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## Michigan Tour Participants Saw Great Car Museums and Much Much More



World class car museums were just some of the great sites visited by the participants of the September rally in Michigan. On Sunday we enjoyed beautiful weather for visiting the extensive campus of the Gilmore Car Museum. We were treated to a double decker bus ride and a behind the scenes tour of the restoration shop and automotive arts school.

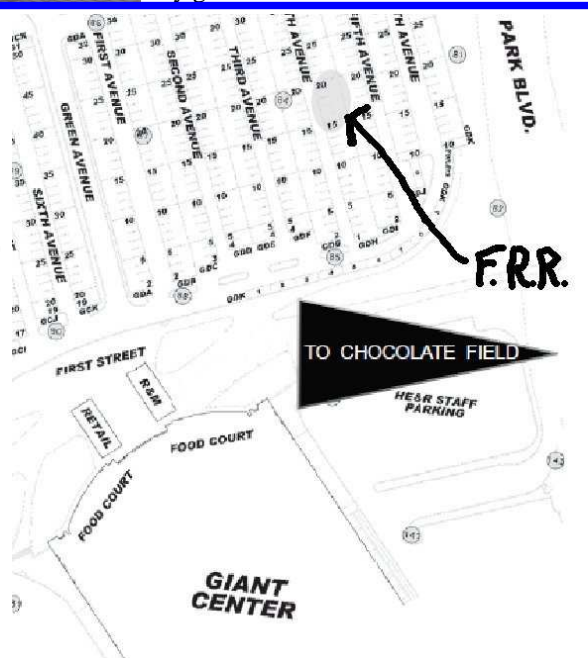


Special thanks to Larry and Earlene Baum for the VIP tour. Monday morning started out damp in Grand Rapids. After viewing the conservatories at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, the rain paused just long enough for our tram ride around the park. The tram stopped while a few of us jumped off and got a closer look at “American Horse”. We traveled to Rosie’s Diner for lunch. Rosie’s was the set for the iconic Bounty Paper Towel commercials featuring Rosie the waitress. It is the only place in the world where three original vintage diners can be found on one site. Out back there is a miniature golf course featuring diner food obstacles. We continued on to Lansing, Michigan’s capital city, to see the Michigan Heritage Museum and the R. E. Olds Museum, recently featured on the “American Picker’s” TV show. Tuesday gave us more beautiful weather for



## You’re Invited

As usual, the Freedom Road Rally crew (including Chris !) will be setting up at the swap meet of the AACA Fall Meet in Hershey, PA. Please stop by and see us in the Green Field at spaces GDH 16-20 any time during the event. And join us for the annual **FRR Cookout at 5:00, Thursday October 6.**



shopping and exploring the quaint Bavarian themed village of Frankenmuth. From there we traveled South to Flint for the Sloan Museum and Buick Gallery which is home to some one of a kind concept cars. That evening we joined the Oxford Cruisers for their evening cruise-in at Chardonnay restaurant and then were treated to coffee and dessert at the Roadside Attractions Store in Metamora. Owners Mark and Catherine Lundy have a keen eye for unique retro collectables and whimsical approach to displaying them. Cont.



Their store features a Sinclair dinosaur atop a water tower and a ‘crashed’ Cessna in the front yard. On Wednesday we traveled South to the Walter P. Chrysler Museum and then to the shores of Lake St. Clair to tour the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate. More



good weather allowed us to thoroughly enjoy the mansion, playhouse garage and grounds. That night we checked into the posh Hyatt Regency in Dearborn for two nights. Bright and early on Thursday most of the group visited Jack Roush’s private collection. Jack’s daughter Susan and her husband were on hand to relate personal stories about the cars. Some of the ladies opted to skip the Roush collection to stay at the Hyatt for some pampering at the spa. Everyone regrouped later in the morning for a fascinating tour of the Ford Rouge truck plant. Participants then took their choice of spending the rest of the afternoon visiting either The Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village. That evening we ate a fantastic final dinner at



Giulio and Son’s Restaurant in the Hyatt. The dessert bar was amazing! The Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum was the first stop on our travels for Friday. It was the last operating Hudson Dealership. The museum also features a great deal of Tucker memorabilia as Ypsilanti was home to the Tucker’s. The Michigan Firehouse Museum gave us a great guided tour of vintage fire equipment and firehouse history. After a very tasty lunch at the Trackside Restaurant, we visited the private collection of Howard and Norma Weaver at their lovely home just South of Ann Arbor. Their collection includes many beautiful and unique cars including a red 1931 Chrysler dual-cowl Phaeton that Norma Weaver received as a 50th anniversary gift from her husband. Norma has been a judge at the Ypsilanti Orphan Car Show for many years. Once again we had only minor troubles with the cars. For the second time in one year, not a single car had to be loaded on the sweep trailer. During our week in Michigan we ate well, laughed often, enjoyed beautiful places and wonderful friends.

## The Cars are Family—Ty and Peggy’s ‘67 VW Bug

Tyree and Peggy Harris are devoted Model A enthusiasts, but, for the 2011 Freedom Road Rally tour of Michigan they chose to drive their 1967 VW Beetle. According to Ty and Peggy they just love driving around in it. It reminds them of the VW bug they owned when they were first married. It evokes fond memories of touring around in the old bug with their children when they were little. The ‘new’ bug sports a mint green and beige paint job and it looked great cruising the back roads of Michigan, not terribly fast, but Ty and Peggy were smiling all the way. They chose the Michigan tour because it had the most car museums. They drove the bug the 670 miles from their home in Bumpass, VA to the rally and back, making a total trip mileage of 1740 miles for the little V-Dub.

