



October 2021

The View from the Top.

Hi everyone,

This coming weekend is our Annual WMCC Fall Color tour. Looks like we have a nice group of people going. As of Monday each Hotel/Motel had at least 1 Room available, so if you were thinking of going it may not be too late. All Hotel/motel info is below.

WMCC October Meeting Saturday October 9 2021

Our next meeting will be at Nader Motel & Suites in Ludington, MI. Meeting will be at approximately 5pm after we all arrive from our day of driving on the color tour. For our meeting we will gather around the firepit at the motel. Watch you email for updates on Saturday, I will try and send a time update on Saturday if we are running late. I will also post on the Members Facebook Page. I hope to see you all on tour and at the meeting.

Nader Motel & Suites
612 N Lakeshore Dr, Ludington, MI 49431

.2021 Fall Color Tour

This is it, Cheryl and I finally got to finish up the route and motel information for the 2021 Color tour this past weekend and I think it will be one of our better Motel trips.

Like I said in April we will be starting in Port Huron on Thursday the 7th of October. Leaving from the Holiday Inn Express at 9am. There is nothing special going on Wednesday night but staying the night in Port Huron makes it easier on me with Cheryl not being an earlier riser. I will do the basic route then Motel info at the bottom.

Day 1 October 7th we will be traveling up the Huron lake shore around the thumb area, through Bay City and on up to Alpena for the first night. We will be staying at the Big Bear Motel right on US-23 on the south end of town. This will be the longest day at 280 miles but we did find some roads that you have never been on that makes it worth it.

Day 2 October 8th we will be leaving Alpena at 9am and traveling up to Mackinaw City to spend a couple of hours seeing the sits and shops, we will be taking our lunch break here also. Then traveling down to Harbor Springs and the Tunnel of Trees. Once we have completed the tour it will be down to Boyne City for the night at Boyne City Motel. Nice place with a fire pit in the back. We were going to stay in Charlevoix, but everything was either booked or out of my price range.

Day 3 October 9th we will be traveling over through Traverse City and taking M22 around Leelanau peninsula on down the cost to Ludington for our final night at Nader's Motel. This motel is not as close to town as I would have liked but the rooms look great, and they have a Gas Fire Pit. This is only a 200 mile day so we will be able to stop at a couple places. whatever suits our fancy.

Thankx Cheryl and John

Thursday night October 7th

Big Bear Lodge

This is the smallest motel of the weekend and



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might fill up so get you room reserved. They have 4 different room selections from single queen, double, junior suite and family, check their cancelation policy.

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Alena, MI 49707
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Friday night October 8th

Boyne City Motel

Also a nice room selection with a wood fire pit. They will charge your card for a deposit, but it is refundable if you chose to in advance, not sure how long it was.

110 N. East St.
Boyne City, MI 49712
231-582-6701

Saturday night October 9th

Nader's Motel & Suites

This is located on lakeshore drive just north of the city beach so if the wind is blowing, we will have some protection. Fairly large place with Kitchenettes even, they will also charge your card that is refundable I believe 4 days' notice.

612 N Lakeshore Dr.
Ludington, MI 49431
231-843-8757

ITS ALIVE!!!! Well it was :(

After several years of fighting with the ole Gomaro we finally had it running and enjoying it again. Well that all came to an end Saturday when Scott and I were on our way to a car show in Kalamazoo and lost Drive and Overdrive in the transmission. So now its taking an early slumber till next spring while we decide what we are going to do with the trans. Not sure if we are going Rebuild, Buy New, or a 6spd Swap.

2021 Making Memories ROUTE 66 TOUR September 9-22, 2021

First off, I would like to thank the participants this year that make the trip. Making the trip this year was, Dave and Gay Verburg, John Jr., Roxie Smith, Ed and Ann Boher from West Virginia, (Michelle Malmquist's dad and stepmom) and Jim

and Lynn Garrett from North Carolina. Friends of Michelle's Thank you for going. Deb Peloquin joined for the Meet and Greet and a little over halfway the first day. It was nice to see Deb again.

