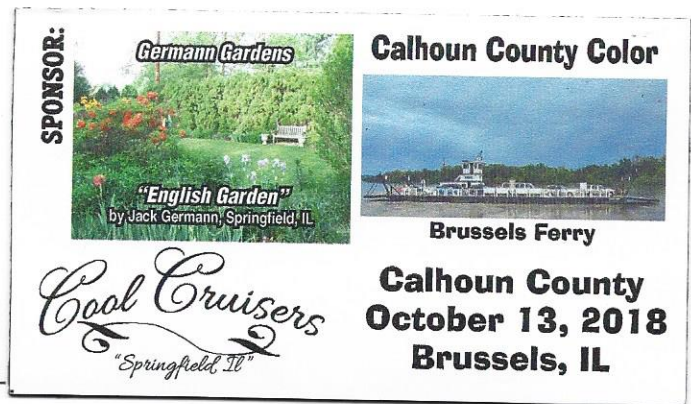


File: Calhoun County Color 10.13.18 wrap

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We are still battling 1.000, ten for ten, with no rain. Henry, Walter and Louis, our motoring gods, are still looking over us. Brisk morning. Sixteen Cruisers with 8 eight vehicles assembled at Casey's in Auburn. Regrets were voiced by John and Mary Ann, Mike and Kay, Dan and Martha, Jerry and Sindy, Bill and Lesa, Ed and Kathy, Bob and Marilyn due to personal matters. The issue of the ball field or football field was resolved because of the rain yesterday which left the drive in a very chalky quagmire hence the Casey's staging.

Jim and Jane lead the cruise out of the staging area at 8:07am heading west on SR104, followed by Ryan and Jack, B J and Amy Taylor (rookies), J C and Marcia, Dave and Carol, Charlie and Diana Foor (rookies), Erich and Brenda, Don and Lorraine Beers (rookies). The team leader set a blistering pace of around 55 MPH, much to the chagrin of some of the "hot rodders". Nice uneventful cruise throughout the countryside, where much of the crop had been removed and no implements on the highway because of the recent rain. Disappointingly the fall colors were not at their peak.

We crossed the Kampsville ferry at 10:20 and made a brief pit stop near the encampment at Kampsville. The high water levels (flood stage) had driven some of the vendors from the riverfront onto the side of SR100. We continued southward on SR100 to Hardin and on into Brussels. We arrived at the Wittmond Hotel at 10:47am. Where our hostess opened the door and invited us in out of the cold. They sat us in a private room set for 20 people and began serving at 11:00am sharp. The family style meal began with a veggie and pork plate, then came the main course of all you can eat chicken or beef, cobbler, pie and/or ice cream were offered as dessert. We all agreed that the food and service rated "8 cylinders" (excellent).

Keeping it in the family, Carol won the step stool, ( for 5'2") people, Driver's door prize; Dave won the casserole bowls for the Navigator's door prize. Dave said he could use them to mix paint.

If you think about it ask Dave what he did? I'll leave it at that.

We received news that the Brussels Ferry was closed at 12:00pm due to flood levels. So we suggested two options to continue the cruise until 3:00pm with rendezvous at Kampsville Ferry. One was to go back to Hardin, take the Joe Page Bridge east to Grafton and/or Alton. The second was to return to Kampsville and tour the Old Settler's Encampment. The cruisers pretty much split to each venue. Everyone said they had a great time, while the rookies expressed "this is what a real cruise looks like". The Rolling Wheels Committee wishes to thank the Cruisers, Germann Gardens for sponsoring, the first timers, Wittmond Hotel staff, the officers and members of the Cool Cruisers Car Club in making this one of our best Cruises.

Next rolling Wheels Road trip – February 16, 2019 to McLintock's Saloon and Steakhouse, Standard City, IL.

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