



DON'T MISS DRIVING FORCES – 100+ Years of Women Influencing, Buying, Designing & Driving Automobiles

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

DRIVING FORCES – From the very start, women have been right there next to men – influencing, buying, designing, driving, & racing automobiles! Although largely overlooked, the history of women and automobiles is nothing less than fascinating beginning with Bertha Benz' historic long-distance outing in a horseless carriage in 1888.

Join Barbara Barrett for a lively slide/lecture presentation that explores a host of female automotive pioneers including Alice Huyler Ramsey, the first woman to drive across the United States; Helene Rother, one of the first female auto designers at General Motors (GM); the need for speed women of auto racing; Mary Barra, the first female CEO at GM; and numerous other notables.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: *Barbara J. Barrett, MPA, CAE, is an History Edutainment (Educational Entertainment) Speaker who makes automotive, architectural, manufacturing, music, and world history “come alive” in a fascinating and entertaining way. She has presented programs for C-SPAN American History TV, the Lemont Area Historical Society, Studebaker National Museum, the Gilmore Car Museum, community colleges, church groups, car clubs, public libraries, & senior living communities to name a few. She holds a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from the University of Illinois and a Master in Public Administration (MPA) degree from Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL.*

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