

PTSC SPRING ROAD TOUR TO INDIANA, PA. 2022

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Sunday, May 15th was a beautiful day in Pennsylvania for a Corvette Club Road Trip and that's exactly what our Pittsburgh Tri State Chapter did. We had 12 members and six Corvettes participate.

Chapter member Tom Almes, owner of AutoSport Company in Indiana and Pittsburgh invited us up to his place for a visit and tour of the dealership.

Those going on the tour met at the Lamplighter in Delmont at 9:00am. Leaving from there were Don & Judy Geary, Norm & Linda Neffield, Roger & Bette Zrimsek, Stu Benson, Bob Stokes and myself. Don, Roger, Stu and Bob drove their Corvettes and we met up with John Kuhns along the way and John also drove his C4.

Our tour leader Norm Neffield took us on a beautiful scenic route to Indiana, and I mean scenic. Roads certainly not traveled by me or a couple others. But there wasn't much traffic and no stop lights to hinder our trip. However, I now know that there is a Jacksonville, Pa. and a small town called "Peanut". (It took all of a minute or so to pass through each!) Hey, you learn something new every day, right? Thanks Norm.

Once there, Tom's son Anthony greeted us with coffee and donuts. He briefly discussed the history of the business and shared some stories about how his father started it all, including his father's relationship with the late Chip Miller. We had the opportunity to go thru all the buildings on our own to look at and enjoy all the Corvettes and other collector cars on site. *(Pictured below: (L to R) – Don & Judy Geary, Cindy & Bill Bryan, Linda Neffield, Jim Patitucci, Bob Stokes, John Kuhns, Stu Benson, Norm Neffield, Bette & Roger Zrimsek.)*

After our visit to AutoSport our group "hiked" up a few blocks (some of us faster than others! lol!) to the Jimmy Stewart Museum. As many of you know Jimmy was born in Indiana, Pa. Employees at the museum were very accommodating. They opened up earlier than normal for us. While there we watched a very informative film in the 50-seat vintage theatre. The movie highlighted his life. The museum is filled with memorabilia from Stewart's Hollywood career, WWII Military Service and his personal life. After the film everyone had time to walk through at their own pace to check out movie posters, his many awards, various military uniforms and items from his personal life. (See photos) We all could have stayed much longer. Reading through everything was fascinating and interesting.

For lunch, we hiked back down the street a few blocks to Bruno's Restaurant. A long time Indiana Italian favorite eatery. We had our own room and everyone was able to set at one table. It was nice to take a break over a good meal and enjoy the great fellowship. After lunch we traveled back to Latrobe to John and Vickie Kuhns' place. John invited us all back to his new *Specialty Cars Showroom* for dessert. And what a fantastic dessert buffet it was too! Vickie laid out pies, cupcakes, automotive cookies, and refreshments. What a great way to end the day.

Special Thanks to:

Tom & Anthony Almes for inviting us to their dealership.

Jimmy Stewart Museum staff... Bruno's Restaurant Owners & staff.

John & Vickie Kuhns for the great desserts and their awesome hospitality.

Especially thanks to all who attended and to those who drove their Corvettes. Everyone had a great day!

Enjoy the photos. Don't forget to check out our website for more photos not seen here. *Jimmy*