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**Newsletter
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**Checking out
Wisconsin**

Benders Return

Visit to Chicago

Wisconsin Rocks

Scott and Anna have just returned from the great state of Wisconsin where we made preparations for the June 3-8 tour. What a great place!



The scenery is spectacular, from the beautiful coastline dotted with lighthouses to the glacier carved land features along Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive and the

Wisconsin Dells. We found fantastic museums to visit including the Experimental Aircraft Association’s AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh, the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, Circus World Museum in Baraboo and two great automobile museums. In the Wisconsin Dells we’ll ride on vintage WWII Ducks. At House On The Rock we’ll be able to experience the Infinity Room. It’s a terrific example of the boundless imaginations of Wisconsin folks. More examples can be found around almost every bend in the form of whimsical yard art. The people are also warm and friendly. We met some wonderful owners of private collections who say they



Image: Daniel Hughes

will be happy to show them to our group. We met with the staff of Old Cars Weekly in Iola who are looking forward to meeting our group and seeing the cars. It’s going to be a great trip and we are very excited to be able to take the rally to such a fantastic destination.





Tom and Donna Set To Run Chase

Tom and Donna Bender, who operated the sweep truck in Michigan last fall, will be returning to run chase again for the Wisconsin Rally in June. Tom has been a car guy his whole life. He has owned a car dealership as well as race cars. He is also at home behind the wheel of a big truck. Donna, who admits she hates car shows, was pleasantly surprised by the Michigan rally. She couldn't believe all the different things they got to see and do, and can't wait to go again. They also loved spending time with the terrific people who participate in the rally. Welcome back Donna and Tom.

Vintage Cars vs. Street Gangs

On our way through Chicago, we stopped to visit the Automotive Mentoring Group. Alex Lavesque made a big U-turn on life's highway when he chose to leave his career as an architect. He had decided to use vintage cars and Christian values to help Chicago's inner city youth find a path that leads away from gang involvement. Together with Lieutenant Kenny Trotter of the Chicago Fire Dept., Alex now runs the Automotive Mentoring Group. Alex and Kenny recruit gang members to come to the AMG shop and learn how to use tools and restore vintage cars. The program accepts kids of all ages, boys and girls alike. Activities are tailored to the age and interests of the kids and range from model building to upholstery through full-blown restoration. According to Alex, once the kids find out that they can accomplish things with their own two hands, it gives them a new perspective on what they can do with their lives.



An old Mustang gives former gang members a new purpose.