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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Piquette T'ers! As usual in Michigan, it's been a long cold winter, no news there. However, the Piquette T's have been busy. On February 19th twenty Piquette T members had a fantastic "Behind the Scenes Tour" of the Benson Ford Archive at The Henry Ford. The phrase I heard the most to describe the event was "mind blowing". The archives not only houses the "paper" and document artifacts of the Ford Motor Company & Ford family but, also the archived histories of the H. J. Hines Co., the Charles Lindbergh collection, the Thomas Edison collection and much more. Our group saw Henry Ford's driver's license, the first checkbook of the Ford Motor Co., several antique quilts, cigar store Indians, grandfather's clocks, antique toys, Mrs. Firestone's shoe collection, antique clothing and dozens of "tribute" pieces given as gifts to Henry Ford. It was an extraordinary day. We all gathered for lunch at Buddy's Pizza in Dearborn and discussed the great things we saw.

For upcoming events you'll want to dust off your Model T! On Saturday, May 7, the Piquette T's will do short driving tour and end up at historic Pewabic Pottery for a guided tour of their operations on Jefferson Ave. Their building is nearly as old as our "clubhouse", the Piquette Plant. It should be a very interesting day. Dinner will follow at Sinbad's. See details in this newsletter.

Also, check out the details of Randy Mason's Outboard Motor & Model T event. The last two years this event was held at Ford Lake park in Ypsilanti. The 2011 event is at a great new location. Again, details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Here's hoping all Piquette T members have weathered the winter well and are anxious to get their T's out when the temperatures better suit us. If you haven't already, please pay your 2011 dues. If not, we would miss you terribly. **{Editor's Note: Any members who might need to send in a renewal will have the Membership form included with this Newsletter.}**

See you down the road,

### Jerry VanOoteghem

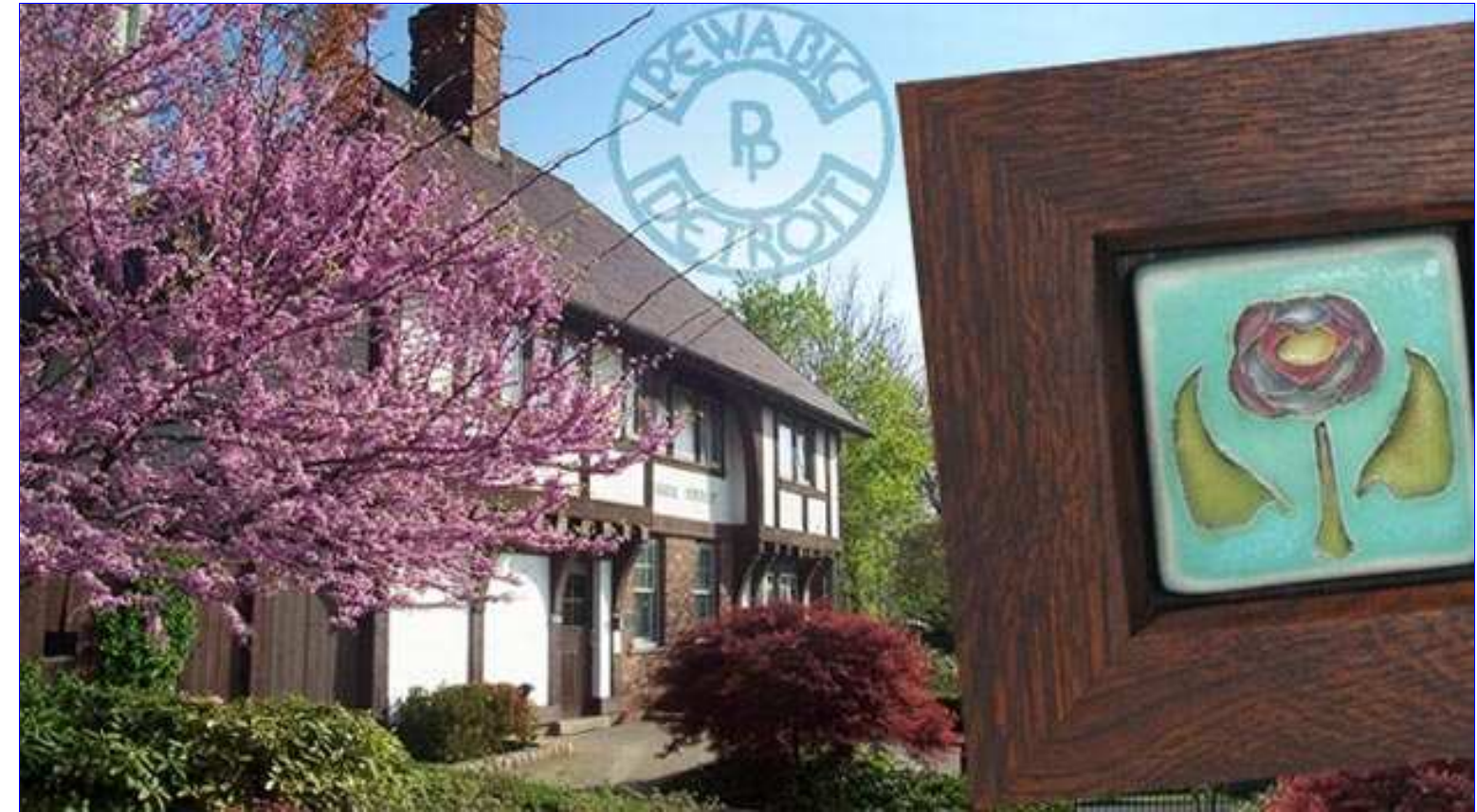
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## Piquette Ts to Visit Pewabic Pottery



