

The Piquette Ts
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April 2009 President's Message

Revised Date On *Sunday, May 17th*, we will gather on Edward Hines Drive for some leisurely Model T touring to provide "B-roll" opportunities for film maker Will Lawson. Many of you met Will and partner Scott at our December gathering. They are undertaking an ambitious documentary project as volunteers for the benefit of T-Plex. Bless their hearts! But they need our help. Please come out with your T and be a part of this important project. Period or appropriate dress are encouraged. We are doing this on a Sunday because Hines is closed to motor vehicles on Saturdays in the spring, and we're doing it this early in the year because Will needs footage as soon as possible! We appreciate your indulgence!

Piquette Ts are doing an early spring tour so that Will Lawson, our hard-working volunteer film maker, can shoot "B-roll" footage of Model T's in action for his blockbuster documentary production on the Piquette Plant and Milwaukee Junction. The date is Sunday, May 17. The plan is to gather around 1:00 PM (after breakfast and church) at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185. This is where Edward Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail intersect, and is very near the southern terminus of Farmington Road. The Center is closed on Sundays, so expect no amenities. (We are doing this on Sunday because Edward Hines Drive is closed to motorized traffic on Saturdays from May to October. The Center is accessible from either Edward Hines Dr. or Ann Arbor Trail. If you're driving your Model T, either approach is acceptable. If you're driving a trailer rig, approach from Ann Arbor Trail to Edward Hines Dr. Ample parking is available. NOTE: In your T, you can drive via a brick walkway from Ann Arbor Trail to Edward Hines. DO NOT attempt this with a trailer rig!! The plan is to tour Edward Hines Drive thoroughly from Dearborn to Northville at the whim and direction of Professor Lawson, with the objective of obtaining major footage, both serious and goofy, of Model T's in action! Period costumes or other appropriate dress are encouraged! The exact itinerary will be established on the spot, as it unfolds!

We are utilizing Edward Hines for its scenic backdrop and lack of traffic lights, but, bear in mind, it is, in fact, a flood plain! When flooded, it is closed to all traffic. In addition, our weather in early May can be dreadful. After much hilarious footage is secured, we will retire to a nearby eatery for appropriate cuisine and suitable beverages! We're working on the details! Hope you all can make it for an easy short-haul urban tour that will include a number of Ford historical sites as well as an appropriate salute to Mom! **Please RSVP to Tom Mullin at 248 867-7595 or touringtom@earthlink.net if you will be participating.**

We encourage participation in the Detroit Yacht Club Antique Car & Boat Show on **Father's Day, June 21**. This is a great opportunity to savor one of Detroit's historic jewels from the Model T era ... at virtually no cost! If a Piquette T's member would like to organize a group tour to the event, that would be encouraged. For further information, contact chairman Bill Heller at 734-634-2700

Next up is CityFest at Detroit's New Center, **July 2-5**. We have had a ball participating in this very festive event the last few years! It's a great awareness-raiser for T-Plex. The main activity is giving free Model T rides to event attendees from the St. Regis hotel to Piquette and return. We'll train you to be a Milwaukee Junction tour guide! It's great fun! Touring cars are especially needed. Exact details will follow. Think about which days and hours you might be available.

July 11 has been pinpointed as the best date for our great pot luck picnic on Belle Isle, which will include a short urban "traffic light" tour from Piquette to the island. Details are yet to be finalized. Stay tuned.

August 22 has been earmarked for a rather ambitious event, currently in the early planning stages. It will take place at

Ford Lake Park near Ypsilanti, co-sponsored by the Piquette T's and two chapters of the Antique Outboard Motor Club International! Model T's and Model T-era outboard motors will be featured! Boat rides and Model T rides will be encouraged! Current plans call for a noon-ish gathering and a 4:30-ish cookout in the huge pavilion. Those of you who were at the park last September during the Centennial Tour got a slight taste of what might go on! We had a ball! Stay tuned!

And, of course, none of you would consider missing the world's greatest early car event, the 59th annual Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village, **September 12 & 13!** If you're not on the mailing list for this spectacular free show, leave a message for Jim Johnson at 313-982-6047. Mention Piquette T's and tell him Randy sent you! ... And don't forget the open-house at Piquette on **Friday the 11th!** We need your help and your Model T!!

