
Miami Valley Chapter 2010 Road Tour — Part 2

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Saturday morning after breakfast we headed back over to the Corvette Museum which was the gathering spot for the Holley Carburetor Power Tour from BG to Somerset, Ky for the Somerites Cruise Event. The weather was clear, the sky was beautiful and blue, and the heat was starting to build. A wide variety of hot rods, Corvette's, and muscle cars gathered in the parking lot next to the new addition to the museum (you've got to see the museum if you haven't been for awhile). At about 9:15 AM we headed out in single file for our destination. There were easily several hundred cars in the Cruise line heading down the highway at any given point. Of course it's a little difficult to stay in formation the entire time so a little more cat and mouse was in order for some of us. Did I mention that it was getting hotter by the second?

There were the expected lines of cars trying to cram into Somerset but it was well organized with a staging area in a local parking lot next to a Pizza Hut that we gladly patronized for lunch. After lunch we took the back way into town but did get caught up in a line of cars

several of which were overheating due to the extreme 100 plus degree heat of mid day. The thermometer in my '03 hit 103 degrees at one point. We were still glad to be there enjoying the sights and sounds of many classic cars of every make. For most of us the order of the day was to seek shade and fluids wherever possible as we trekked through town admiring all the great cars. Ask Dale Felty about his separate unexpected adventure that day. Eventually we gave into the heat and humidity in the late afternoon and with the idea of a pool back at the hotel we headed out.

Coolers, ice, liquid refreshment and a patio by the pool were a welcome respite from the day's events before dinner. I've got to salute the guys who were driving their non-a/c convertibles (tops down) in that kind of heat (Dale and Mike and whoever was brave enough to switch cars with them throughout the day). You could stick a fork in them by the end of the day as they were well done but had smiles on their faces none the less.

After dinner we headed

back to the patio by the pool and had a few more cold ones while admiring a few of the cars that were in the parking lot including an amazing 'Eleanor' Mustang fastback clone.

Sometime around 9:00 PM a few of us fired up the Vette's and joined in cruising up and down the main drag with many others. A few of us who will remain unnamed did do a little light to light drag racing just because we can.

The trip home Sunday saw more shaking and baking for the intrepid Mike Mills and Dale Felty in their '66 and '71 convertibles respectively with their convertible tops down for a toasty but pleasant ride home....Easy for me to say with my '03's top up and A/C on. I did have the top down on the '03 for the first few hours but after awhile that sun did start to bake and I gave in.

We all had a great time and even with the heat (did I mention it was hot, damn hot) I think we'd all do it again in a heartbeat. See you next year for an even bigger turnout from our Chapter.