We have a very exciting tour and event arranged for **Saturday, May 7, 2011!** We will be visiting the famous Pewabic Pottery Studio & School at 10125 East Jefferson Avenue in Detroit!



### Here's the schedule:

1:00-2:00 PM Vehicles will gather at the Piquette Avenue Ford Plant (Model T's encouraged)

2:00 Leisurely car tour will leave Piquette (led by Jerry Van)

3:00 Arrive at Pewabic and begin one-hour guided tour of the facility followed by gift shop browsing (**\$5 admission**)

4:30 Car tour of Belle Isle and Indian Village (led by Jerry Van)

5:30 Dinner at Sinbad's on the Detroit River (**separate checks**)

6:30-7:00 Car tour back to Piquette or head home

***The Pewabic tour is limited to 30 people, so get your reservation in ASAP to Jerry Van at [jerryvan65@yahoo.com](mailto:jerryvan65@yahoo.com) or 313-881-2813.***

The pottery was founded in 1903 by artist and teacher Mary Chase Perry Stratton and her partner, Horace James Caulkins, a high-heat kiln specialist. Stratton was the artistic and marketing genius, and Caulkins handled the technological aspects. Their collaboration made Pewabic world-famous, and added immeasurably to Detroit's contribution to the International Arts & Crafts movement. "Pewabic" is a Native American term for the color of copper, as mined in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The pottery is housed in a Tudor Revival structure built in 1908 which is a designated National Historic Landmark. Pewabic has been continuously operating since 1903, and offers classes in ceramics, holds exhibitions, sells pottery made in-house, and offers design and fabrication services. It's an historic Detroit institution known around the world. Don't miss this important visit! --- Randy Mason

# Outboard Motor Joint Tour



Great news! It's official! An entirely new venue has been established for our annual old car and old outboard motor and boat event! The date is **Saturday, August 6, 2011**. Mark your calendar and pass the word!

We have been extended a very generous invitation by John and Gloria Mitchell of Chelsea to join them at their spectacular mid-1920's cottage at North Lake, just off North Territorial Road at Hadley Road {due north of Chelsea, and southwest of Pinckney}. (Detailed directions will follow.) John and Gloria and their neighbors are looking forward to hosting us on their private and association-owned property. Features include a lovely, sloping, sandy beach (*no rocks!*) which will accommodate perhaps 20 small outboard boats; a nearby access for slipping small boats into the water (again, no rocks!); a public access a half mile away for bigger boats; tons of lovely lawn and shaded area for parking old cars; and a gorgeous deck with a huge gas grille surrounded by fabulous flowers! It's a truly awesome setting! John owns a Model T, a restored ca. 1930 racing runabout with a 1929 Johnson racing motor, a 1916 Evinrude, as well as assorted other fascinating antiques!



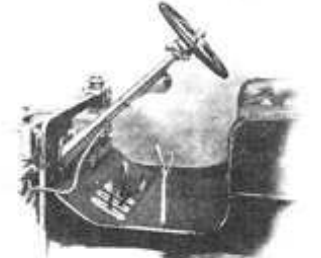
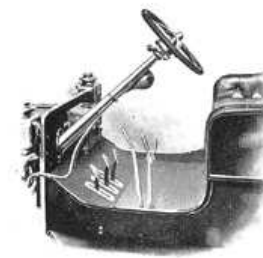
Major sponsors will be the Piquette T's, two chapters of the Antique Outboard Club, and the local Horseless Carriage Club. However, all are welcome to join us, especially with pre-WWII cars, boats, and outboards! (We might tolerate some 1950's iron as well!!) The main thing is to come and enjoy old machinery.

*Schedule:* Once again, I envision caravans converging in the 11:00 AM - noon range, with food on the grille all afternoon. (Cooks needed! Call Randy to volunteer.) Spread the word! Save the date! Tour organizers are needed from (perhaps) Piquette, Dearborn, and where else?? ... Many thanks to John and Gloria for their generous offer!! -- Randy Mason (313-563-5824)



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