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***It's a Dirt Track Life: Memories of Dirt Track Racing  
from Dawsonville to Gatlinburg***  
**A Documentary Film Screening at the East Tennessee Historical Society**

**PROGRAM:** *It's a Dirt Track Life: Memories of Dirt Track Racing from Dawsonville to Gatlinburg*, a documentary film by Ron and Debbie Moore

**DATE:** Sunday, June 8, at 2:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** East Tennessee History Center  
601 South Gay Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902

**ADMISSION:** FREE



(Knoxville, TN) Dirt track racing became all the rage after World War II, with huge crowds turning out to witness the races in communities across the South. Many early drivers gained their driving skills running moonshine in the mountains of Tennessee and Georgia. Some of the more talented drivers left the mountain roads and tracks to race on the sandy beaches of Daytona, many of them later becoming race car drivers when NASCAR was formed. *It's a Dirt Track Life* by Ron and Debbie Moore explores the spills, thrills, stories, and stars of early dirt track racing through vintage photographs, films, and interviews with fans, drivers, and moonshiners.

Ron and Debbie Moore are from Cleveland, Tennessee, and host a weekly radio show, *Old Town Cleveland*, and are very active in a number of other historical projects. They were most recently the recipients of the ETHS History in the Media Award as well as an Award of Distinction for *It's a Dirt Track Life*.

The program is sponsored by 21<sup>st</sup> Mortgage and is free and open to the public. The screening will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the East Tennessee History Center. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at [www.EastTNHistory.org](http://www.EastTNHistory.org).

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