Tom and Patti Strickling and friends invite you to beautiful Tuscarawas "T" County for the MTFCI's 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour

JULY 18-23, 2021 NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO



#### **TOUR UPDATES!**

I know we are all looking forward to gathering with friends and our Model T family. This summer's tour will not be exactly like previous tours, but we will still enjoy our cars and friends. Several of the stops and attractions will be pay-as-you-go, meaning those admission fees are not covered in your tour registration. We have it set up this way to allow you to decide what to participate in, based on your comfort levels around others and the size of the crowd at that particular stop. The Age of Steam Roundhouse, however, is paid for through your registration, due to their payment policies.

Other things you should be aware of:

- Five out of six lunches are provided. Some of the eating areas are small, so please bring chairs or blankets so we can space ourselves apart.
- The "closing banquet" will be held on Thursday evening at a local park. It will be casual and brief. Friday's tour will take place as planned.
- Parents, please take your kids to see "Trumpet in the Land", the outdoor drama, on Monday night. There is no other youth activity planned that evening.
- Depending on the COVID situation and the restrictions in place the week of the tour, EVERYTHING is subject to change. If any event is not able to be held, refunds will be provided.

We are working hard to give you the best tour we can, as we work around COVID and the restrictions that go along with it. If you have not registered yet, please remember that the deadline is May 31, 2021. Around mid-June, I will send emails with more detailed information to those attending the tour.

We look forward to seeing you in New Philadelphia. Everyone in town is excited that we are able to host the event there this summer. Hope to see you happy and healthy in July!

- Tom and Patti

#### SUNDAY: Welcome to our CITY

We will open the week with brunch at our host facility, New Towne Mall, followed by the car show and judging in downtown New Philadelphia. Area churches and the courthouse will be open for tours to show off their beautiful architecture, windows, and murals. There will also be a display of several early, pre-Model T Fords, as well as a speaker on early Fords. That evening we will head to historic Tuscora Park for an ice cream social, and to enjoy the area's finest outdoor music at Summer Showcase. The park also has rides, including a beautifully restored 1928 Herschell-Spillman carousel.

#### MONDAY: Learn about our area

We will travel to Dennison Railroad Depot, a restored Victorianera depot that was also as a stopping point for World War II soldiers. It was known to our boys as "Dreamsville", where the Red Cross supplied sandwiches, cookies, and coffee to thousands of our troops on their way to war. Next, we'll travel to Midvale Speedway for a few laps and a visit to Schoenbrunn Village for a tour and box lunch. In the afternoon, we will see an amazing estate and car collection and also visit Breitenbach Winery. (We will drive by this winery on two other days; stop and shop when you like.) Monday finishes up with an outdoor drama, "Trumpet in The Land", which tells the story of Schoenbrunn and the settlement of our area; admission is not included in the registration fee. 2021 is the 52<sup>nd</sup> season for this drama.

#### **TUESDAY: Back in Time Day**

Today we will travel through time. First stop: Newcomerstown, Ohio. In the late 1770's, this was the largest Delaware Indian village on the Tuscarawas River, with 700 residents. Next, we'll visit a restored tavern that dates back to the days of the Ohio and Erie Canal, when travel and commerce by canal were at their peak. Then we'll stop by the Olde Main Street Museum, a 1920's car dealership turned museum. We'll move on to Coshocton, Ohio, and Roscoe Village, a restored town of the canal era, located next to the former Ohio and Erie Canal. A heritage tourist attraction, it showcases the area's unique canal history. There is plenty of shopping, historic displays, and food here. At our final stop of the day, fire up the Flux Capacitor one more time for a journey to 1833 in Ragersville, Ohio. The local historical society does a magnificent job of showing off their history. You will see the founder's log cabin, an 1830 school house, 1833 cheese house, wine cellar, general store, and the skeleton of Jeff Davis, a local villain. The Youth Auction will take place this evening at New Towne Mall.

#### WEDNESDAY: It's kind of touristy

We'll head to Kidron, Ohio, and Lehman's Hardware for coffee and donuts and a visit to Ohio Amish country's number one tourist attraction. Lehman's has essentials for non-electric living, plus everything else! Then on to Berlin (say BURR-lun), Ohio, for furniture, home accessories, antiques, food, and unique Amish wares – Berlin is a shopping destination! Lunch and parking at Berlin Mennonite Church.

After lunch, you may spend as much or as little time as you care to in Berlin. The afternoon tour will take you past four attractions and you can decide which ones you wish to stop and see. Because of this, it is pay-as-you-go. Bring cash to make things move more quickly. Tour stops include:

**Behalt Cyclorama:** Behalt illustrates the heritage of the Amish and Mennonite people from their Anabaptist beginnings in Zürich, Switzerland, in 1525 to the present day.

**The Farm at Walnut Creek:** The Farm at Walnut Creek hosts over 500 animals and includes exotic animals such as giraffes, camels, zebras, and kangaroos.

**David Warther Carvings:** David Warther's work is a collection of intricately carved miniatures from antique ivory and ebony wood that depict sailing ships from ancient Egypt, circa 3000 B.C., to modern times.

#### Ernest Warther Museum & Gardens and Warther Cutlery:

Ernest Warther was declared "the World's Master Woodcarver" as he traveled the world displaying his carved history of steam and trains. Here you will see highly detailed replicas, many carved without blueprints.

