World, USA, MI and Metro Detroit History 100 Years

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- **1924** J. Edgar Hoover appointed the head of the FBI.
- **1924** Adolf Hitler sentenced to prison for treason
- **27 Nov 1924** Detroit, MI The J. L. Hudson Company puts on the first Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit.
- **1925** Detroit, MI The Chrysler Corporation was founded.
- **1925** Chicago, IL Sears Roebuck opened their first store.
- **1926** Detroit, MI Ford Motor Company creates a 40-hour work week.
- **25 Sep 1926-1930** Detroit, MI USA Detroit Cougars Hockey Team was established. They changed their name to the Detroit Red Wings in 1930.
- **20 May 1927** Charles A. Lindbergh flies solo, non-stop in the *Spirit of St. Louis* from Long Island to Paris.
- 1928 Detroit Zoo opens
- 1929 Ambassador Bridge opens
- **29 Oct 1929** NYC, NY Black Tues.-Wall Street stock market crash.
- **1929 -1939** World Great Depression
- **1930** Detroit Windsor Tunnel completed
- **1929-30 Jul 1930-1934** Portsmouth, OH/Detroit, MI USA Detroit Lions Football team established as the Portsmouth Spartans in 1929, joined

the NFL in 1930 and moved to Detroit in 1934 becoming the Detroit Lions.

1933 Birmingham becomes a city

Early 1930's Germany Rev. Michael King, Jr. visits Germany and is So impressed by the teachings of Martin Luther that he comes home and changes his name and his young son's name to Martin Luther King, Sr. and Jr.

5 Dec 1933 USA 21st Amendment Prohibition ends.

14 Aug 1935 Washington, D. C. USA Social Security Act

1935 United Auto Workers labor union founded

2-7 Oct 1935 Chicago, IL/Detroit, MI USA Detroit Tigers win the World Series over the Chicago Cubs.

1937 Fort Wayne, IN/Detroit, MI USA The Pistons Basketball Team was established originally in Fort Wayne, IN USA and moved to Detroit MI USA in 1957.

1939 - 1945 World War II

7 Dec 1941 Pearl Harbor, HI USA Japan bombs Pearl Harbor. Congress declares war on Japan.

7 Dec 1941 - 2 Sept 1945 Global World War II

1940's Detroit, MI USA Women start driving for the transit system.

1942-1946 USA Rosie the Riveter took women in droves into the workforce to do all sorts of jobs vacated by the men off fighting in WWII.

24 May 1942 USA Gas rationed

1940 - 1956 Pontiac, MI USA Every weekend convoys of men would leave Pontiac to drive army trucks to Bayonne, NJ or Norfolk, VA or Omaha, NE on the first leg of the trucks going to where the war and post

war needed them.

- **6 Dec 1944** Normandy, France D Day Invasion by Allied Troops
- **8 May 1945** World VE Day is the end of the war in Europe, but not yet the end of WWII....
- **6 Aug 1945** Hiroshima, Japan First atomic bomb dropped by the USA on Hiroshima.
- **9 Aug 1945** Nagasaki, Japan The second atomic bomb dropped by the USA on Nagasaki.
- **14 Aug 1945** World VJ Day The end of the fighting in the Pacific thus the end of WWII.
- **3 Oct 1945** Chicago, IL/Detroit, MI USA Again the Detroit Tigers beat the Chicago Cubs in the World Series.
- **24 Oct 1945** NYC, NY United Nations established.
- **Late 1940s late 1950s** USA McCarthy Era early Cold War anti-communist suspicion.
- **1945 mid 1960's** Metro Detroit, MI USA Post war housing boom along with suburban expansion.
- **1946-1991** World Cold War
- **1 Oct 1949** China Mao Zedong takes mainland China into Communism. USA suspends diplomatic ties with the People's Republic of China.
- **1950's** Detroit considered the wealthiest city in the world due to its dominance in the automotive industry and strong economy
- Mid 1950's USA, UK Rise of Pop music.
- 26 Jun 1950 27 Jul 1953 Korea Korean Conflict

7 April 1956 Detroit, MI USA The last streetcar run as the 1950's saw the change to buses.

29 Jun 1956 Washington, D. C./USA Federal-Aid Interstate Highway Act born.

1957 Straits of Mackinac Mackinac Bridge opens.

4 Oct 1957 USSR Sputnik launched into space.

1960 - 1975 Southeast Asia Vietnam Conflict

1960's USA Computer main frames appear.

