

Tiki DriveJuly 31, 2024

On a somewhat sweltering 91* Wisconsin Wednesday, we met at Mc D's near Waterford to enjoy some hidden byways and roads that skirt southeastern border lakes. Despite being so near the Illinois border, those lakes were crystal clear and totally appealing! Thanks to the navigating prowess of Ron Staubs and the driving expertise of wife, Cheri, aka Maria Andretti, we zigged, zagged, zoomed, or slowly cruised past cabins, resorts, fancy cottages, mansions, a gorgeous equestrian manse, acres of tall, super green stalks of corn, sand hill cranes, splendid vistas, deep vales, and tree canopied rustic roads. So very beautiful and unexpected in this basically flat section of the state.

Our first destination, the Sand Island Bar and Grill in Twin Lakes rewarded us with frosty drinks of tropical punch, icy water, and anything the bar could offer. Food service was steady and tasty with shrimp dishes and wraps being the favorites. Complementary Breyers ice cream topped off the refreshments and the ceiling fans twirling in the outdoor Tiki annex gave us time to relax and visit in comfort. The Sand Island truly went above and beyond to welcome us. 3101 E. Lakeshore Dr. on Elizabeth Lake is the place for those wanting a Florida style lakeside eatery on a lazy summer day.

Along the next route toward the Aeppel Treow Winery, we made an impromptu stop at the Country Store on Hwy 50. The splendid air conditioned facility offered so many kinds of sausages, fresh and frozen, meats, cheese, and misc. condiments we have seldom, if ever, seen. The bathrooms were the original motivation to stop, but the foods and treats became a highlight.

Then, after a u-turn to make it a real BMC drive, and more twisting miles, Aeppel Treow provided us with cider wine tasting which proved delicious and powerful at the "spirit" stage. We had six samples for \$5.00 and appreciated the work and talent that result in uniquely flavorful pear and apple libations. So, again cooled and sated, we set out for a brief jaunt to our final stop: Michael's on the Lake (Eagle) in Kansasville. This is a great supper club with a super bar and kitchen. Our entrees were delicious and generous, leaving our group satisfied and happy. Michael personally asked if we were treated well, and he really appreciated our patronage. Again, we highly recommend Michael's as a great stop for lunch or dinner any time.

In sum, Al and I feel that this was the very best ride that was ever conceived by brilliant planners and ardent leaders on the road. We are so glad that our fellow club members spent a hot afternoon with us, and we hope we can do more of these events in the future.

Thank you, Ron and Cheri and Al for making this fun ride possible.

Totally unbiased,
Patty Kobus