

THE RIPLEY COUNTY RUN

August 13, 2005

Our “Ripley County Run” tour is without a doubt one of our prettiest routes, especially for owners of convertibles. This tour travels alongside lazy stream beds and under cathedral like tree canopies that beckons the back roads traveler to stop and smell the sweet essence of summer. This is our shortest road tour and is an excellent choice for the beginner road ralliest who wants to test the waters, so to speak. **We cross well over a dozen bridges** on the course with two of notable mention. **One is an old stone bridge with four arches!** A rarity in our books. **The other is a covered bridge built in 1885 that is nearly 176 feet long. This bridge rumbles with history as you drive over its ancient floor.** We also pass through the wonderful little town of Friendship, Indiana, and on its outskirts, we will see the sprawling grounds of the National Muzzle Loaders Association. We end the tour at Versailles State Park where we have a beautiful, rustic stone picnic shelter reserved for our Chicken dinner and sharing stories about our journey. There is a \$4.00 entrance fee to the park, \$5.00 for out of state residents. The three piece chicken dinner, which is optional, is \$9.00 per person. You must make reservations for the dinner by Tuesday, August 9th. Please see the registration sheet.



Approximate length: 40 miles. Will take about 2 hours to complete. One pit stop. Begins at South Dearborn Middle School parking lot in Aurora, Indiana and ends at Versailles State Park, Ripley County, Indiana. Take I-275 to the Lawrenceburg, Indiana exit. Turn left onto U.S. Route 50 West. Travel approximately 6 miles and turn right onto State Route 350. Travel 1.4 miles and turn right into South Dearborn Middle School parking lot. Registration begins at 11:00 am. Tech meeting is at 11:45 am. Rally starts at 12:00 noon sharp. All times are Eastern Daylight Saving Time.