

Road Apple Tour & Choo Choo

The 17th Annual R.A.T., a sports car road trip through Amish country will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019. This R.A.T. will be a little different from past tours. This year we are including a visit to the Age of Steam Roundhouse (www.ageofsteamroundhouse.org) near Sugarcreek. Our roundhouse tour starts at 1:00pm. The guided tour takes about one to one and a half hours.

The start will be at the McDonalds restaurant on US 62 west of Johnstown. With full fuel tanks we will leave McDonalds at 9:31 +/- and head east on US 62 to Martinsburg then take SR 541 to Coshocton. Our first stop will be for brunch at the Uncorked Restaurant, 600 N. Whitewoman Street in Roscoe Village. Uncorked opens at 11am and we hope to be there at 11am. After brunch we will continue north through Roscoe Village then take some back roads to Fresno where we catch SR 93 north to CR 108 (right) that turns into Smokey Lane Rd SW. The roundhouse will be up a short distance.

After the roundhouse tour its time to head to Charm.

We will go back to SR 93 and head south a short distance and turn right on SR 643 which turns into SR 557. Our next stop will be the Miller Bakery, an annual stop suggested by the Johnsons. This would be a good place to purchase road trip treats. When we leave Miller's Bakery we will head back to Charm. Keim Lumber store closes at noon on Saturday so after a short stop in Charm it will be time to call it a day. Charm Days is the following weekend. If members can't make the R.A.T. it might be fun to drive to Charm on the 10th.

As a group we can take back roads to SR 83. At this point the Kahles will head north on SR 83 and home. The Columbus gang can turn south on scenic SR 83 to SR 541 & US 62 west back to Columbus and maybe fit in a stop at Velvet Ice Cream on SR 13 just south of US Route 62 to end the day ?

We will try to keep all the cars together. Please keep a 2 second distance between cars and if we get split up we will try to re-group.

On County/Township roads we will pass many Amish farms and buggies on this drive so we will be taking it easy. There should be a lot of Amish farming activity getting the crops harvested.

This is a very informal event so we can go our separate ways to explore all there is to see in this scenic area at any time.

The weather is normally very nice for top-down motoring this time of year. Hopefully the Fall colors will be peaked. No route maps for this drive so bring your Ohio Atlas & Gazetteer, Amish Highways & Byways Map, an Ohio map, GPS and FRS radios.

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This years Road Apple Tour will include a tour of The Age of Steam Roundhouse.

The cost of this tour is \$15.00 per person if we have 20 members attending. Less than 20 the cost is \$20.00. Required is a signed waiver for all attendees. Please print and sign the waiver attachment. I will have a few printed and bring them to the start at Johnstown.

Questions?? Contact Bill Kahle