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Ladies Day and Men's Tech Day

For the Ladies Day we rode in style on the Badger Coach to Galena, Il. Once we were dropped off Bobbie Luken suggested that if anyone was interested in taking an hour trolley tour



of the town to get tickets right away as the day will book up quickly. We all decided to descend on the trolley ticket office all at once. Low and behold there was room for us on the first trolley that morning! We enjoyed a beautiful tour of the historic town of Galena where about 85% of the buildings are on the National Historic Register.

Then it was time to hit the downtown area of Galena which is full of home décor, clothing, kitchen, and antique shops. We had many restaurants to choose from for lunch, along with wine tasting. I think almost all of us discovered the popcorn store! The main street has been blocked off due to Covid so restaurants can fill the street with tables so



people can eat outside. I think they should keep this tourist area that way. It was so nice to walk up and down the middle of the street and cross wherever and not have to worry



about traffic. It was a perfect day to spend together! While the women were out and about the men were having a



There were enough car issues on the Pontiacs to keep them busy. Harold Hankins and Rich Byerley both had charging issues. Harold also had no brake fluid but could not find a leak.



Tom Myers also changed a bad generator in his car and was happy it was once again charging.



John Gunnell was having issues with his car idling rough and would sometimes die at stop signs/lights. The guys kept busy!



Tech day seemed to continue the following day on the way back to the hotel from the driving tour. Our 1928 vapor locked twice.

Thanks to the thinking of Bernie Sheret to remove the gas cap, we continued.

Don and Judy Kirkwood had a brake line go bad on the front wheel. Luckily Tom Myers had an extra! From the looks of it, the guys did a lot of standing around.



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There's a lot more pictures on the ETC Facebook page! Check it out!

FLATHEAD REUNION 2021

By David Luken

After taking a year off due to the pandemic, Flathead Reunion #16 was finally on for the first full week of September. With a group caravanning from the East Coast and the rest of us showing up from all corners of the country, we were ready to enjoy a few days with our cars and were lucky to have perfect weather!



Many arrived early as a pre-event activity was planned with a visit to a local pottery studio called Brewery Pottery for a demonstration of the wheel and kiln.



Afterwards everyone explored the quaint little town of Mineral Point with many little shops, a cheese factory, and since it was lunch time, various places to eat. We never did get a chance to try every eating establishment in town.

Parallel parking is always a good time with no power steering. I thought I did a good job. Parallel parking is the only parking available in downtown Mineral Point.



Wednesday evening there was a Meet and Greet. Due to the location I think, seven new families joined us.

It was fun to meet new people and get a chance to talk about their cars, where they called home, and whatever else came to mind.



Alas, not everyone who signed up was able to attend, but they were still included in our conversations.

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Thursday morning was now upon us. A tour bus showed up to whisk the ladies off to a day in Galena Illinois. Galena, like Mineral Point, was a lead mining town in the 1800s.



The men had a more leisurely day planned, what we like to call a seminar, where problems with the cars are discussed and others presenting ideas on the cause or the cure. As usually happens, sooner or later the group goes to the parking lot to see if the problem that had been discussed can be cured.

Later that afternoon, when the ladies returned, a chapter meeting was held.

Friday is traditionally a day to take the cars out for a drive. That being said, off we all went down a quiet back road. Our destination was a neighboring town established by Swiss immigrants called New Glarus, after their home in Switzerland called Glarus. We toured a recreated portion of the town from 150 years ago which was very educational. Naturally we had to stop for a traditional Swiss meal at the New Glarus Hotel before leaving town.



At long last Saturday arrives and it is time to show off the cars and perhaps put on some vintage clothes. Another perfect day with some of the local residents stopping by to check things out. It's always fun to talk about the cars!



(Left) After many years of hard work Ralph and Ellen Hamilton got this wonderful 1940 Coupe on the road!

when he dodged a herd of deer on the highway. Who knew green tape would substitute for a set of broken hinges. Needless to say, John was determined to make it one way or another. He drove 1821 miles one way in his 1936 4 dr. Master Six Sedan to capture the long distance driven award!!! Merrill and Sally Mundell earned the long distance trailered award from Vermont, a distance of 1065 miles.

(Right) Sometimes things just don't go the way you had hoped. John Case had a little problem coming to this reunion



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Best Display Pre-War:
Jay and Mary
Van Altvorst



Best Display Post-War:
Robert Krutke and
David Mrazik

Stay tuned for more information about the 2022 Flathead Reunion in Ephrata, PA
September 7—10

Hope to see you all there!

MORE ETC REUNION 2021 MEMORIES



Brothers:
Gary & Bruce
Sutherland



Above: Ellen Hamilton



Wine tasting at Bailey's Run Vineyard in Glarus



Thanks to Bobbie & Lukey for spending
their wedding anniversary with all of us
on September 10!!!!



New members: Dan &
Jimalle Driscoll of IL
with their '52 Wagon



Road Warrior: John Case
from the State of Washington