

Holy Hill/ North Kettle Moraine - Oct. 19, 2024

Wow! What a turnout of members for this event – 25 cars! All looking for an adventure on a warm mid-October day. The day was perfect with bright blue skies and sunny warmth shining over us all. And that's just the start. Little did we know what we would be seeing today. We all met up at a Kwik trip (one of our club's favorite spots to meet at with all the conveniences one needs before driving for the day).

On the first leg we proceeded along Holy Hill Road curving around Friess Lake, St. Augustine Road, Emerald Drive, Donegal Road, Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive though all their twists and turns and beautiful fall colors as the leaves were at peak color that day and made gorgeous pictures! Then continued on to Dublin Drive (Irish anyone?) to Center Oak Road, Dieball Road, Woodchuck Way; all along seeing signs pointing us toward the most unique place I've ever seen, the Sculpture Park. Based on the handprinted signs, I really wasn't expecting much, BUT we were all in for a pleasant surprise and could have spent hours there and still not have seen all the metal sculptures this one man has made – from frogs and other animals “riding bicycles” to modern art formations! One just has to go see this place to believe it! They also had s=resident cranes enjoying the day there.

The second leg had us journeying to another one of our club's favorite stops – Culver's for ice cream and bio break. This leg took us to many of my old stomping ground roads and I got to see how much it all changed over the last 50+ years. The view of the leaf colors again seemed to capture our attention along the way. My phone is full of the beauty of the fall season!

Leg 3 took us roads like Town Hall, Ridge, Prospect Dr, Badger, Oak Dr, Kettle Moraine Scenic Dr, Forest View, Maple Tree, Vista Dr -Can you just see the beauty in the drive just by the names of the roads? A riot of colors and scenery for sure! We toured Long Lake both directions. Then our fearless Leader Jim L and Karen H lead us to Henry Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center. It captures the area in a Mural summary of the history of Wisconsin over many years, from the mammoth age to the present and how we are conserving it all. We also so many critters along the way.

Then the last leg sent us to dinner at the Kurtev's Backyard Grill in Fond Du Lac. We all feasted on a most delicious meal of various kinds that satisfied our appetites.

Thank you to Jim and Karen, our leaders and Greg and Cindy G, our sweep for a most fantastic color run! Can't wait to see that they come up with next year.

Henry and Laura Netzinger