

Eliot Ness Fest: Touched by the Untouchable Update No. 7



Famous '24 Rolls-Royce coming for Vintage Car Show

America's Prohibition Era and the time of Ness and Capone's epic struggle in Chicago, the Roaring Twenties, gave birth to some of the most iconic and glorious automobiles ever produced.



This legendary and stunning 1924 Rolls Royce, owned by Dr. Veasey Cullen of York, will be in downtown Coudersport for the inaugural Eliot Ness Fest, along with many other glorious vintage cars and trucks that will line Main Street.

It's the actual Rolls Royce first purchased by Col. Robert McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune in the time of Ness and Capone. After one of his reporters, Alfred "Jake"

Lingle, was gunned down in center city in the broad daylight for nosing into mob business, McCormick feared for his own life – as his newspaper continued to report on Eliot Ness's gang busting activities and expose the horrors of organized crime and its stranglehold on the city.

Col. McCormick had had this car armored and bullet-proofed. It was one of the few cars in Chicago ever before bullet-proofed, the others being the car of the mayor and the shiny Cadillac of Al Capone.

It's no longer bullet-proofed, but Dr. Cullen and family have restored this gorgeous Rolls Royce.

To learn more about Eliot Ness Fest Car Show, keep your eyes open on the Eliot Ness Fest Facebook page.



How Eliot Ness 'saved' Cleveland

Hollywood has repeatedly delivered a distorted tale of Eliot Ness's exploits in gangland Chicago. Lost in all of the exploitations is a true tale of significant achievements by Ness on another stage. You can learn details and see pictures and exhibits at 10:30 am Saturday, July 21, at the Coudersport Theatre. "Eliot Ness in Cleveland: Saving an American City" will be presented by Rebecca McFarland, vice president of the Cleveland Police Historical Society.

Learn how Coudersport's most famous resident transformed Cleveland from one of the most dangerous and dysfunctional cities in the nation to an official title of "America's Safest City."



Ness revolutionized a crooked and inefficient police force, cracked down on racketeering and widespread illegal gambling that choked the city's economy, tamed youth gangs that were terrorizing many neighborhoods, and otherwise cleaned house.

"No one man has ever had as positive of an impact on an American city in a short amount of time as Eliot Ness," declared Harold Burton, who served as Cleveland's mayor and was eventually seated as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. Visit the [Cleveland Police Historical Society](http://www.clevelandpolicehistoricalsociety.com).

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There are two reasons that the term "Boy Scout" comes to mind when some people think of Eliot Ness. When Ness stepped in to clean up corruption and lethargy in Chicago and Cleveland law enforcement, some of the entrenched veterans referred to him as "Boy Scout" or "Kid Cop." Later, Ness really was a Boy Scout – serving on the national organization's executive board and recruiting many young police officers to become Scout leaders and help Cleveland's wayward youth turn their lives around.

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