



MEDIA ADVISORY for WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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Historic Saxon Motor Car Used in 1916 Suffrage Tour comes to Virginia for Women's History Month Events for the Equal Rights Amendment

Date: Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8, 2026

Locations:

Saturday, March 7:

Turning Point Suffragist Memorial

(Occoquan Regional Park, 9751 Ox Road, Lorton) from 10:30 a.m. to Noon;

Fredericksburg Area Museum

(906 Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 8:

Hippodrome Theatre

(526 N. 2nd Street, Richmond) from Noon to 1:30 p.m., followed by driving tour through Richmond;

Rally at Bell Town

(Capitol Square, 101 N. 9th Street, Richmond) from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Car parked at Commonwealth Hotel (901 Bank Street, Richmond) through 6:00 p.m.

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During the 2026 Women's History Month, a major national advocacy campaign, the Driving the Vote for Equality Tour, comes to the Commonwealth of Virginia on Saturday, March 7 and on Sunday, March 8 (International Women's Day) 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 their groundbreaking 10,700 mile cross-country campaign for women's voting rights.

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

Saturday, March 7

10:30 – 12:00 **Occoquan Regional Park, 9751 Ox Road, Lorton, VA**

Turning Point Suffragist Memorial and nearby Occoquan Workhouse

These sites are dedicated to the dozens of suffragists who were incarcerated at the Workhouse for picketing outside the White House. The women, led by Lucy Burns and Alice Paul, the author of today's Equal Rights Amendment, were subject to torture, kept in solitary confinement and force fed. On November 14, 2017, the suffragists were subject to "The Night of Terror," during which they were stripped naked, beaten, and handcuffed with their hands over their heads so that they had to stand. Accounts of their injuries and treatment leaked to the press, which the women capitalized on to move suffrage forward.

2:00 – 4:00 **Stop at Fredericksburg Area Museum, 907 Princess Anne St., 540-371-3037** <https://www.famva.org>

Informal conversation with local ERA supporters in the Council Chambers meeting room.

Golden Flyer II available for photos.

Sunday, March 8 – International Women's Day in Richmond, VA

Noon – 1:30 **Hippodrome Theater, 526 N 2nd St. Richmond, VA**

The Golden Flyer II will be available for photos outside a fundraiser for Virginia's List.

1:30 – 3:00 The Golden Flyer II will travel from the Hippodrome through Richmond and park near the Capitol, with a photo stop in front of **Maggie Walker's House, 600 N. 2nd Street, Richmond.**

This National Historic Site is dedicated to Civil Rights Leader Maggie Lena Walker, a pioneer advocate for civil rights advancement, economic empowerment, and educational opportunities for Jim Crow-era African-Americans and women. As a bank president, newspaper editor and fraternal leader, she was an inspiration of pride and progress. <https://www.nps.gov/mawa/index.htm>

3:30 – 4:30 **Rally with speakers at Bell Tower, Capitol Square, 101 N 9th St., Richmond**

4:00 The Golden Flyer II will be available for photos outside the **Commonwealth Hotel, 901 Bank Street, Richmond.**

4:00 – 6:00 Happy Hour Reception at **Commonwealth Hotel, 901 Bank Street, Richmond**

All events will be **strong photo and video opportunities**: bright gold vintage car, period banners, advocates in suffrage costumes and outdoor visuals.

The 2026 Driving the Voter for Equality Tour was launched on March 1 at the iconic New York Historical as described in this New York Times article. The Golden Flyer II then made stops in New

Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Washington, DC before coming to Virginia.

COVERAGE DETAILS

- **Outdoor staging** designed for wide and tight shots
- **B-roll opportunities:** loading supplies, route map, signatures collected on site
- **On-camera interviews:** organizers, historians, youth leaders
- **Media check-in** table will provide route details, schedule, and visuals

Thirty-eight states have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, fulfilling every constitutional requirement. ERA NOW, an organization led by former U.S. Representative Carolyn Maloney, and other supporters are pushing Congress for a Joint Resolution to recognize the ERA as the 28th Amendment, thus eliminating any time limit.

The Driving the Vote for Equality Tour aims to collect one million signatures by Election Day 2026 and build the Congressional Majority needed to finish the work the suffragists began more than century ago.

Follow Driving the Vote for Equality on the website: DrivingTheVote.org

For details about the 1916 Suffrage Tour and the connections to the Equal Rights Amendment, link to this 4-page piece in [Ms. Magazine](#).

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