

REOLDS

TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM



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About

Discover Lansing's rich automotive history at the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum— featuring Oldsmobile, the REO Motor Car Company, Fisher Body, and more! The museum cares for over 90 vehicles, ranging from an 1899 Olds Motor Works electric vehicle to a 1985 Oldsmobile prototype- a Cutlass Salon nicknamed “Darth Vader”.

Visitors to the museum can learn about the people who worked in the automotive industry, including laborers, inventors, and entrepreneurs such as the museum’s namesake, R.E. Olds, who became one of history’s most notable automotive leaders. Olds revolutionized the automotive industry when he decided to build an affordable, mass-produced car using the principle of an assembly line- several years before Henry Ford built the Model T.

History

The R.E. Olds Museum was incorporated in 1977 on the incentive of a study task force of the Greater Lansing Chamber of Commerce and opened to the public on May 18, 1981 at its present location. The Museum rented its building from the City of Lansing until February 2018 when the city sold it to the museum for \$2.

The museum is an independent 501c3 nonprofit organization governed by a Board of Trustees. It partners with the Motor-Cities-National Heritage Area, a cultural heritage area and affiliate of the National Parks Service.

Today, the museum is a staple of Lansing’s cultural tourism industry, drawing in over 6,000 visitors annually from around the United States, with approximately 40% of visitors coming from either out of state or out of the country.

Upcoming Events

Information on upcoming events is available on our [website's event page](#).

Research

The James D. Butt Archive contains thousands of photographs, pamphlets, technical drawings, letters, catalogs, manuals, and other ephemera related to Lansing's automotive history. It is open to researchers by appointment.

Location

The R.E. Olds Transportation Museum is located in Lansing's stadium district, just a short walk from the Lansing Convention Center and next door to the Impression 5 Science Center. Its address is 240 Museum Dr., Lansing, Michigan 48933.

Hours

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and on Sundays from 12 pm to 5 pm.

Admission

Adults: \$10

Seniors (65+): \$7

Children (13 to 18): \$7

Children (12 & under): Free

Veteran/Military Discount: \$7

Accessibility

The museum is accessible to visitors with limited mobility, including our restrooms.

Parking

Reserved parking spots for visitors are located directly in front of the building. Metered parking is also available along surrounding streets.

Rentals

The museum building and the boardroom within the museum are available for meetings, receptions, lectures, and other gatherings. The boardroom is located in a unique space that used to be part of the Bates & Edmonds Motor Co. factory built in 1903. Today, it features all the modern equipment you need for video conferencing.

The R.E. Olds Transportation Museum is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and is not affiliated with General Motors, nor is it funded by General Motors.