The trip started with a meet and greet at Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket in Willowbrook IL. on Thursday night Sept. 9th. Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket opened on Route 66 in the summer of 1946 and is still thriving today.

On Friday the 10th, we headed out at 9am spending the first night in Carlinville IL. at the Carlinvilla Motel. Along the way we visited two old Gas Stations the Log Cabin Restaurant which was rotated back in history to have the front face the 66 after it moved to the back of the building, The Route 66 Museum in Pontiac IL.

On Sat. we headed to Missouri to spend the night at the Wagon Wheel Motel in Cuba MO. Stopping at 500 Classics Cars along the side of I-55in IL., over to the Missouri Route 66 Museum west of ST. Louis, then tour the town of Cuba that has 19 Murals painted on the sides of buildings telling the history.

Sunday, we made it to Joplin MO. with attractions of the largest rocking chair, Devil's Elbow, Uranus Fudge Factory.

Monday, we made it just west of OKC to El Reno OK. making stops at the Blue Whale, Seaba Station Motorcycle Museum, Big Round Barn, we did get there late and missed the inside. and the largest Pop bottle.

Tuesday, the next motel was in Shamrock TX. with stops in Elk City OK for two museums OK Route 66 Museum and The National Route 66 Museum with the high lite of the day being a stop to see Harley, a legend on 66.

Wednesday, we started with a stop at the U-Drop Inn, Bug Ranch, the Big Texan in Amarillo where you can get a 24oz. steak for free if you eat the whole meal in an hour. Cadillac Ranch, and the Halfway point before going to Tucumcari New Mexico and the Blue Swallow Motel.

Thursday, we stopped in Santa Rosa NM at the Route 66 Auto Museum before heading to Santa Fe.

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NM, it is on an early pre 1932 alignment of Route 66, in Jeff's words just the drive through the mountains is worth it.

Friday down to Albuquerque with a stop at Old Town then over to Gallup NM for the night at EL Rancho Hotel, El Rancho was built in the early 1920s and used by a lot of movies as a home base when filming western moves in the countryside with lots of pic in the grand stair case.

Saturday crossing over into Arizona hitting the Painted Desert/Petrified Forest National Park and spending the night in Holbrook to sleep in a Wigwam Motel.

Sunday the first stop would be Winslow AZ. to stand on the Corner then a right turn in Flag Staff up to the Grand Canyon. then back down to Seligman AZ spending the night at the Stagecoach Motel, Cheryl and I got to sleep in the John Wayne room.

Monday would be one of most memorable days of the trip as we make our way to Needles CA. by the

way of Hackberry Store, Kingman and onto the Oatman Highway through the Black Mountains into Oatman AZ. They have Burrows walking the streets, left over from the gold mining days.

Tuesday we would travel through a lot of desert to get to Barstow CA. we hit Amboy CA to stop at Roy's Café in the middle of nowhere. Café' is closed now but there is a two-pump gas station and souvenir shop with porta potties. Then the Bag Dad Café that was featured in a movie that was more popular in Europe.

Wednesday was the day we all waited for, getting to the end in Santa Monice CA. Traffic in LA is a pain and we got split up, but everybody made it to the Hotel in plenty of time to eat at Bubba Gumps and get pictures on the pier by the END OF TRAIL Route 66 sign.

Thursday everybody had different plans to travel home. For the Smiths it was out to the Hoover Dam and then into Utah to take I-70 through the mountains to Denver then I-80 home.



We did manage to make a lot of memories, turned around more times than I'm use to but the trip was great. Even put Jeff's name in the book at the end of the trail.

Thankx again to all that went Cheryl and John







Don't miss the next
WMCC Meeting
See Newsletter for Details.

The Western Michigan Camaro Club

Is dedicated to the enjoyment, preservation and promotion of the Chevrolet Camaro as the premier four passenger sports car ever. The club was formed in 1975.

Meetings

The WMCC holds monthly membership meetings on the first weekend of each month. Times and location vary, so see the Newsletter or check the club's web site or face book page for specific times and locations, or call one of the officers.

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