

2023 Spring Road Trip to the Altoona Blair County Convention Center

We had an unusual spring road trip today to Altoona, Pa. Usually, we travel to someplace picturesque or different but this year with our 7th regional event scheduled within 4 weeks we decided to make this a working road trip. We had a very good attendance with 22 members attending the event. And the travel through the mountains of PA is always picturesque and entertaining.

We passed by a very long train winding its way through the famous PA railroad Horseshoe Curve and into the Gallitzin tunnel built in 1854. We counted 23 windmills on the mountain tops surrounding Altoona. The trees at this elevation (2937 ft) were just starting to sprout, which is at least a full 2 weeks behind the lowland trees in the Pittsburgh area.

The weather was great and we all wanted to bring our corvettes but with rain and thunderstorms predicted, only two brave souls drove their cars. Rest assured we took several pics with the group and the cars in front of the Blair County Convention Center.

We met with Chef Tom who is also the CEO of the organization, to discuss last minute details of the regional, down to how many tables in the Tab room. Exciting stuff, I know, but it had to be done. Then we took a tour of the building, garages and exterior site for car pictures.

Next we went to a great Italian restaurant that also brewed their own beer. This was an exciting combination and we had a great meal. Finally was a trip homeward bound through the rain back to Pittsburgh. A fun day was had by all.

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