

TITANIC: The Michigan Connections

Presented by Jay Follis

The story of the Titanic is well-known, but did you know that West Michigan has several connections to the disaster? In **"Titanic: The Michigan Connections,"** you'll hear the amazing, yet little-known stories of: several Michigan passengers aboard the doomed liner; how a local college student, within weeks of the sinking, launched a now-century-old publishing company with his book about the Titanic; and how a hometown hero met the rescue ship Carpathia in NY Harbor and led the Senate investigation into the disaster.

As a researcher and museum professional, Jay Follis has passionately pursued many facets of American history, including a fascination with the R.M.S. Titanic that has lasted over four-decades. In fact, Jay gave his first public presentation about the Titanic to a historical society when he was only 14!

One of the obscure threads Jay has investigated is the unexpected ties the Great Lake State has to the famed White Star Line ship. During his engaging presentation dressed in period attire **"Titanic: The Michigan Connections,"** you'll be introduced through rare photos and actual artifacts to some of the Michigan lives lost, rescued or forever impacted by the iconic disaster.

Companion Presentations

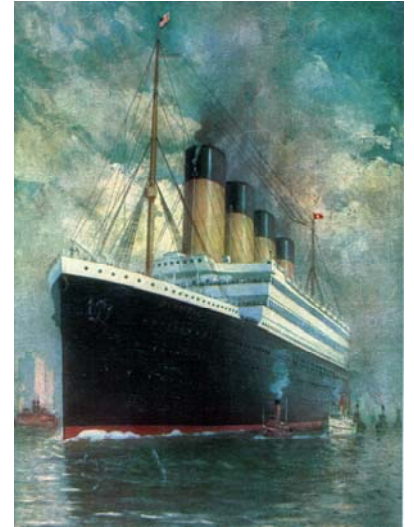
Titanic Oddities: Obscure, quirky, and just plain odd stories from Titanic

Titanic Impact: How news traveled before email and text messages

Titanic: Great Lakes Connections

TO BOOK A PROGRAM, CONTACT:

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Program Length:

45-90 minutes tailored to your needs

Equipment Requirements:

LCD projector, screen and microphone

Program Fees:

\$250 per program, *travel expenses

*55 cents per mile, round trip from Allegan, MI. Additional expenses, such as a meal per diem, transportation, and accommodations, may be required for destinations more than 150 miles from Allegan, MI.

Ideal for museums, libraries, schools, historical societies, churches, life-long learning programs and service groups.



During the past few decades, Jay Follis has given hundreds of presentations throughout the United States. Uniquely tailored for each audience, his programs range from automotive history to the Titanic, and are always engaging, informative, and entertaining. Jay first joined the *Titanic Historical Society* in 1979, and in addition to his studies of Titanic and the White Star Line, he has been the Marketing Director and Collections Registrar for the Gilmore Car Museum for the past 11 years, and the Director of the Tucker Automobile Historical Collection and Library since 1999. He has been interviewed by numerous TV, radio and print outlets, and has served as a consultant to automotive restorers, journalists, and television productions, including both The Discovery Network and History Channels.