

Weekly showing of “Hoppin Rattlesnakes” scheduled at Halifax Historical Museum

History and auto racing buffs will be excited to learn that the newest addition to the Halifax Historical Museum is its acclaimed documentary about the pioneers of auto racing on the Daytona and Ormond beaches. Beginning November 28th the documentary “Hoppin Rattlesnakes” will be available for viewing from 1 to 4 p.m. at the museum, located at 252 South Beach Street, downtown Daytona Beach.

Persons wishing to view the 52-minutes long movie are encouraged to make reservations as seating is very limited. Call the museum at [386-255-6976](tel:386-255-6976).

“We’re thrilled to say that James Daniels a prominent figure in the history of auto racing in this area and in the state of Florida will host the movie showings. He’ll be at the museum to welcome guests and to tell them something about the movie and the history it depicts,” says Fayn LeVeille, director of the Halifax Historical Museum.

Subsequent showings of “Hoppin Rattlesnakes” will be held every Tuesday and Friday at the Halifax Historical Museum from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$5, which includes the “Hoppin Rattlesnakes” movie.

Ample, free parking is located in a public lot behind the museum on Palmetto Avenue between Magnolia and Orange avenues.

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Note: “Hoppin’ Rattlesnakes” (a reference to the rough, unregulated surroundings of the improvised beach race track) is an engaging and informative documentary that recounts the fascinating story of the early days of car racing in Ormond Beach and Daytona Beach. The documentary captures more than the history of the sport of auto racing, it also reflects on an America that has been largely lost.

At the heart of the film are the interviews with some of the surviving early drivers, now in their late 80s and 90s, as well as their colleagues, friends, and family members. These talking heads provide viewers with an intimate sense of the freewheeling character of the sport. The film is narrated by Buz McKim, a born raconteur and historian of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

According to the Journal of Florida Studies “Everyone interested in the state’s history, economy, culture, and race relations in general or the history of American car racing in particular should see this delightful, often exciting documentary. It tells a great story about technology, showmanship, outlandish personalities, entertainment, and that irrepressible urge to drive fast.”

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TAG: The Halifax Historical Society was established in 1949. It is the oldest historical society in Volusia County. The first museum was opened to the public in 1959. The mission of the society is to preserve the

history of the Halifax Area by maintaining an extensive collection of artifacts and providing educational programs and films that chronicle that history.