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President's Message

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Above is a panoramic view of our Saturday car show at the Cloisters at this year's ETC Reunion

First, I want to thank everyone for coming to the Reunion. We had 54 participants and a total of 16 Pontiacs at the show. Unfortunately, due to Covid, misc. family or health issues, etc. six of our members had to cancel at the last moment. They were truly missed, but we look forward to seeing them next year!

The weather started out rainy, but then the sun came out and the rest of the week was the best we could have asked for. There was a constant flow of spectators at the Cloisters looking at the cars.

A big thanks to Ephrata for promoting the show and a big thanks to Arnie & Lois Landvoigt and Jim & Elke Martin for all the preparations they made in getting this reunion organized. Thanks also to Bobbie & Dave Luken and Pete & Andi Woodruff for all their work on this too. A big thanks to Ron & Betsy Thomas for managing all the member registrations all year long, as well as managing all the Reunion registrations, payments to vendors, etc. Thank you to Mary Van Altvorst for all the social media posting on Facebook about our club and the Reunion itself. All the work our volunteers do does not go unnoticed. We couldn't run this club without everyone's help. It is definitely a group effort and we thank you all.

We had members as far away as Washington and Oregon on the West Coast to Vermont and Maine on the East Coast. We applaud them for making the effort to come so far. John Case couldn't bring his Pontiac, but did drive the whole way from Washington in his regular car which had some mechanical issues that some ETC members helped him fix, even in the dark holding flashlights! Mark & Laura Stiles from Oregon have been making their vacation plans around the ETC Reunion for a few years now so they can attend. We always look forward to seeing our West Coast members.

Next year the ETC Reunion is going to be in Indiana. Harold & Linda Hankins are the local hosts and have already been busy working with the ETC Reunion committee on all the details. We will let you all know more about it as soon as possible so you can mark your calendars!

Thank you all also for your newsletter articles that help keep our ETC Newsletter interesting. We really like hearing about your cars or car problems, etc.

We hope to be having another Zoom meeting soon. We hope you will join us. Details to follow on the time and date as soon as it is finalized. Thanks to Rob Guzzetta for his volunteer working in arranging these zoom calls.

Tom

Ladies Day and Men's Tech

On Thursday of the Flathead Reunion the ladies boarded a luxury bus driven by one of the best bus drivers I think we have ever had, Rodney.

He drove us to the Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum in Lancaster. There we had guided tours through the exhibits. The Village and Farm Museum is the largest



museum dedicated to telling the history of the Pennsylvania Germans. As we explored the buildings there were docents

demonstrating how things had been done in the early 1800s. When we toured the Tavern, we were shown how they did open hearth cooking. In the Gun Shop a gentleman explained how they made rifles and showed us the different tools to do so. The Textile Barn we learned the process of turning flax into material. That was remarkably interesting! The Country Store represented a typical rural store operating in the 1900s.



There was a lot of antiques in there to see including mannequins made of wax and their teeth were children's real teeth.

Then we boarded back onto the bus and continued to Lititz to the Bricker Village, where we had lunch, explored the specialty shops, antique stores, and some of the ladies did a wine tasting at Cullari Winery.



Rodney agreed on our way back to make a quick stop at a creamery for ice cream, of course. He pulled to the side of the road and



many of the ladies quickly jumped out. The others that stayed on the bus got to experience Rodney's enthusiasm when he drove down the road, not sure how he was turning the bus around to go back to pick them up, and we came to a large church parking lot to turn around in. We drove back down the road and scooped the ladies up as they were eating their

scoops. Then back to the hotel he safely delivered us.

While the ladies were out the men had tech session all day. Mark Stiles talked about his fuel gauge & water temperature issues. He showed a video of what the car was doing when it acted up. He was given suggestions on how to test it. Bill Flitcraft mentioned issues he was having with his 1948 breaks so the tech session moved outside so they could take a look at it (one works on it while the others watch). They found a brake spring had come off the shoe on the drivers front. Ed Almekinder's car did not want to start, and they determined it was because rain got in the coil wire. They had lunch catered in by Scratch Bakes, an exceptionally good local sandwich and bakery shop.



Join us next year in Indiana!
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ETC Reunion Pics



(Above) Mahlon McDill may have traveled from Kansas without his Pontiac, but he was never without friends!