October 17 will find us touring the fall color in the Plymouth-Ann Arbor-Dexter area, under the careful guidance of Glenn Miller, and enjoying the ambiance of Glenn and Jeanie's spectacular restored Victorian home and reconstructed 19th-century barn! Trust me ... you don't want to miss this one!!

Our final event of 2009 will be our second annual festive holiday/year-end/solstice party at our favorite neighborhood pub, Z's Villa on Piquette Avenue two blocks from T-Plex! No date has been chosen yet ... it'll depend on Steve Z's schedule ... but a Tuesday worked well last year ... how about December 8 or 15?! Stay tuned.

It's going to be quite a year! Mark your calendar and save the dates. If you have comments, ideas, or suggestions, please call me at 239-694-5300 or 313-563-5824.

Randy Mason
President



REVISED 2009 PIQUETTE TS & T-PLEX CALENDAR

For all T-Plex events contact Pat Linklater. E-mail: plinklater1928@att.net Phone: 313-799-0467

APRIL	Saturday	4 th	Detroit Historical Museum, self-hosted dinner. RSVP to Jerry Van at 313 881-2813
MAY	Saturday	2 nd	First T-Plex Open House and Piquette Plant Historical Marker Dedication.
	Monday	16 th	T-Plex Open House
	Sunday	17 th	Hines Drive Model T filming, please bring your Model T to drive by the cameras; period costume encouraged. Meet at Nankin Mills at 1:00 PM. Late lunch at a Northville eatery. <i>Please RSVP to Tom Mullin at 248 867-7595 or touringtom@earthlink.net if you will be participating.</i>
JUNE	Saturday	6 th	T-Plex Open House
	Saturday	20 th	T-Plex Open House
	Sunday	21 st	Detroit Yacht Club Antique Car & Boat Show. Remember to register with Bill Heller at 734 634-2700
JULY	Thursday	2 nd	CityFest first day. Model Ts and drivers needed to provide free rides from The New Center to Piquette. <i>Runs July 2 through July 5, 2009</i>
	Saturday	4 th	T-Plex Open House
	Sunday	5 th	CityFest last day.
	Saturday	11 th	Pot Luck Picnic on Belle Isle
	Saturday	18 th	T-Plex Open House
AUGUST	Saturday	1 st	T-Plex Open House
	Saturday	15 th	T-Plex Open House
	Saturday	22 nd	Antique Car and Outboard Motor Exhibition and Cook-Out, Ford Lake in Ypsilanti
SEPTEMBER	Saturday	5 th	T-Plex Open House
	Friday	11 th	T-Plex Annual Pre-Old Car Festival Party
	Saturday	12 th	Old Car Festival - Day 1, Greenfield Village
	Sunday	13 th	Old Car Festival - Day 2, Greenfield Village
	Saturday	19 th	T-Plex Open House <i>Liepelt II Workshop- Day 1 - Maintenance and Repair</i> 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Rear axle, front axle, frame, steering gear, wheels, et cetera. Cost is \$185.00.
	Sunday	20 th	<i>Liepelt II Workshop - Day 2 - Maintenance and Repair</i> If you cannot make it on Saturday, join us on Sunday for the same program.
OCTOBER	Saturday	3 rd	T-Plex Open House
	Saturday	17 th	Last T-Plex Open House of the year Fall Tour in the Plymouth - Ann Arbor and Dexter Area. <i>Liepelt III Workshop- Day 1 - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, \$185 - Engine and transmission</i>
	Sunday	18 th	<i>Liepelt III Workshop - Day 2 - Engine and transmission</i>
NOVEMBER			No events planned at this time. Any suggested activities?
DECEMBER	Tuesday	TBD	Second Annual Year End - Holiday and Solstice Party at Z's Villa on Piquette.

Help support T-Plex by donating your time and energy. Volunteers are needed during the dates of the open houses above. For more information contact Dick Rubens. E-mail: RichardRubens@aol.com Phone: 313-410-9845

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Schedule of Piquette Ts and T-Plex

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