



STUDEBAKERS TOURING THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Sunday the 13th, of May 2018, is registration day and welcome night dinner with a meeting.

Monday the 14th, is a full day tour to the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest with coffee & snacks just before entering the park. Half way through, around Blue Mesa, go to the north end for lunch. Here if the cafe is full, tour the museum at the same location, after lunch, those that have not done the Painted Desert tour, do so now, then start back tracking the way you came in. If you have a Golden Age Passport, be sure and bring it along with your camera. At the entrance you came in, there is also a great museum and rest rooms there.

Tuesday the 15th, scenic drive to a location that has an overlook that you can see New Mexico from there. Large parking lot that we should all fit in. Coffee, drinks & snacks here. Restroom also located here. Then we back track about 5 miles, turn left to the X Diamond Ranch and the Little House Museum and an archaeological site is also at this location. We will have lunch supplied here also. On the way back, keep a watch for the Blue Ridge School on the right, just past the school look for a small shopping center that has the WSM theater, next to the theater is homemade ice cream store. To be fair, your first cone is free. If you want anything with the cone, that would be at your cost.

Wednesday the 16th, tour to Payson, Arizona, this is our Pit Stop and coffee, drinks & snacks just before starting down the Mogollon Rim, on the left is a large parking lot and restrooms. There is a great overlook here that if you do not stop and view this you have missed a great one. Be sure to have your camera. There is an information center here that you will also want to check out. Then on to Payson and visit the Zane Gray Museum and the Payson Museum, then on to the park for a great lunch put on by the Rim Country Auto Club. They are serving hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the fixings, soda, water, chips & whatever. Guaranteed to fill you up. After lunch, we'll head for the Tonto Natural Bridge, again, be sure and have your camera, then on your way back to Show Low you would want to stop at the fish hatchery. This will be your longest day, and a day you will be talking about for a long time.

Thursday the 17th, another scenic drive, part of it you did on Tuesday, at the Hon-dah Casino, coffee, drinks & snacks here, then make a left on 73 south to Whiteriver and Fort Apache, on May 16th 1870 this was an Army Post. And remained so until 1922, it was then an Indian Boarding School. Located another 4 miles west are the Kinishba Ruins. Hopi & Zuni Indians lived here from about 1200 to 1400 AD. Subway snack lunch available here. After leaving the ruins, continue west on Rt. 73 and turn left onto Rt. 60/77, this will a little hair raising drive, good roads & etc., just the scenery is amassing, you will go down a canyon at least 1000 ft. There are overlooks that you can pull off for pictures. Go to the bottom and up the other side to the first large pull out, we will try to have drinks & snacks here also. On your way back to Show Low, just stay on Rt. 60/77 and you will end up back on the main drag in Show Low.

Friday the 18th, Tour of the Show Low Museum, close by we will visit the monument of Marion Clark & Corydon Cooley and learn how the town was named by the turn of a card. On leaving there go left back to K-mart for coffee, drinks & snacks. On to a friend's tractor and hit & miss engine collection. All just like brand new. Leaving here we will turn right out of Bob's drive, travel about 2 miles and for Gold Hill Dr., first building on left is Kent McQuillan's model T Ford shop. He has a small collection of Model T's. Worth looking at. then move on to the Studebaker Ranch, tour the cars & shop, have lunch, then back to town to a large grass field and join the local car group, visit with them, look their cars over and I'm sure they will want to visit with you to check out your cars.

Then the closing Banquet at the Show Low Café, seating about 5:00 P M, 1700 hours, serving about 6:00 P M, 1800 hours