

2013 Spring Mystery Run – Old Saybrook CT

The annual Car Club Spring Dust Off Mystery Run was on Sunday, April 21st 2013 in Old Saybrook, CT. This years' Spring Run was planned by Bob & Henny Majeski with help from George and Donna Berube. The fun thing about this club event is that you do not know ahead of time where you will be driving or doing or the end point. You follow a set of instructions to drive so far and turn plus look for signs and placards on historic houses and answer questions. Prizes are given at the end during lunch for best and worst time, mileage, and the most correct answers.

On Saturday evening, ten couples from across New England gathered at the Comfort Inn in Old Saybrook to catch-up on happenings from the After Holiday Party in January. Later, we had a great relaxing dinner at the Otter Bay Restaurant that was conveniently located across the road from the hotel.



On Sunday morning the run started from the Comfort Inn parking lot at 10:00 AM following a review of rules and registration. The weather turned out to be sunny and rather cool but everyone enjoyed getting out and participating. Sunday morning another couple joined the group on making 11 cars that participated in the mystery run.



The run took us from the hotel over back roads with twists and turns through Old Saybrook to Essex where we had to find the Essex Steam Train and Riverboat Station and get a 2013 train schedule. Sounds easy but the location of the schedules was not obvious and many spent time trying to find them to prove you made the stop.

Next the run continued in Essex where we had to turn at a street somehow related to Timothy Leary's state of mind. He was the American psychologist and writer, known for his advocacy of psychedelic drugs. After making the correct turn we made the expected stop in a cemetery to find names and dates.

After the cemetery we drove along the river over some of the most scenic roads in Essex and ended up at the Connecticut River Museum at the old Steamboat Dock in Essex.



There we received a new set of questions that could only be answered by carefully going through the museum to get the answers. It is a fascinating museum dedicated to the history of the Connecticut River which is the longest river in New England starting in New Hampshire at the Canadian border and going 407 miles to the ocean. We also saw the importance of the river to development and growth of the entire area.



After the museum stop we finished the Run at the Back Porch restaurant in Old Saybrook, right on the Connecticut River for lunch and storytelling. Prizes were awarded for:

- Best Time - Joe and Janet Wilcox
- Worst Time – Frank and Corrine Craveiro
- Worst Mileage – Brad and Sandy Busque
- Best Mileage – Gary and Karen Showers
- Most Correct Answers – Charlie Tollefson and Barbara

Thanks to Bob & Henny Majeski and George and Donna Berube for planning this successful event. And thanks to all that participated. See you next year.

Joe Howard

