



Please join us for the 66th MTFCI Annual Tour on the scenic byways in and around Baraboo, Wisconsin. Our host hotel will be the Devil's Head Resort and will serve as the site for many of our tour activities, including the Car Show, Fashion Show, Youth Auction, and Closing Dinner. Trailer parking is available on-site. Campground options are listed in the box to the right, along with host hotel contact info.

Hotel amenities include an indoor pool, outdoor pool, two restaurant options (bar/grill, sit-down dining), various outdoor seating areas, landscaped grounds, and two 18-hole golf courses. Our group standard room rate is \$119/night plus tax (suites are \$139/night, plus tax), which includes a hot buffet breakfast. On our most recent visit to the hotel, they were busy renovating rooms and the folks there are looking forward to seeing us in July! As of press time, the hotel is over three-quarters full for the week, so don't delay!

Tour registration will open on Saturday afternoon. There are some great local attractions that we just couldn't fit into the week of driving that participants arriving on Saturday may want to take in. Two great options in Spring Green, Wisconsin, are the House on the Rock Museum and Taliesin - Frank Lloyd Wright's home, studio, school, and estate. Visit our website for links to those attractions.

### Youth Auction Items

We are really in need of Youth Auction items! Start going through those boxes of parts filling up your garages and basements and donate them to the youth auction that will be on Thursday night. Another great idea is to get together with your local chapter members and compile a gift basket full of goodies from your area of the country! If you do have any special donations of items that may bring substantial bids, drop us an email at 2023modelttour@gmail.com and we can put pictures up on our tour website to entice folks to come prepared!

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### Youth Activities

Our Youth Activities coordinators are busily preparing for the tour. The kids will have their own registration check-in at the start of the tour, complete with their own tour logo bag. Activities will include kid's games right next to the ice cream social for all to enjoy, a craft night facilitated by Home Depot, a circus-themed game night on-site at the host hotel, and a

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pizza/pool party on the last night of the tour. We already have many kids and grandkids signed up, so we are looking forward to a great experience for the future of our club! Remember that registration and youth activities for all youth 17 and under are free, thanks to the Steve and Dianne Bumgarner Youth on Tour Fund!

### Vintage Fashion Show

We want to encourage as many folks as possible to sport vintage fashion on this year's tour. In addition to Tuesday night's fashion show at the hotel, we will also be having a daily prize drawing for anyone who wears vintage or reproduction clothing on tour during the day. For further details, please visit our website.

The Tuesday night fashion show will have our usual original and reproduction categories: individuals, couples, kids, and families. We will also have a Wisconsin Theme category and a period-style hats category (no need for a full outfit, just your favorite hat). Contact Sheryl Stier with questions at sastier@prodigy.net

### Sunday: Get to Know the Area Tour

This tour route will give you the opportunity to explore the Baraboo area at your own pace. The tour will introduce you to many of the important businesses you may need during your visit. It will also stop at beautiful Devil's Lake State Park, a scenic bit of the Badger state you won't want to miss. The Park was founded in 1911 and at one point had five resort hotels. Park the T and walk one of the many trails – they range from novice to strenuous! Views from the rocky bluffs surrounding the lake are outstanding!

At the hotel, registration for the tour will take place throughout the day on Sunday, followed by a Tour kick-off gathering in the evening.

### Monday – Car Show/Trains and Cats Tour

We will hold our car show and judging in the morning at the host hotel. After the show, we will tour over to the Dorf Haus Supper Club, in the German-American town of Roxbury, for a button-busting buffet lunch. From there it is on to the Mid-Continent Railway Museum, an outdoor living history museum with an operating railroad. Our last tour stop of the day will be at the Wisconsin Big Cat Rescue, home to lions, tigers, leopards, lynx, and liligers (that's not a typo)!

Monday evening, we will converse and laugh with friends

old and new at our ice cream social in the parking lot of the host hotel while we watch the youth participate in a variety of T-related games!

### **Tuesday – Sauk Prairie Tour**

A slight change to this tour since our last issue. We will still be driving through the countryside of Sauk County, but now visiting the Museum of Badger Army Ammunition, where munitions were produced for World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Then it's off to the Cedar Grove Cheese Factory for Wisconsin cheese tasting. Next, on to the town of Leland for a delicious box lunch. Country roads will take us back to Devil's Head Resort.

Tuesday evening it's time to get into your finest vintage clothes for the Fashion Show, back at the hotel ballroom.

### **Wednesday – A-Z Wisconsin Byways**

Did you know that Wisconsin was the first state to officially mark and number its State Highways? While the state was busy doing that, the counties of Wisconsin chose letters to designate their own roads using an alphabet soup of single and double letters. Of course, each county used their own letters, so it's not uncommon to cross a county border and have County B change to County MM below your feet!

Our longest tour of the week will challenge your navigator as we travel through the largest Amish settlement in Wisconsin, the geographic population center of the state, and Portage – the third oldest settlement in Wisconsin – at the junction of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers. Wisconsin bratwurst for lunch? You bet! In the evening, back at the hotel, you can show off your T-driving skills and compete for fabulous prizes on our T-sized teeter-totter and other car games.

### **Thursday – River Valley Tour**

This tour will take you through the rolling hills of the Wisconsin River Valley and Driftless areas of scenic Wisconsin. Make sure your brake bands are tight and stretch out your low gear muscles – some of these roads will be steep (for the Midwest!). A box lunch will be served at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort, located on the beautiful banks of the Wisconsin River.

Car show awards will be presented that evening at the hotel, just before we start the Youth Foundation auction. Bring your cash and support the youth!



### **Friday – Circus World Tour**

Baraboo was the winter home for several circuses over the years and was also the home of the Ringling Brothers when they began their circus in 1884. In the 1950's, Circus World Museum was opened to acquire, preserve, and showcase the history of the circus. The Museum has grown from one acre and six old circus wagons to over 64 acres and 30 permanent structures! We will tour from the host hotel to the museum to see a number of exhibits, as well as some circus shows. After that we'll have lunch at the facility before closing out our week of touring with some easy country driving and a stop at the Badger Steam and Gas Club's grounds where we'll see their collections and enjoy some homemade ice cream!

On Friday evening, we will cap off the 66th Annual Tour with our Closing Dinner and Tour Awards while the youth enjoy a pizza and pool party.

### **Parts and Service**

A parts vendor is planning to have a parts trailer available on site at the host hotel. We will also be setting up a service area for working on your Model T's right next to the Resort's maintenance building that has power and water available. In addition, there will be a hose and an area designated for washing your car.

### **For more information**

Please visit our website at [2023ModelTTour.com](http://2023ModelTTour.com) to register your email for instant updates as new information becomes available. On behalf of our Tour Committee of Midwest Chapter members, we look forward to seeing you in July!

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