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L&L Service Station—Most Popular Stop on 2010 Rally

Larry “Butch” Lash and Linda Hochstetler were our gracious hosts at the most popular stop on the 2010 tour. The L&L Service Museum in Kendallville, Indiana is a unique and spectacular collection of Shell Oil, Coca-Cola and other memorabilia. The collection is housed in it’s own building which replicates a vintage service station. The pieces, including numerous gas pumps, have been restored to show car standards. They are arranged to simulate a working gas station complete with manikins dressed in period costumes and cleverly posed throughout. Exploring this whimsical private museum is real blast from the past. The Freedom Road Rally group arrived around four o’clock on Thursday afternoon. Beautiful sunny skies and low humidity made a perfect afternoon for the chicken barbeque that the rally staff had arranged as a surprise for the participants. Local car enthusiasts joined the festivities and the Kendallville paper sent a photographer to cover the story which made the front page. In addition to hosting the stop, Butch and Linda participated in the 2010 Rally with their 1948 Chevy Cab-over, “Big Red”. This top quality private museum is an incredible accomplishment for two people. Amazingly, it was constructed in just ten years which included two expansions of the building. The original building and collection, including “Big Red”, burned to the ground in 2000. Butch and Linda clearly have boundless energy and enthusiasm for their hobby, which was well appreciated by the Freedom Road Rally participants. In nearly every event survey, L&L was named as the favorite stop of the trip.



Was Just Part Of the Fun



Our annual road trip adventure took us to northern Indiana and Illinois for 2010. Thirty-two cars participated. We had another super-fun group of people this year made up of about half returning participants and half first-timers. As always, everyone was soon enjoying the week as one big happy family. After enjoying a tasty lunch at Shapiro’s Deli in Indianapolis and visiting the race track museum, we headed west toward Route 66. In recent years the state of Illinois has been encouraging the re-development of old Route 66. It is dotted with little points of interest like restored gas stations and “survivor” tourist stops from back in the day such as Funk’s Grove Maple Syrup farm, the Dixie Truck Stop and the Launching Pad restaurant with it’s giant space man. Little parks along the way have preserved sections of the original road that you can drive on. Along 66 we stayed at the old world styled Chateau, a very cool hotel with great atmosphere and decorated with antiques. Great hotels and good eats were features of this years trip. The town of Pontiac was a fun stop with it’s restaurants, shops, museums and trolley tour. The local merchants have painted several little cars and placed around town. Our group found them quite amusing.

When we had finished traveling on 66 we headed east across the top of Illinois and Indiana, visiting a fantastic local historical society museum in LaPorte, followed by the Studebaker Museum and a chocolate factory in South Bend. We also found a magnificent restaurant in South Bend called Tippecanoe Place, which had been the Studebaker mansion. The wood-working and decorating were breathtaking. We visited the Amish country and Hudson museum in Shipshewana then enjoyed a cook-out at the L&L Service Station Museum in Kendallville.

Turning south we cruised on down to Auburn where we took in several great museums including the newly opened Early Ford V-8 Museum. This years final dinner was at Don Hall’s Guest house in Fort Wayne, IN. Laughter and car stories punctuated the evening. On the last day we visited a car museum in Kokomo before wrapping things up back in Indy.

The Cars are Family

Nell Rose Corey made a profound statement at this year's final dinner. She said, "The cars are family" and proceeded to share the story of how their Packard has changed hands to Chris Dorsey. Larry Baum then shared a story about recently purchasing a car that had long ago belonged to Earlene's father. Chris' Packard was not the first car to change hands between Freedom Road participants. In fact two participants have passed away since the rally began and in both cases, cars were sold to other participants. In a way they were kept in the family. Just like their people, the cars have their own stories. We would like to make The Cars Are Family a regular feature to include a "car's story" in each newsletter. Submissions would be greatly appreciated. We have also added a free classifieds section to the website for use by rally participants and friends. This way our friends from the rally can know when our other friends, the cars, become available.



Nell Rose, Lyle and
Chris' new Packard

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Website Update

Check out the changes to the website, www.freedomroadrally.com. There's a new look, a FREE classified section and lots of pictures.

The Newsletter

We plan to publish the newsletter quarterly. Suggestions and submissions are welcome. If you did not attend the 2010 Rally, could we please have your birthday? The "great debate" is about whether we need to put them in envelopes. If your newsletter arrives tattered or torn, please let us know.

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to all the following folks:

July	
4	Linda Early
8	Ivo Slezak
15	Brenda Letourneau
15	Merv Johnson
25	Mary Fatkin
29	Bob Wirth
August	
5	Joe Floyd
12	Roy Tepe
17	Marj Schaffer
25	Dwight Scott
September	
4	Sebastian Spataro
11	Scott Dorsey
14	Alana Deno
16	Tyree Harris
22	Janie Norris
23	Lee Helfer

Looking Ahead

HERSHEY - If you are planning to attend the AACA Fall Meet in Hershey, PA, please join us for the FRR cookout on Thursday Oct. 7 at 5:00. We are in the Green Field Spaces GDH 16-20.

2011 - Freedom Road Rally presents CHOICES for 2011. We are planning two events for next year. One in Michigan and one to the Finger Lakes Region of New York. We will keep you posted as plans progress.