

December 12, 2015

## Dear MTFCI Annual Meeting Attendees –

The MTFCI Annual Meeting is not far away! We look forward to seeing you in Dearborn.



This letter is designed to provide you with important information about your upcoming visit:



### Registration Is Now Closed

We are no longer taking registrations for the Annual Meeting. Closing registration is based on our utilizing a maximum of five mid-sized motor coaches for the tours. This size of coach allows us to park closer to the venues and improves communications with the docents on each coach.

### Michigan Time Zone

Detroit is now on Eastern Standard Time (not Daylight Savings Time) and will remain so in January. Central – add 1 hour, Mountain – add 2 hours, Pacific – add 3 hours and our dear guest from Sweden – subtract 6 hours. Our beloved Ontario friends will feel right at home – Dearborn EST time is the same as Ontario Metric time. ☺



### Staggered Departures/Arrivals



Due to the size of our group, our motor coaches will be leaving the Dearborn Inn and arriving at the various venues at different times. This will allow you to have a better experience at the venues. If you registered with multiple people, we will keep you together as a group. It is also our intent to schedule our west coast visitors to leave on one of the later coaches in an effort to help you adapt to the time zone changes. Special needs and requests – please contact me! ☺

### Dearborn Inn Filled – “Sort Of...”

Dearborn Inn recently stopped booking rooms at the discounted MTFCI rate. We have more than filled our reserved quota of rooms. You may still book a room at the Dearborn Inn at a higher rate OR you may consider the *Comfort Inn on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn* - phone number is (313) 436-9600. This motel is about 2 miles away. Transportation will be on your own to/from the Comfort Inn and the Dearborn Inn where our tours/events start.



### Cancellations

If your plans have changed, you may request a cancellation up to January 7. No refunds will be made after January 7. People are now signing up to be on a “wait list” in case cancellations should occur, and they would love your spot!

### Prepare for Michigan Weather

Weather in Michigan can be quite challenging! Bring **very** warm coats, gloves, scarves, hats, boots, etc. Some venues are not heated. Roads and driveways may slippery – *be careful!*



### Handicap Needs?



We do not have the ability to lift anyone with a handicap to/from the motor coach. Each person will need to climb a few steps in/out of the bus. We will gladly help anyone who requires extra support in this regard. If you think you need additional help (wheelchair stowage, special lift arrangements, etc.), please let me know (e-mail is preferred).

### Priority Seating Available on Motor Coaches

Reserved seating on our motor coaches is available to anyone who has a mobility issue. Seats will be reserved for you and your traveling companion at the front of the motor coach. If this is something that you are interested in, please let me know (e-mail is preferred).



### Registration

We will have registration set up in the lobby of the Dearborn Inn on Thursday, January 28, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. You can pick up your name badge, tour materials and other goodies at this time. Registration will also be open on Friday, January 29, from 7:00 am to 10:00 am. Tour motor coaches will be leaving the Dearborn Inn on Friday, January 29, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. You will receive your coach assignment and departure/arrival times when you register at the Dearborn Inn.



### ANNOUNCING! Non-Mandatory Party/Meeting Thursday Evening

On Thursday evening, January, 28, we will have a non-mandatory meeting at the Dearborn Inn at 7:00 pm. **Registration materials may also be picked up at this time.** A cash bar will be available for anyone who is interested. The meeting portion of this will include a complete overview of the tours and events for Friday and Saturday. This is being hosted by the Piquette T's and the Casual T's (thanks so much to our hosting chapters!) The actual meeting will begin about 8:00 pm. Great time for questions/answers as well.



### MTFCI Board Meeting Moved to Friday Evening

The MTFCI Board Meeting has been moved from Friday afternoon to Friday evening. This is to accommodate the Board, who expressed a desire to go on the optional tour Friday afternoon to Edsel and Eleanor "Ford House."



### Edsel and Eleanor "Ford House" Tour

This is a great tour – if you are not signed up for this, you may still contact me by **January 7** so it can be added to your itinerary. Cost is \$30 per person and includes admission and transportation. If you do not do this tour, you may enjoy going to The Henry Ford Museum or the Benson Ford Research Center. We will give you directions and suggestions at the registration desk if you would like to go to these places

### New Mystery Spot!

We are very pleased to share with you that our tour on Saturday will have an added stop. It is our hope that you will be excited to find out where this new stop is. We have had a LOT of fun setting this up. *Prepare to be amazed!!!!* Yes, it is a secret for now. If you want a hint on where we are going, please read the "From The Home of the T....." column in the *Model T Times* January 2016 issue of the *Model T Times*! 😊



## About Food

Your registration includes three meals:

1. Friday – We will have a “box” lunch at the Rouge Center. (Nothing too fancy, but it will help us stay on schedule).
2. Saturday – The Detroit Institute of Arts has a very upscale cafeteria. You will receive a \$10 gift card and select the lunch of your choice – entrees, sandwiches, salads, soups, pizza, etc.
3. Saturday – The Dearborn Inn is very well known for its great meals. We will have a buffet dinner on Saturday evening.



Meals on your own will include Thursday, all breakfasts, dinner on Friday and meals on Sunday.

## “Dress Code” for the Dearborn Inn, Tours and Annual Meeting



“Business Casual” is the recommended attire.

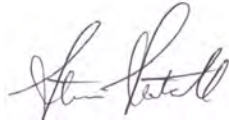
- **Our very first “dress code” requirement is to be comfortable.**
- **NO** period-authentic costumes.
- **NO** suits, ties or jackets for the men.
- **NO** dresses required for the ladies.

The Dearborn Inn is a first-class hotel and restaurant; so from this perspective, we suggest that jeans not be worn for our events while at the Dearborn Inn.

Thanks! 😊 😊

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Dearborn Inn in January!

**Safe Travels –**



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