

ETC REUNION

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Well we just concluded ETC Reunion #18 in Crawfordsville, IN!!!! Another great one for our scrapbook! The weather cooperated too...an occasional sprinkle but it didn't dampen the spirits of the group at all! We all look forward to this event every year and nothing was going to rain on our parade!



Thanks goes out to Linda & Harold Hankins for all their hard work in organizing this event. They did a superb job and everyone appreciated all their efforts! Thanks also to the Lukens', the Woodruffs' & the Thomas' for all their hard work and support also. Together they all got this event to come off without a hitch. The hotel staff at the Hampton couldn't have been nicer...they gave us all such a warm welcome and made our stay so memorable.

We also got to see Wanda & Bill Harris who haven't been able to attend for awhile, but did make it to the show on Saturday thanks to a friend who drove them up from Mooresville, IN...everyone enjoyed seeing them!!!



Peter Heydon from Ann Arbor, MI hadn't been to a reunion for quite awhile but decided to get in his big box truck and make the trip all by himself with his 1953 Catalina! He was quite the hit with the group!!!

We had one new members join us this year and some old members who participated for the 1st time:

New Member:
Jim Weber (OH)



Myron & Katherine
Slykerman (OH)



OUR ETC REUNION 2023, CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA

For those of us who arrived early in Crawfordsville we got taken to jail!!! The Montgomery County Rotary Jail was built in 1882 & was the first rotary jail built in the U.S. and was in use until 1973. It was then opened as a museum & restoration began in 1975 & it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places 1975. The circular cell block has 16 wedge shaped cells on a two story turntable around a central shaft. The cell block was immobilized in the 1930s as a hazard to prisoners. It was a very interesting place and the curator demonstrated how the cells actually rotated.



As usual one of our group misbehaved and almost got locked up!



On Wednesday most of rest of our group arrived. We had our usual "Meet & Greet" at The Creekside Inn where everyone got to get the party started. We had 22 members participate, but Ohio had the strongest showing with 7 members! Members came from as far away as Vermont & Kansas. Unfortunately, Mark & Laura Stiles' flight from Oregon got cancelled or they would have been the furthest away. They were truly missed!

Thursday was tech day at the hotel where the group got to talk cars and problems and then after lunch they literally worked on some of the car problems in the parking lot. It was a great opportunity to get so many opinions and hopefully fix someone's issues. The ladies spent the day sightseeing & shopping & enjoying lunch out. They visited the LANE PLACE MUSEUM where the curator gave the history of the Lane Family



and then onto the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum for another guided tour. Such interesting history of the family dynamics of the Lanes & Wallaces. Well worth the experience.



MORE ETC REUNION PICS

Friday was our traditional road trip day where we get to take all our cars out for a day on local roads, which takes a lot of planning as we try to avoid highways & high speed limits! As you all know it can be quite a challenge to organize as road conditions change everyday! We caravanned to two different covered bridges during the trip.

Of course there was a quick pit stop at the Crostata Walk Winery to cool off!



Then onto Rockville, IN for some antiques and shopping followed by lunch at the "Thirty-Six Saloon" for a superb BBQ buffet arranged just for us! Some of us had seconds of the bbq but I won't mention names, but I have to admit I was one of them as the food was so so good!



But our ETC trip would not be complete without a stop for ice cream, etc. at a local mill that had a covered bridge for photo ops & demonstrations & local artisans. The ice cream helped us cool off (a great excuse for those extra calories!), but well worth the stop.



Our car show on Saturday was a great success. Here's some of the pics:



ETC REUNION CAR SHOW & AWARDS NIGHT



*Lisa Lynch, Mahlon McDill,
Ellen Hamilton (above)*



*Don Kirkwood & Judy Szor
(above)*



*Peggy Packer (above left) from
Wisconsin attended her 4th ETC
Reunion as a guest of Huck &
Sally Mundell & Peggy says she is
looking forward to ETC Reunion
2024 (above)*



Dave & Betty Tollner (right)

Saturday evening the awards dinner was held at the hotel which actually worked out great I am told. No one had to drive, so they could party hardy. Besides great food there was also musical entertainment. All in all the last night was enjoyed by all. Check out our Early Times Chapter on Facebook for even more pics.

The ETC Awards Dinner was hosted by David Luken & Pete Woodruff who gave out the awards below.

**Huck & Sally Mundell (VT) won
"Furthest Trailered" & also received their 13th
year plaque.**



**Dave & Betty Tollner (NY)
won "Best Post War"**



**Dick & Lois Preston (NY)
won "Furthest Driven"**



**Jay & Mary (MN) won
"Best Display Pre-War"**

