

Conclave ...Day 1—on our way to Louisville

Saturday, June 16: Back Roads to Louisville Conclave 2012

Anticipating a lively time at the year's biggest Healey party, OVAHC members Bernie and Mary Ann Grabow, Gayle and Cindy Loos, Richard Pratt and Chuck Law gathered at Dale and Sandy Ballinger's readied for Dale's back road tour to Louisville. While waiting for the rain to abate, we enjoyed a hospitably hosted fortifying breakfast. Clouds parted and all queued up for the trip.

Taking US-42 to US-127S with "just right" temps, we enjoyed rolling green hillsides and valleys, horse farms, pastures, fields of crops and small scenic towns. Bypassing Frankfort via US-421S to US-60E to US-62W, we passed through the Kentuckyesque town of Versailles. KY-33S was a gorgeous drive through pristine fenced horse farms, grazing thoroughbreds and tree-flanked roads that provided momentary vegetative-shady coolness. As we pass by, clusters of cornflowers and Queen Anne's Lace wave at us.

Merging onto US-68 (Kentucky Scenic Byway), we head to the Antique Show and Sale at the Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. After several hours of perusing 19th century desks, dressers, cabinets, and tables of diverse native woods, garden décor, memorabilia, collectibles, including tours of Shaker buildings, gardens and grounds (and "educating" those admiring our cars), we headed onto 127N passing pleasant little known towns like Glensboro, Jett, and Briar Ridge. Time for lunch at Tony's Barn www.tonysbarn.com in Lawrenceburg. We enjoyed the friendly staff in a barn-like interior with lots of equine-oriented items (i.e. life-size horse nibbled stall door) and variety of fun memorabilia. Tony's was accurately advertised as "Lip Smackin', Tongue Lickin' Good food. Delicious, generous servings and choices of smoked pulled pork, brisket, chicken or ribs barbecue (their specialty), and excellent Burgoo that can be purchased by the gallon! Bookmark this dining for a return visit. With full Healey and human tanks, we set out on our final leg to Louisville.

Being amongst friends, and, not a lovelier sight than a line of gleaming Healeys touring back roads in the presummer sun, putting a glow on the countryside. Always much to sample and see while enjoying the sound and feel of the Healey experience. **THANKS** Dale, for your routing excellence, Shaker village attraction and delish dining!

We arrived at the Crowne Plaza sans mechanical snafus, greeted by the quintessentially hospitable Bluegrass hosts. Saturday evening, our Activities Coordinator, Dale, arranged fun dining at the upbeat Lynn's Paradise Café www.lynnsparadisecafe.com Well worth the make-you-smile visit viewing the funky décor in a kaleidoscope of colors and choices for all, including "down home", comfort food.



Lynn's Paradise Café, Louisville

