



MEDIA ADVISORY

Driving the Vote for Equality Tour Visits Montgomery with Historic Saxon Motor Car Used in 1916 Suffrage Tour

Date: Wednesday, March 18 through Thursday morning, March 19

Locations: Montgomery Historic Civil Rights Sites

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New national suffrage-inspired Equality Tour stops in Montgomery, connecting the 1916 suffrage drive to the modern ERA movement as part of Women's History Month.

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Media Advisory: Driving the Vote for Equality Tour comes to Montgomery

MONTGOMERY, Ala. The **Driving the Vote for Equality Tour** is coming to Montgomery as part of a 25-state campaign to connect the history of the women's drive for the vote to today's push to recognize the Equal Rights Amendment in the U.S. Constitution.

At the center of the event is the **Golden Flyer II, a 1914 restored Saxon motorcar** used during the 1916 cross-country suffrage journey of **Alice Burke and Nell Richardson** to rally support for women's voting rights. In that same spirit, the tour is bringing a visible, historic symbol to communities across the country to spotlight the unfinished work of equality by raising awareness and activating supporters for the Equal Rights Amendment.

SPECIAL CONNECTION TO MONTGOMERY: On April 22, 1916, the suffragists visit to Montgomery was described in a long feature story in the *Montgomery Advertiser* noting that "all women want is simple justice." The same is true for ERA advocates today.

What: Driving the Vote for Equality Tour stop

Where/When: Montgomery, Alabama

Wednesday, March 18 from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm and

Thursday, March 19 in the morning.

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Visuals: 1914 Golden Flyer II motorcar making stops in the places the Suffragists visited in 1916 with its crew collecting signature for the National ERA Petition, sign4Era.org.

On Wednesday March 18, the 1914 Golden Flyer II motor car and its crew will visit

1:00 p.m. *The Freedom Rides Museum* (210 Court Street)
Then visit the Rosa Parks Museum, the Legacy Museum, Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church and the Civil Rights Memorial Center

5:30 p.m. *The NewSouth Bookstore* event (105 S. Court Street) featuring Jeryl Schriever, the author of the book *Driving the Vote for Women* (Applewood Books:2024) that chronicles the 1916 suffrage drive through the eyes of the suffragists and media articles from that era including a major feature in the *Montgomery Advertiser*

On Thursday morning, March 19 until noon, weather permitting, the crew of the Golden Saxon – in full Suffrage costumes – will continue its drive to the area around the State Capitol.

Participants will highlight the continuing importance of constitutional equality, the legacy of women’s civic activism, and Montgomery’s special place in the history of voting rights and civil rights in America.

“Montgomery is a powerful place to tell this story because it stands at the crossroads of American democracy, civil rights, and the ongoing struggle for equal justice,” noted former Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and founder of ERA NOW, a non-profit working to recognize the ERA as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution.

The tour is designed to engage the public, inspire action, and connect past and present movements for equality through events, storytelling, and petition outreach.

Background

During this 2026 Women’s History Month, a major national advocacy campaign — the **Driving the Vote for Equality Tour** — will be in Montgomery with an eye-catching, historical visual — a restored **1914 Saxon roadster**, called the Golden Flyer II, the same make and model driven by two suffragists on the first-ever 10,700-mile cross-country campaign for women’s voting rights. Today, the same car is stopping in Montgomery for the Equal Rights Amendment.

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In 1916, suffrage was stalled, just like the Equal Rights Amendment is stalled today. Following in the suffragists footsteps, the [ERA NOW](#) tour will travel through 25 states to raise awareness and activate supporters as it mobilize voters and collects petition signatures for the National ERA petition drive, [Sign4ERA.org](#).

Thirty-eight states have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, fulfilling every constitutional requirement. ERA NOW and other supporters are pushing Congress for a Joint Resolution to recognize the ERA as the 28th Amendment, thus eliminating any uncertainties about an arbitrary time limit.

The [Driving the Vote for Equality Tour](#) aims to collect one million petition signatures by Election Day 2026 and build the Congressional majority needed to finish the work the suffragists began over a century ago.

For details about the 1916 Suffrage Tour and connections to the Equal Rights Amendment, [link to this 4-page piece in Ms. magazine](#). The Tour was launched in New York City at the iconic New York Historical museum on March 1 as described by this [New York Times article](#).

Media opportunities include:

- Interviews with tour organizers
- Photos and video of the Golden Flyer II with its drivers in suffrage costumes
- B-roll with a Montgomery civil-rights backdrop

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