



# Romeo Perspective

The Romeo Historical Society is a 501 (C) 3 Non-Profit Organization

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## Stahls - An American Auto Experience

By Jan Shier

Saturday's outing left the seven Historical Society members and one additional guest in awe. Stahls is much more than an auto museum. A surprising addition to the historic display of unique 91 cars in the 45,000 square foot building is the magnificent collection of unusual music boxes and pianos. Pictured above is a traveling music box that was at one time hidden from Hitler in Belgium. Stahls takes you back in time and gives you a greater appreciation of the past, from slot machines, a German music box and video juke boxes to Phillip 66 signs.

Stahls is home to two of the world's most famous cars – 1964 Leslie Special and the 1964 Hannibal 8, both were featured in the 1965 comedy "The Great Race" starring Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis. Two employees and volunteers are on hand to answer questions and to educate the public. Stahls Automotive Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization designed to preserve, restore and display vintage vehicles of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with the purpose of educating the public. "Bus tours of school children enjoy scavenger hunts pertaining to cars in the museum was chosen based on the engineering achievements that have contributed to the history of the automobiles. Each automobile has a story. Many people are not aware of this hidden treasure, situated in the industrial complex located at 56516 North Bay Drive, Chesterfield, MI 48051. Open to the public on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 586-749-1078.

## Welcome New Members

Chris & Brandy Chirco, Lifetime  
 Bob Hart Agency  
 Velma Jean Havers  
 Duane & Micky Jakey

Eric Lundquist  
 Margaret & Walt Marth  
 Paul Okoniewski

## Notes from all over

Brandy Chirco has been accepted as a member of the Historic District Commission. Congratulations Brandy!



We are getting quotes to repair siding on the Blacksmith Shop and the Church Street House Museum.



The gutters have been cleaned at all three museums.



The Trolley Tour on August 4<sup>th</sup> was attended by 12 people.



We are sad to hear that 2 more historic homes will be demolished. The homes are owned by the Romeo United Methodist Church and are located at 128 Dickenson and 281 North Bailey.



New book (pamphlet) by Robert and Cheryl Allen "The Cemeteries of Washington Twp."



Thank you for the donations from the Jesmore Family and Paul Okoniewski.



Thank you for Memorial Donation to the Society in memory of Paul Reiz from the current Village Council Members, Village Clerk and Legal Counsel. "May Paul's good works carry on here in the Village"



We send our condolences to Richard Daughtery and family on the death of his wife, Janet on July 30<sup>th</sup>.



### ROMEO HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please mail this form with your check/money order to: Romeo Historical Society, P.O. Box 412, Romeo, MI 48065

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership:  New  Renewal  2016 Renewal

Individual \$15.  Family \$20.  Business \$25.  Lifetime \$250.  Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to help us?  Archives/RAAC  Barn Tour  Christmas Tour  Church St. Museum

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## **From Our Curators, Richard & Joan Beringer**

### ***Bancroft Stranahan Museum:***

Back up staff: serving in the Church Street museum on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm. This is working in conjunction with Joan Beringer.

1st week Pritchard's

2<sup>nd</sup> week Alice Longley

3<sup>rd</sup> Week William, Catherine and Aurora

4<sup>th</sup> week Jan Shire

Larry Shire is restoring the fountain and moving the carriage step. This is a big job. Donations were received from Norm and Muriel Ludtke, Pritchard's, Adams and Jesmore's. Thank you!

### ***Craig Museum:***

Open on schedule with Fred Buike and Richard and extra times by Mike Battani.

### ***Archives Museum:***

Staffed by Doug, Sue, Fred B., Fred and Bonnie & Richard weekly.

Roof ducts seem to be leak proof, thanks to Larry Shire, Richard and Sue's can of roof cement.

Museum attendance is now being calculated by visitor hours. That means one person walks in and spends about one hour in one of our museums. This year that equates to over 2000 visitor hours!!! Not bad. Over 500 hours in May alone.

### ***Events:***

**July 19** Bike to 14 Romeo church sites, 45 bikers, 1 hour and 45 minutes. There were so many bikes that we stopped traffic on Main St.

**Aug 16** A bike tour of Romeo architecture will include Main, St. Clair., Church Prospect, Turner etc.

**Indian Mound** We have been trying to save a 2,000 year old Indian burial mound in Washington Township. We have turned over maps and photos to the Chippewa Indian Museum in Mt. Pleasant. We have put together the history of the site with the help of staff.





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## Three Local Museums to Visit

Romeo Art & Archives Center  
290 N. Main Street.  
(Former state police building)  
Open Tuesday Nights 7-9 p.m.

Bancroft-Stranahan House  
Museum  
132 Church St.  
Open Tuesday Nights 7-9 p.m.  
Archives and House Museum will be  
closed during inclement weather.

Clyde Craig Blacksmith Shop  
301 N. Bailey St.

The Blacksmith Shop is open the 2nd  
Tuesday of the month from 6-7 p.m. No  
forge.

And on the

3rd Saturday of the month from 9-11  
a.m.

Dates are subject to change so please  
check the sign in front of the Archives  
Museum

## Calendar of Events

### August

**8/15/16 Barn Tour Advance Ticket Sale** \$12 and children under 12 are \$5.

Connelly's Creations 175 S. Main Thurs. 10-8, Fri. 10-6, and Sat. 10-6.

Two Romeo Girls 227 N. Main Tues.-Sat. 11-5 and Sun. 12-4

Romeo Arts and Archives Center 290 N. Main Tuesday 7-9pm. All ticket sales are  
cash or check only.

**8/16/16 Bike Tour** 7pm we will meet at the Romeo Arts and Archives Center 290 N.  
Main. Come join us and learn about Romeo's architecture and history.

**8/18/16 Board Meeting 7pm**

### September

**9/2-5 Peach Festival**

**9/15/16 Board Meeting 7pm**

**9/17/16 Barn Tour 11am-4pm** Tickets \$15 and children under 12 are \$5. Romeo  
Arts and Archives Center 290 N. Main. All ticket sales are cash or check only.

### October

10/1/16 Eastside A's will tour all three museums.

**10/8/16 Romeo Harvest Day 10am-4pm.** The Craig Blacksmith shop will be open  
from 10am-12pm.

10/15/16 9am-11am Craig Blacksmith Shop will be open.

10/20/16 Board Meeting 7pm

### November

11/17/16 Board Meeting 7pm

### December

**12/3/16 Christmas Home Tour,** Tickets go on sale November 1<sup>st</sup>.

12/15/16 Board Meeting 7pm