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WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPENS THE HOODS AND DOORS ON THE CRAWFORD CARS AT SPECIAL EVENT

“Cars by Twilight” invites public to see Crawford Collection cars and planes off to safe storage in preparation for History Center renovations

WRHS History Center – 10825 East Boulevard – Cleveland, OH 44106

CLEVELAND, OH (August 16, 2011) – Western Reserve Historical Society offers a unique opportunity for guests to get up close and personal with the classic cars of the Crawford Auto Aviation Collection on Friday, September 2, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, and wish them well as they head into temporary storage during major museum renovations. The event, *Cars by Twilight*, will give the public their last look at the Crawford cars and planes for about a year to clear the space for the more than \$3 million construction project. Visitors will also see drawings of the renovation plans and meet the soon-to-be-announced new WRHS Curator of Transportation History who will oversee the Crawford Collection.

“We’ll toast the cars and planes on September 2,” said Gainor Davis, WRHS President & CEO, “and then again when they return to the renovated History Center in the summer of 2012.” Welcoming the cars and planes will be an exhibit hall that will provide the proper environment for their care and maintenance with gallery lighting and a layout and amenities that will enhance the visitor experience.

Admission to Cars by Twilight is \$5. Music, food, and a cash bar will be available. The event is sponsored by Motorcars Honda & Toyota in Cleveland Heights.

Founded in 1867, Western Reserve Historical Society is one of the largest privately-supported nonprofit regional historical societies in the nation. WRHS preserves and uses its collections, historic sites and museums to inspire people to explore the history and culture of Northeast Ohio and place that regional experience within the larger context of state, national and global history.

WRHS receives public support with local tax dollars from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, to preserve and enrich our region’s artistic and cultural heritage.

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