

Spring Time Cruise Annual Invitational 2010 -

Shake Down - Break Down - Cruises can be many things and sometimes are not quite what were initially envisioned at the start of the day - sometimes.

The 2010 annual Spring Cruise hosted by the Brandywine Cruisers of Hancock County for ALL ISRA MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS was once again a laughable, bladder busting, too much food "intakingly", and overall eventful good time! But after all it's not about the machine but about the people, the friends new and not. The machine is but the common thread pulling us together, some wishing the thread was more rope. And, when a machine breaks its part of the thread, people come together and make stuff all work out - together. And when people mindlessly follow, man and car gets temporarily lost! This day was no different, and why should it be? This IS hotrodding no matter what one chooses to drive!

This cruise was like others. Stuff broke. Things fell off, chokes stuck where they just can't if one wants to get on down the road, points burn causing all sort of madness. Electronics fail or at least appear to. Some stuff didn't want to start. Failure to follow the map occurred, blindly following the tail of that beast in front of another.....But, at the end of the day we all got home.

No doubt the greatest screw up of the day was when a "segment" of the cruisers passed by each other, waving a hearty "thumbs up hey" as they passed as good rodders do only to suddenly realize that the two opposing direction groups were, in fact, all a part of one, the main line of the same group! One part going east and the other west, all presumably headed to the same destination! A frantic cell call for instructions was made, directions to where they were supposed to be and how to accomplish that were received and soon all arrived, somehow, at the lunch time rendezvous! Probably food was the magnet.

Starting at about 8:30 AM on a fantastic Saturday in April about thirty hardy "rodders" set out on a planned three hundred mile run first west through Rockville, circling the court house, then south stopping at the *Old Mill at Bridgeton*. The Bridgeton stop is always a welcome rest point with the owners opening the mill on this pre-season day just for the lot of us. With money spent and rest room breaks attended to, we headed out on leg three to just



Bridgeton Mill

outside Legottee stopping for fuel along the way.

Lunch at *Stoll's Lakeview Authentic Amish Buffet Restaurant* is well worth the drive in itself even for those who choose to "alter the route better taken as mentioned earlier! After meeting some biker cruisers from Kentucky and kindling new friendships among our own group, the trail then took us winding



south and east to French Lick. The winery and its

subsequent wine "tasting" and wine purchasing is always a good time - and for some expensive. Cruising the town with its new found claim to fame casino coupled with the elegant hotels to include the world famous West Baden Hotel - really cool!

To close out the day for many of us, there was a run north to Mooresville for more gut busting great food at Grey's Cafeteria - not that any of us needed it!

Like any great cruise, people and pictures tell the story best. Here are some great shots for the pictures part and talk to those who went and then decide that this is a must do in 2011! IT'S JUST A PLAIN OL' RODDER'S GOOD TIME!

For more Kodak moments go to www.brandywinecruisers.com



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