

Memories of the “Life’s too short (to keep the MG in the garage) Run



Driver’s meeting outside of the Hampton Inn, Oxford, Ohio where Roger outlines the morning drive.

Is Roger demonstrating to us 1) the size of the fish he caught at Lake Lemon, 2) how far we will travel today, or 3) approved social distancing when driving?

He promises us a surprise at our first stop that will make us gasp.



THE FUTURO POD, BY FINNISH ARCHITECT MATTI SUURONEN

One of perhaps 63 Futuro Houses in existence, this one consists of two units joined with a center tube walkway. The house is made of fiberglass-reinforced polyester plastic in 16 elements that are bolted together at the site. Access steps come down with a hatch on the bottom. Inside is a small kitchen, bathroom and bedroom with built-in furniture. – GASP!



Next stop is the Great Serpent Mound located near Peebles, OH and along Ohio Brush Creek. 1,348 feet long, three-foot high and between 20 to 25 feet wide. The effigy mound represents a serpent with a head opening to an egg. The head is aligned to the summer solstice sunset. Archaeologists are debating the origin and meaning of the mound, with suggestions it may be 2000 years old.



The last stop of Saturday was at Miller's Furniture, Bakery and Bulk Foods in West Union, Ohio.

Here Dick and Carol Brown follow Jeanette and Carol Strohm from the bakery. In the background is a display of outdoor furnishings and signs.

Later, we visited the furniture store and admired the workmanship of the tables and chairs before leaving for the Hampton Inn at Maysville. KY.



Upon arrival at the Hampton Inn, each of the group were giving a handmade chocolate treat of two small cars and a note from the clerk welcoming us to Maysville.



While most folks filled up their tanks with gasoline the night before, the first stop of the day was for ice cream at the United Dairy Farmer's convenience store. Keeping in mind that one should never rely upon the hand brake when working on a running engine, a water bottle makes a good wheel block.



Roger Watkins, Carl Strohm, Sally Watkins and Jeanette Strohm discuss the comforts of driving with the top up and in a light rain between the MGB and the MGA.



Final stop – Rabbit Hash, KY General Store, Art Works, log cabin and we are not sure what else. Carol Walter stands by the side of the road while Dick Brown photographs the buildings.





Famous for its canine mayors since 1998, candidate photos are posted on the buildings. Each vote costs \$1 with the proceeds going to Rabbit Hash Historical Society.

During the 19th century the town was well known for using the local rabbit population as food and serving rabbit hash to travelers. Located across the Ohio River from Rising Sun, IN a small ferry was in operation to bring horses, people and goods across the river. Below is a view of the riverboat casino at Rising Sun.





Lunch at Jane's Saddlebag, Union, KY consisting of a restaurant, Whine Shop, Wyats Neral Store (pictured above) and a playground. Located near the Big Bone Lick State park, our travelers settled down to a freshly prepared lunch and live music.



Greg and Sue Patterson, Steve Hully, Jack Kurkowski (behind Steve) and Laura wait for their food while enjoying some beverages in the open-air dining area attached to the Whine Shop (where they sell wine).



In the background are several out buildings for kids to play in including a jail, a church, garage and a natural amphitheater focused on a replica of a flatboat for the stage. In the foreground is Roger (behind Sally) Watkins, Susie and Fred Ulery, Jeanette (behind Fred) and Carol Strohm, Tom Wilson and Heather Coyle (back to the camera).



Here Carol and Dick Brown wait for their meals while considering the five hour drive back to their home in Bloomington, Illinois.