

Richard Petty Museum

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The Richard Petty Museum relocated back to their original home in Level Cross, NC. in 2014. After 10 years of being located in downtown Randleman, N.C., the museum that contains memorabilia and the personal collections of the most decorated American stock car driver, Richard Petty, moved back to their original home.

The museum is located on the site of the original Petty Engineering and later Petty Enterprises race shop. The site currently is, also, the home of Petty's Garage and the Petty Family Foundation.

The museum was founded at the race shop in Level Cross in 1988 by Lynda Petty but moved to Randleman in 2003 after space demands of the expanding race operation. Randleman, the neighboring city where Richard Petty went to high school, then became the home of museum. With the race operation, Richard Petty Motorsports, now operating in Mooresville, NC, it was decided to move the museum back to its original location.

"It is just time to move the museum back to its original location,"



said Richard Petty. "We are really grateful for everyone in Randleman for allowing us to move the museum there when our race shop had to grow. We now have the opportunity to move it back to where it all started, and I think everyone agrees that's where it belongs. We want people to come and see the history on the same ground where it all happened. We're going to take the time to make it even better too. It's exciting for our family, and we hope everyone will enjoy it with us."

The museum moved to its spot in the building first built to house

Kyle Petty's race program and will eventually expand to include the "Reaper Shed," first home of Petty Engineering where Lee Petty found the family dynasty.

The museum includes the Dodge Barn, built in the days of the team's close connection to Dodge and Plymouth. Finally, fans will be able to also visit the Lee Petty House, birthplace of both The King and his brother Maurice. The new-look museum features exhibits of the Petty family's four members in the Hall of Fame (Lee, Richard, Dale Inman and Maurice), of "Mr. and Mrs. The King" from the Pixar film "Cars" and of the family's many contributions to the sport of stock car racing.

Richard Petty Motorsports announced recently that the team will remain with Ford for the "foreseeable future," as they announced a multiyear extension of their relationship that was rekindled in 2010.

The Petty Museum hours of operation are Monday thru Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm. Call 336-495-1143 for further information.

While Phases 1 & 2 are currently open, the museum will continue to improve each phase, to ensure the all-new Petty Museum experience is rewarding for all ages. The Petty Enterprise Historical Site is located at 309 Branson Mill Rd. Randleman, NC 27317 (Level Cross).



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