

## The Spring Overnight Tour Through Pennsylvania

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The success of last year's Overnight Tour encouraged us to develop another tour for 2009 – June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. To keep the tour interesting, we modified the casual format to a little more structure by combining the Overnight with the existing Orphan Car Tour, which is a one-day event that had its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Some of our non-orphan participating cars became pseudo orphans for one day.

Registration was very flexible – you could just do the Saturday afternoon Orphan Tour from Thurmont, MD to Chambersburg, PA, and as an option stay for the wrap-up dinner. We had a motel in Chambersburg for the Overnight group, but some of the Orphan tourists decided to stay overnight and go home Sunday morning. And we even had participants who joined us Sunday on our way to Swigart's Museum in Huntingdon, PA. Participating cars for the two-days totaled 48, and 11 of those were on the Sunday drive.

On Saturday there were nine stops (all

optional) along the back roads between Thurmont and Chambersburg. Included were: The Devils' Racecourse – a river that is completely covered by flat rocks with the water running underneath; Pen Mar Park's scenic view; Select Vehicles – an antique and collector auto emporium; the Waynesboro Model Railroad Club; Older Car Restoration; and the Fayetteville Antiques Mall.

Paul Habicht was seen looking over the Studebaker for sale at Select Vehicles. And at the model railroad museum display, Josie O'Donnell said it was the best display she had ever seen.

The wrap-up dinner for the Orphan Tour was at the Family Traditions Lighthouse Restaurant. We watched a slide show of the days events while eating dinner.

One last event was scheduled for the first day, a trip to the Windy Knolls Ice Cream Parlor, located near the host hotel in Chambersburg. Everyone enjoyed their favorite ice cream treat.

After a good nights' sleep, those of us

continuing on the Overnight were ready to travel to Swigart's Museum. The route took us thru the Cowens Gap State Park. We were joined on Sunday morning by Kay and Cecil Polin, members of the Early Ford V-8 Club. We drove to the State Park and got out to enjoy the view.

At Swigart's, we were greeted by the owner and the staff and treated to a personal guided tour. We met up with Mary and Ed Allen at the Museum. They were visiting family in the area. With all this driving, we only had one minor breakdown. The Horns had a battery problem that was quickly fixed.

On the Sunday tour were: Sandra & Ralph Stroud, 1965 Mustang; Janet & George Prechtec, 1966 Oldsmobile; Ginny & Paul Habicht, 1959 Cadillac; Debbie & Walt Briethaump, 1940 Packard; Lynn & John Horn, 1953 Hudson; Carol & Robert Carlesh, 1976 Bricklin; Joanne Day & Read Van Zile, 1963 Thunderbird; Anne & Tom Kenney, 1955 DeSoto; Jon Battle, 1937 Hudson; plus the Polins and the Allens.



*Shown from the top left clockwise: The Studebaker at Select Vehicles; The Devils' Racecourse; Our cars parked at Swigart's; Read Van Zile & Joanne Day testing a brass car mockup; and one of the Museum's two Tuckers.*