1961 East Germany Berlin Wall put up.

23 Jun 1963 Detroit, MI USA Walk to Freedom down Woodward Ave followed by a speech at Cobo Hall by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in which he first used the words, "I have a dream...", in public.

22 Nov 1963 Dallas, TX USA Assassination of President John F. Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald

1964 Washington, D.C. USA Civil Rights Act

Aug 1967 Detroit, MI USA Race riots.

4 Apr 1968 Memphis, TN USA Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

6 June 1968 La Angeles, CA USA Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

2-10 Oct 1968 St Louis, MO/Detroit, MI USA Detroit Tigers win the World Series against the St Louis Cardinals.

2 Mar 1969 France The first flight of the Concorde.

20 Jul 1969 Moon Neil Armstrong first man to step foot on the moon.

- **1972 1974** Washington, D.C. USA Watergate President Richard M. Nixon resigns.
- **1973** Atlantic Ocean First transatlantic flight of the Concorde.
- **30 Jul 1975** Machus' Red Fox, Bloomfield Hills, MI USA Teamsters Union President Jimmy Hoffa last seen before he disappeared.
- **9-14 Oct 1984** San Diego, CA/ Detroit, MI USA Detroit Tigers win the World Series against the San Diego Padres.
- **1980s** World Computer use increases in both work and home.
- **1980's 1990's 2000's** Mid East/Metro Detroit, MI USA Increase in immigration of people from the Middle East to Metro Detroit
- **28 January 1986** Challenger Spaceship disaster
- **31 July 1987** Detroit, MI USA The People Mover debuted.
- **13 Jun 1989** Detroit MI USA Detroit Pistons win the NBA Championship against the LA Lakers.
- 1989 Germany The Berlin Wall came down.
- **14 Jun 1990** Detroit MI USA Detroit Pistons win the NBA Championship against the Portland Trail Blazers.
- **16 Jan 1991** Middle East The Gulf War starts.
- **31 Dec 1991** USSR Breakup of the USSR.
- **1994** South Africa Nelson Mandela becomes president of South Africa.
- **7 Jun 1997** Detroit, MI USA Detroit Red Wings win the Stanley Cup against the Philly Flyers.

- **16 Jun 1998** Detroit, MI USA Detroit Red Wings win the Stanley Cup against the Washington Capitals.
- **11 Sep 2001** NYC, NY USA 911
- **13 Jun 2002** Detroit, MI USA Detroit Red Wings win the Stanley Cup against the Carolina Hurricanes.
- **19 Mar 2003** Iraq War with Iraq starts.
- **15 Jun 2004** Detroit MI USA Detroit Pistons win the NBA Championship against the LA Lakers.
- **29 Aug 2005** New Orleans, LA USA Hurricane Katrina hits NOLA.
- 2007 January iphone invented
- **12 May 2017** Detroit, MI USA Q Line starts a new streetcar from downtown Detroit down Woodward Ave. to the New Center area.
- **11 Nov 2018** World/France 11-11-11: The 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice at the end of WWI on 11 Nov 1918 at 11 AM in an out of the way site in the Forest of Compiegne, France. Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day in 1954.
- March 2020 World COVID-19 plagues the World.
- **Fall 2023** Detroit, MI USA Solar powered street lights with Wi-Fi connections are being put into low-income areas of the city.
- **8 Apr 2024** North America Total Solar Eclipse from Mazatleca, Sinaloa Mexico through the USA from TX to MI to ME on to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia Canada before it exits North America off the Atlantic coast of Burgeo, Newfoundland, Canada.
- **25-27 Apr 2024** Detroit, MI USA NFL Draft brings 775,000 thousand people over 3 days to Detroit, MI USA