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Flathead Reunion East

Western North Carolina near the Smokey Mountains was the destination for the eighth Flathead Reunion. Our hosts, Rick and Michelle Shoestock, did a great deal of planning that provided all with a delightful event.

The host hotel of our event was the Jarrett House in Dillsboro. This historic inn was a great base for our vintage autos.



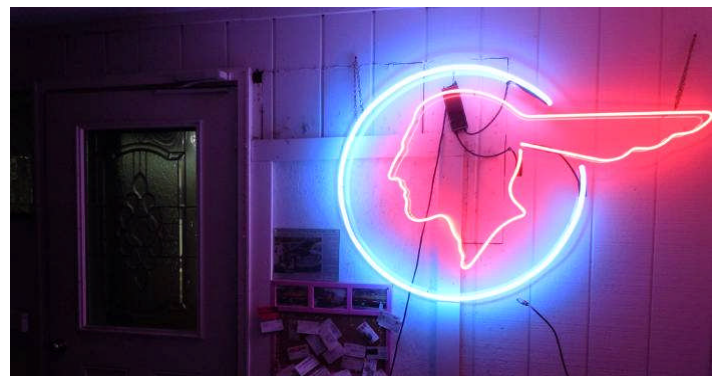
The long porches served as great places for us to gather each evening.



A great place to relax and make new friends.



The club also had exclusive use of the "back porch", a large room on the rear of the hotel's 2nd floor which served as something of a club room throughout the event. It was adjacent to the parking lot on the rear of the hotel, allowing members to flow back and forth between the cars and the meeting room.



Rick and Michelle decorated the room with vintage Pontiac signage and several mannequins outfitted in various period attire.

Some participants arrived a day early and took in some of the sites in and around the area including the Biltmore in Asheville.

Flathead Reunion East, continued:

Wednesday was the official kick off day for the planned events. That evening was the traditional Meet & Greet where old and new acquaintances are established. This was held on the 'back porch' and was a very informal affair. A variety of ales from the local micro-brewery were on hand, as well as sodas and finger foods to nibble.



Thursday was a day of varying activities. The ladies boarded a bus and headed for Waynesville for a shopping spree.



Ladies getting on the bus to return from a successful day of shopping ... notice everyone seems to have a bag of goodies.



Some of the ladies break from shopping (L to R) Karla Wise, Sally Mundell, Lisa Lynch, Mary Van Altvorst, and Ellen Hamilton.

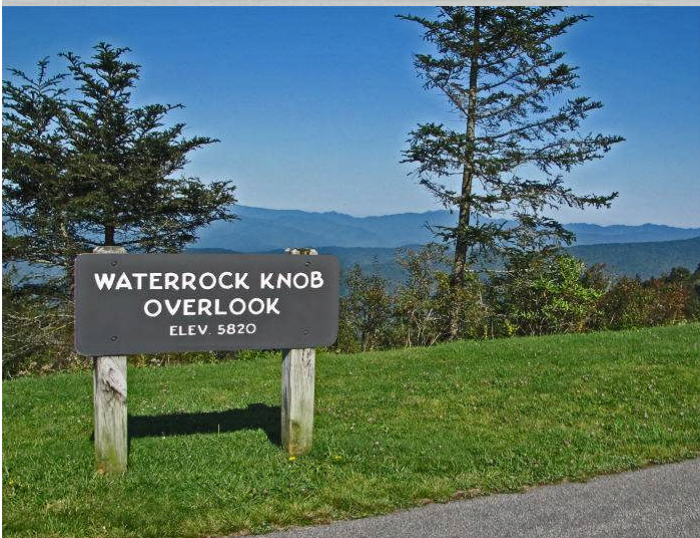
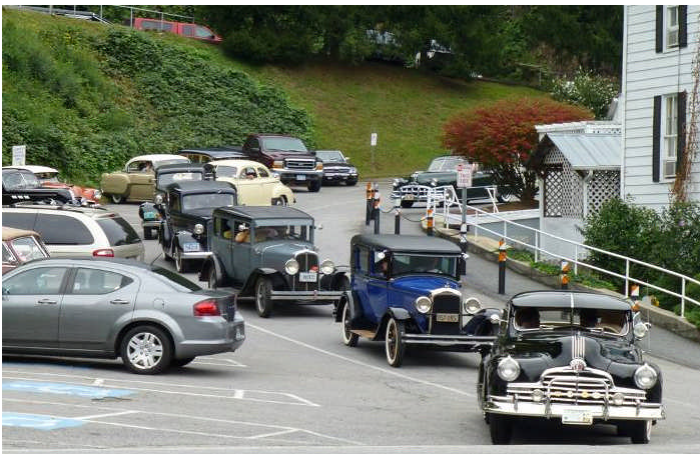
The gentlemen remained at the inn for an ETC meeting followed by tech sessions on the 'back porch', where advice was shared on how to keep our cars road-worthy.



While the ladies were out shopping, the guys spent the day focused on the tech details of keeping our old Pontiacs running well.

