

DAIRYLAND TIN LIZZIES

Holy Land – Hilly Land Fall Color Tour

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If you could pick an absolutely perfect day for a Fall Color Tour, this would be it. It was nice and sunny with the temperature in the 70's. This tour was originally scheduled for one week earlier, but was postponed due to the very poor weather forecast which turned out to be correct as it rained almost that whole day.

The tour started from St. Lawrence, Wisconsin where most of us met up. This is where Highway W begins, and we went the whole way on "W" until it ends at Columbia Park in Fond du Lac County.

Along the way, we passed through St Anthony and Mount Calvary (can you see why this is called the "Holy Land" ?) Our first stop was at the Malone Historical Museum for a visit. This is a small, plain looking building, but inside they have lots of displays on local history. For such a small museum they have lots of very impressive displays.

Larry Lamont met us there as he lives quite close to the museum. He was driving his Willys – Knight since it has a self starter and because of his doctor's orders, he can't hand crank his Model T for awhile yet while he recovers from surgery. Larry mentioned that he either is or will be on the Malone Museum Board of Directors soon.

Continuing on, we had lunch at Big Al Capone's restaurant in Pipe. The owner of Capone's saw our cars and showed us a picture taken about a hundred years ago with several brass cars in front of their building and asked if we could re-create it. We

couldn't park where the cars were a hundred years ago due to the fast and heavy traffic on Hwy. 151, so we lined up several T's in a parking lot across the street and did a pretty good job of re-creating the picture.

Next we drove down to Columbia Park and had a nice stretch break with some of us climbing the lookout tower in the park.

Our next stop was at LaClare Farms, a 700 goat dairy with a cheese factory, store, and restaurant. Some of us petted the goats, and checked out the store also.

Now comes the fun part!!! We went to the northern end of Seven Hills Road and went all the way to the southern end of it, a distance of about 7 miles. I simply must tell you that the Seven Hills Road has more than seven hills. I counted about 11 or 12, and they're all good, challenging hills too, but fun to drive our T's on.

Our last stop for the day was at the Hamburger Haus in Dundee where besides food, they serve Cedar Crest Ice Cream! Do you know anyone who likes ice cream? Ya, we all do! The day after our tour, the Hamburger Haus was closing for the season, so they had a few specials going to use up their supplies.

After we had gorged ourselves on ice cream (like we really needed it anyway), the tour was over, except for the return trip home. By this time, the Sun was starting to go down, so we loaded up and headed out at a brisk speed. Tod and Sharon Wirth were driving their '12, and were not prepared to light their gas lights, so Jim Jr. led them home with his T which has electric lights. We all got back home ok, but next time we'll have to remember that it gets dark early this time of the year and schedule the tour accordingly.

There were 11 T's on the tour, and there were no major breakdowns, however, Ken Lefeber had an ignition problem, but was able to complete the tour. You could call this a "nice" tour: nice running T's, nice roads, nice weather, nice people, and really good ice cream!

A big thanks to Jim Jr. and Colleen Rodell for hosting this tour. It was very enjoyable, and of course, we always like to drive the Seven Hills Road!

Submitted by Keith Gumbinger