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2025 Flathead Reunion in St Clair, Missouri



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20th Annual Flathead Reunion

Another Flathead Reunion is in the record book and it was a dandy. For the most part the weather was great, for which we were all grateful. Steve and Andrea Cook were our local hosts for the week. They were a wealth of local knowledge and were well connected in the community. This turned out to be very helpful as they opened up a lot of doors for us. Thanks to the Cook's for all they did! We had a nice turnout with 26 registrations, 28 guests, and 17 cars.

The Wednesday pre activity started with a trip to Meramec Caverns and then some of us went to see a nice collection of cars owned by one of Steve's friends, Mike. He had vehicles that I had never even heard of. A fun day for sure!

The official start of the event saw the ladies taking a bus trip to Herman Missouri for some shopping, a great lunch, and some quality time at Stone Hill Winery.



Meanwhile the boys had a seminar where we talked about, you guessed it, Pontiacs. After lunch Steve invited us over to his shop to see some of his projects. There were some interesting things to see there as well. When the ladies returned we had a chapter meeting. Afterwards it was trip to the Finish Line Cafe where it was "pie Thursday". It really lived up to its name with 24 different fresh pies.

Friday is traditionally the day to take the cars out on a road trip so down Old Route 66 we drove. Traffic was light on the Mother Road and soon we were in Cuba Missouri. Cuba is known for its wall murals and they were impressive. Lunch found us at a local Bar-B-Q joint named Mo Hicks. Nobody left hungry, that is for sure. As we left Cuba a light rain came up just to give the cars a few water spots and then the sun came back out. Mother Nature was just playing with us I guess.



At last Saturday arrived and it was show day for the cars. Once again Steve and Andrea struck a deal for us to take over a local park about three blocks from the host hotel. They even had a couple of food trucks and a shaved ice truck drop by to keep us from going hungry. Lots of visitors came by to see the cars and ask many questions. They were very impressed with all the costumes! Many of the cars this year were "survivor cars" which proved to be interesting. Steve had also invited local car clubs to have a show in an adjacent field. That turned out to be a great idea!

That evening we had our awards banquet at the Local Knights of Columbus hall with a huge buffet for us to all enjoy. This year there were five new attendees to the event, all from the west side of the Mississippi River. Awards included long distance driven, Harold Glatz, long distance trailored, Huck and Sally Mundell, a close by 1135 miles, best pre war display, Rich and Nancy Byerley brought their 1940, and best post war went to new members Frank and Jeanie Mall with a 1951 4 Door.

And then it was Sunday and we all had to go home. Evenings were great during the week with the host hotel having plenty of outdoor seating where we all could tell great stories until it was bed time.

Next year we will be in Bradford Pennsylvania. Rich and Nancy Byerley will be our hosts. If you would like to host a Flathead Reunion, or have an idea about a perfect place, please contact Pete Woodruff or myself. Stay tuned for more details about FR 21 in upcoming issues of the ETCetera.

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We have a great article about the Flathead Reunion written by Frank Mall. Check the November newsletter for more coverage of the event. Andi Woodruff



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St. James Winery to finish the driving tour.



Mo Hicks was a fabulous place to eat lunch!



Jay & Steve working on Steve's car after the driving tour.



Ron Kiser's wheel cover after it fell off and he ran it over!

