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RUNNING LIGHTS



December 2010

Our 2010 Tours: Check Them Out

Spring Tour 2010

June 2-5, 2011

Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids just opened a 4-star hotel and we have reserved all the rooms at a great rate! In addition to a world-class lodging experience, it is a real-world teaching laboratory for Hospitality Arts students; the only one of its kind in North America! We'll set aside time to tour other cutting-edge



ing the Healthcare Simulation Center with a six-room, seven-bed simulated hospital environment, explore the inside (at ground level) of a wind turbine in the new Energy Production and Distribution program, inspect the college's 2-acre vineyard and wine-production lab, visit the Iowa Equestrian Center, home to the college's

Horse Science program and used nearly every weekends for equine, dog and even llama shows!

Ever wonder what it's like to get behind the wheel of an 18 wheel semi-tractor? Well you can gear jam your way around Kirkwood's Truck Driver Training Range too! Our day trips will

include learning more about famed Iowa painter Grant Wood and a look at the Amish life in Kalona. We'll have a gathering reception at Duffy's Collectible Car's, lunch and car show at Carousel Motors in Iowa City, ShineTime at the Relay for Life Cancer Prevention Rally and an authentic Czechoslovakian dinner at historic St. Wenceslaus Church, restored to its pre-flood beauty.

Fall Tour 2010

October 5-8, 2011



Clear blue skies are common all over in Minnesota, but the south-central region is also "Blue Earth" territory, getting its name from clay found in the river banks. We'll gather in Estherville, then cross into Minnesota to explore its prairies, rivers, and lakes. From ancient rock carvings suspected to date from 3000 B.C., to Dakota Indian life on the prairie, to New Ulm "America's Most German City", we won't lack for great things to explore.

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Fall Tour

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Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, October 5

Gathering day in Estherville, Iowa

Thursday, October 6

Estherville to Marshall, Minnesota, home to Schwan Foods with a look at their original neighborhood delivery truck and the famed Red Baron airplane. Our noon pit-brunch stop is in Windom, with a visit to one of their Toro manufacturing plants.

Friday, October 7

Marshall to New Ulm...in a round about way via the River Valley National Scenic Byway through Redwood Falls and staying two nights in New Ulm. While we're there, New Ulm will be celebrating Oktoberfest. Rumor has it that Neil Rohlena is planning a bootleg accordion concert!

Saturday, October 8

Loop Tour to Sleepy Eye, Cobden and Comfrey to view the pre-historic Native American carvings at Jeffers Petroglyphs

Sunday, October 9

Back to Estherville or home with a final lunch stop at Blue Earth, home to the Jolly Green Giant statue (ho ho ho)!

Sign up for both tours at the same time and save \$50!



Autumn Waters; the Perfect One?

After 16 years, and 30+ tours, it's impossible to remember them all in detail. We can tell you some were wet and some were hot. Some were a matter of "lashing the steering wheel" because 40 miles of straight road lay ahead! We have patiently endured pit stops in nameless towns where well-intentioned folks challenged our clutches with parades and our constitutions with baked beans for the third day in a row... but as all who made the trek will testify, our fall 2010 tour came as close to perfection as possible!

Honey Creek Inn was a delightful place to spend a long weekend, great rooms, great views, and all the amenities to make it pleasurable. Learning how the Rathbun reser-

voir serves Iowa's southern tier of counties with its water purification plants and the state as a whole with its fishery was very educational. Our morning drives to Exline, Lancaster, Mo and the barely 5 mile run to Moravia were rewarded with tasty breakfasts and the knowledge we were helping local causes. And then the evening programs; first learning about the Mormon Trek, followed by Enfys McMurry's passionate tale of crime in Centerville, Iowa. Oh, and did we mention northern Missouri's abundance of nicely banked, two lane "twisties"?

But most of all it was the weather, four of the most glorious days imaginable, with bright skies and top-down temperatures Is this heaven? No, but it's MotorMemories at its absolute best!

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Anyone for England?

John is organizing another of his England home-stay tours for next May. The tour includes 4 days on the "Lizard" peninsula in Cornwall, then 8 days with day trips to Stratford, Stonehenge,



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and more.

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Keep Iowa Beautiful was founded in 2000 and is affiliated with the nationally acclaimed Keep America Beautiful. KAB has been working for half a century to improve the beauty of our nation.

Our new web site, www.keepiowabeautiful.com, will be up and running the third week in December.

Keep Iowa Beautiful works to:

- assist communities and organizations in cleanup and beautification projects.
- conduct research studies that will help us to understand the reasons some people litter and show a lack of respect for land and property.
- provide anti-littering and beautification education programs.
- increase public awareness of the costs of littering.
- encourage regional groups and communities to become Keep Iowa Beautiful affiliates/partners

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