suite of available active safety systems that watch the front, side and rear of the vehicle to help prevent crashes.

Buick says it will be the only brand in the industry to offer Forward Collision Alert, Lane Departure Warning, Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Side Blind Zone Warning, and a Rear Vision Camera on every vehicle.

Forward Collision Alert and Lane Departure Warning are a pair of technologies that use a single forward-looking camera to read traffic and lane markers on the road ahead. Visual warnings and audible tones alert the driver to unsignaled lane changes or a slowed vehicle.

Rear Cross Traffic Alert and Side Blind Zone Warning use radar to watch spots the driver may not see and to provide visible and audible warnings to help prevent collisions.

When the vehicle is in reverse and the Rear Vision Camera is active, Rear Cross Traffic Alert will flash a red icon and directional arrow if another vehicle is approaching from either side, which is especially useful backing out of a tight driveway or parking space in a busy lot.

Side Blind Zone Alert detects other vehicles in a Buick's blind spot and alerts the driver with a yellow icon on the glass of either side view mirror. If a turn signal is engaged while a vehicle is detected in the next lane, the system provides an audible alert to discourage merging.

"Striking design, uncompromised comfort and purposeful safety technology - those are the core attributes of every Buick," said Tony DiSalle, vice president of Buick Marketing. "Our 2014 lineup will tell an active safety story exclusive to the Buick brand and, more importantly, one that helps protect our drivers and passengers better than ever before."

Passive safety is equally important to Buick. Although 2014 models have not been rated, Buick officials point out that every 2013 Buick model available today has been designated as a Top Safety Pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Current Buick models make extensive use of high-strength steel and, with the Verano compact luxury sedan and Encore luxury small crossover, offer as many as 10 standard air bags.

The Enclave crossover comes standard with the industry's first front center air bag, which helps protect drivers and front passengers in far-side impact crashes. It deploys from the inboard side of the driver's seat and positions itself between the driver and front passenger.

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