

BAC Schulenberg Cruise Sept 2019

On a warm and sunny morning about 20 Bastrop Area Cruisers members in 14 vehicles met at Buc-ee's. We had quite a variety of vehicles ranging from the Bakers' 1957 Chevy sedan to new member Marcus Aven's Porsche Coupe, complete with racing numbers on his car. Several Corvettes, the Kennedys' recently purchased XLR roadster and the Houston's Pontiac Trans Am convertible rounded out some of the other vehicles for this very enjoyable cruise. It was the first cruise for Ray Boyd and his recently purchased 2008 beautiful red crystal tint coat Corvette.

Our expert cruisemaster, Harry Green, planned a great route starting with one of the famous painted churches in High Hill, Texas near Schulenburg. The entire group was extremely impressed with the architecture, detail and beauty of St Mary's Catholic Church. After approximately a half-hour stop at the church including the gift shop that many ladies visited, we went on to Schulenburg for lunch.

Reservations were made at Sirilos Cafe which was formerly a gas station building, since renovated a little over a year ago. The food was outstanding and everyone was very pleased with the meals. You should try it out next time you are headed that way! As seen in the pictures they are famous for their pies for dessert and several people took advantage of the offering even though the lunch entrees were quite filling themselves. Service was great as well and the owner greeted us near the end of our meal to make sure we were all satisfied.

We got a suggestion from member Kirk Smith a few days before the cruise to perhaps check out the model airplane museum located in Schulenburg which was only four blocks from the restaurant. The name of the museum is the Stanzel model Aircraft Museum and it is an amazing place with history back into the 1930's when the Stanzel Brothers began building model remote controlled aircraft. Several members had owned and enjoyed remote-controlled aircraft in their younger days so it was a great trip down memory lane for many attending. For those not familiar with model planes, it was quite an eye-opener based on the popularity of this hobby for people in their 30's to those well into the 70's, and it still remains a popular hobby. In its heyday this business employed 125 people in a relatively small factory which is on-site and has some of the original equipment still there. Another interesting discovery was in the mid 50's the Stanzels hired a salesperson to travel the country in a 1955 Chevrolet station wagon to display and show the model airplanes in action. This is a very well executed museum with great guides, displays, and documents as well.

Our last stop for most was to cap off the cruise with a cold beer or other refreshing drink. Harry got us to a very interesting bar and country store in Cistern called the Cistern Country Store. After a drink the group decided it was time to head home.

All were very pleased with the BAC Cruise with special thanks to Harry for organizing and leading the Cruisers on a super Saturday, enjoying our cars and each other's

company as well! Don't miss our next activity, be it a cruise or our planned Drive-In movie theater on the evening (obviously) of Saturday, Oct. 26!

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