The Vintage Fashion Show will be held this evening at New Towne Mall.

#### **THURSDAY: Sugar and Steam**

We will split into two groups for part of the day, spending time in downtown Sugarcreek, Ohio, and the Age of Steam Roundhouse. Sugarcreek's downtown area showcases Swiss architectural styles, museums, and shopping. The Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum is more than just a museum and collection. It is a living, breathing roundhouse where talented restoration specialists work to preserve the locomotives, railroad cars, tools, and machinery of the glory days of railroading. After lunch, we will drive through Amish Country, where you can visit Keim Lumber, a fifty-acre complex with over 700,000 square feet of retail, office, warehouse, and millwork production space and more than 400 employees.

The closing banquet will be held this evening at Tuscora Park.

#### FRIDAY: A little bit of everything day

We'll start out with a drive around beautiful Atwood Lake. Lunch will be served by a local church in Zoar, Ohio. Zoar Village was founded in 1817 by a group of over 200 German Separatists seeking escape from religious persecution in their homeland. Today, Zoar Village is made up of approximately seventyfive families living in homes built from 1817 to the present. After enjoying Zoar, we will head for Brewster, Ohio. Brewster is the location of the corporate headquarters and shops of the Wheeling and Lake Erie (WLE) Railway, both the historic company and the current regional railroad. The WLE began producing locomotives at its Brewster shops in 1910. After that, we will work our way home, stopping to visit a collection of Hudson automobiles and tour the Reeves Victorian Home and Carriage House Museum. This opulent mansion is the former residence of prominent Dover industrialist, Jeremiah E. Reeves.

#### **TOUR REGISTRATION FORM**

A tour registration form is on the back of the label sheet included with this issue and also available for download at www.modelt.org

### FREE TOUR REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH!

Thanks to a generous donor, registration fees for youth on tour, age 18 and under, are waived this year! See p. 14 for details.

#### **RESERVE ROOMS AT ANY OF THESE AREA HOTELS:**

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, \$115 145 Bluebell Dr. SW New Philadelphia, OH 44663 - (330) 339-7731

#### Best Western Dutch Valley Inn, \$100

(directly behind Holiday Inn Express) 161 Bluebell Dr. SW New Philadelphia, OH 44663 - (330) 339-6500

#### Schoenbrunn Inn & Conference Center, \$92 - \$132

(almost adjoining Holiday Inn Express) 1186 W High Ave. New Philadelphia, OH 44663 - (330) 339-4334 22 of the rooms will only be available beginning Sunday, July 18

#### Hampton Inn, \$119

(across from Holiday Inn Express) 1299 West High Ave. New Philadelphia, OH 44663 - (330) 339-7000

Quality Inn, \$99 (3.5 miles from New Philadelphia hotels) (Formerly Comfort Inn; has some pet friendly rooms) 2024 SR 39 NW Dover, OH 44622- (330) 364-8881

#### Comfort Inn and Suites, \$109

(3.5 miles from New Philadelphia hotels) (Formerly Country Inn and Suites) 1120 Gateway Place Dover, OH 44622 - (330) 365 9388

#### **CAMPING INFORMATION:**

Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds 259 S Tuscarawas Ave. Dover, OH 44622

The Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds is not a campground, but does have water and electric hookups at 80+ camp sites. There is sewer at a few sites, but it is very limited. There is a pump station. There are two shower houses with large restroom areas.

The fairgrounds is 3.7 miles from the host facility. They are not set up to take reservations, so sites will be on a first come/first served basis. Cost is \$110 for the week. (For an additional cost, a sewer truck can service your camper on Tuesday.) Your payment will be collected when you arrive. USA cash only, they are not set up to accept credit cards.

## Unique Dining Opportunity at Historic Magnolia Manor

Saturday evening before the tour starts, July 17, there is an optional buffet dinner at Magnolia Manor, New Philadelphia's most historic bed and breakfast. Dine on a delicious home-cooked dinner in a restored 1876 Second Empire Italianate style home. After dinner you will be able to tour the home.

- Hours are 4:00 -7:00 p.m., at your convenience, and the meal is buffet style
- Reservations must be made by May 30, 2021
- Menu includes: salad, herb baked chicken breast, baked pork tenderloin, baked potato casserole, glazed carrots, hot homemade bread, homemade dessert selections, and beverage
- Arrangements for this meal are totally on your own and are separate from the tour registration
- The meal and home tour is limited to 50 guests, at \$32 per guest

Magnolia Manor Bed and Breakfast and Tea Room

To make reservations, call Marlena Allen at 330-204-2477. **Deadline for reservations is May 30, 2021.** Cancellations after May 30, 2021, will be refunded by check at 50%.

# FREE YOUTH REGISTRATION

## AT THE 2021 MTFCI ANNUAL TOUR

Yes, you read correctly! Thanks to a generous donor, there is no charge for youth eighteen years of age or younger at the 2021 MTFCI Annual Tour! On the registration form, simply list the names and ages of the youth in your party so the Tour Committee can plan age-appropriate activities. The MTFCI is passionate about encouraging youth in the hobby and we hope to see many young Model T enthusiasts on tour this year!

Children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren of MTFCI members are all included. For questions, contact Steve Bumgarner, MTFCI Executive Director, at (828) 728-5758 or mtfci.exe.dir@modelt.org.