Flathead Reunion East, continued

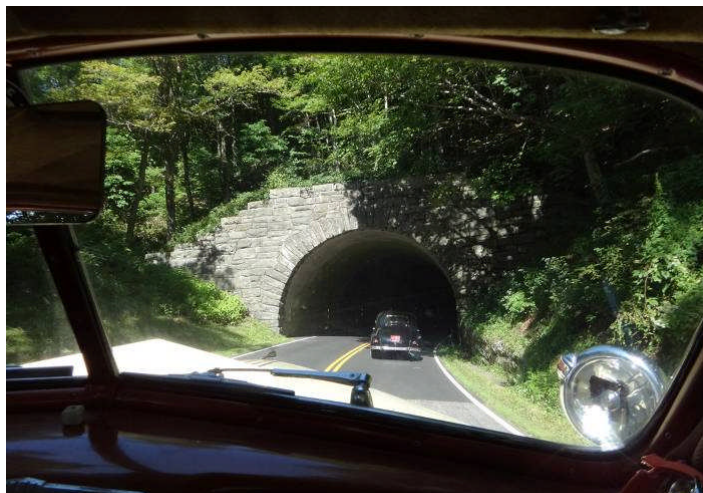
Friday was the driving tour. This year's tour took us along the Blue Ridge Parkway with scenic stops at Waterrock Knob and Mountain Farm Museum. All ETC cars made the climb to almost 6,000 feet elevation without incident. The group included the Van Altvorst's 1928 and the Thomas's 1929.



The sign says it all - Elevation 5820!



The Mountain Farm Museum



What a sight to behold!



When was the last time you saw 2 1934's?

Flathead Reunion East, continued

Lunch was at an old-fashioned drive in with car-hops.



Tom Cox with his 1941 Pontiac.



A beautiful day for a drive.



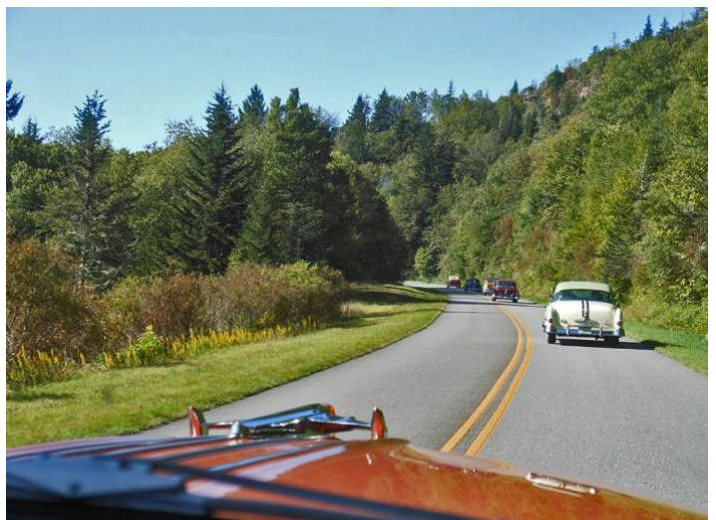
Ralph Hamilton and Andy Wise.



This takes you back in time.



Ralph, Andy, and Lukey.



The view from Paul's 1954.

Flathead Reunion East, continued

Saturday morning the inn was a bustle with members dressed in their vintage clothing.



A short drive to the town of Sylva got us to the Show & Shine site. There had been a great deal of publicity about our event so we had rather large crowds of people stopping by to view our show. Among our guests was POCI President Alan Mayes who came in from Tullahoma, Tn. to see what our event was all about.



Flathead Reunion East, continued



What a lovely couple.



Kurt Kelsey & Huck Mundell discussing '34 Pontiacs



There were picture opportunities everywhere.



1953 Pontiac. Is that a Wyoming tag?



Is it a "Pontiac"?
Sure impresses the ladies.



ETC members can handle anything.
A little rain didn't spoil the show. Those that did not take cover in their cars, gathered together to wait it out.

Flathead Reunion East, the end.

After a very busy show day, participants returned to the inn for our final gathering and awards. Our meal offered a wide variety of southern style foods that were enjoyed by all.



Awards presented were, Longest Distance Driven to Paul and Marjo Prinzing with their 1954 Chieftain Catalina.



Best Display Pre-war to Jay and Mary Van Alvorst with their 1928 Landau Sports Sedan. Also Longest distance trailed.



Best Display Post-war went to Tom and Maryellen Myers with their 1952 station wagon.



Recognition pins were presented to Pete and andi Woodruff and David Luken for their years of service to the chapter.

Final farewells were made by many of us Sunday morning as we all headed off in various directions for home. Mark September 4-8 in Red Wing, Mn. For the 2013 early fall Reunion event.

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1917 Oakland Andy & Karla Wise



1934 Pontiac Huck & Sally Mundell



A beautiful 1954 Star Chief Convertible Coupe



Paul & Marjo Prinzing's 1954 Pontiac Chieftain Catalina. They received the award for Longest Distance Driven.



1934 Pontiac Kurt & Arliss Kelsey

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