

OPS Camp Out July 18-21 2019 Platte City, KS

There were 9 member coaches that got out and braved the heat. Two members who had signed up had coaches that decided to act up and wouldn't let their owners go. A big thank you to Roger and Alice Campbell and Bob and Ruth Ann Hilligus for a wonderful week-end of hosting.



We started Thursday evening off with dinner at the Tin Kitchen in Weston. Even though there was a glitch with the reservation, the staff got us seated. The food was brought out quickly and everyone thought their meal was fabulous.

After dinner, we took a little walk to O'Malley's Irish Pub built in 1842. After entering, we



descended to the basement down a flight of stairs and could feel the air get cooler and smell that old basement through a tunnel that takes you back in



time.



New Members:
Duane & Suzanne
Lawrence



Cheers!



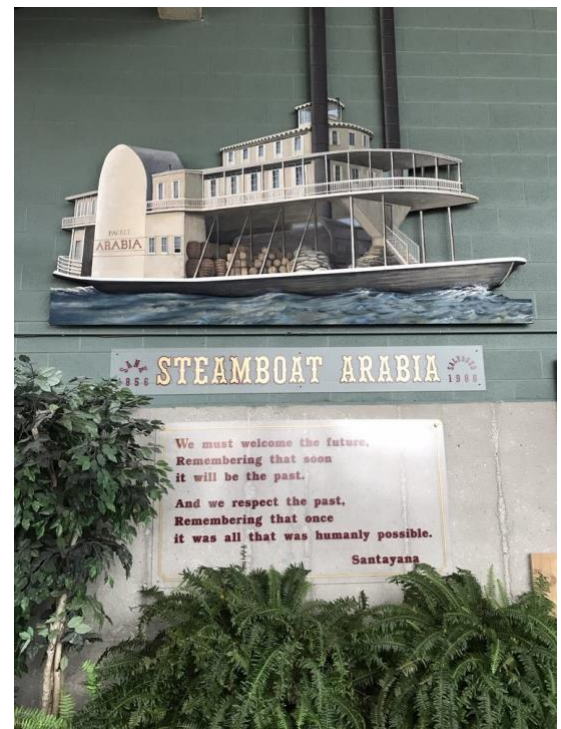
A good time, a couple of souvenir shirts and a new bar glass for Bob.

The short walk back to our cars brought us by the city park which was another great photo opportunity for those that were still around.



On Friday we had a free day. Some stayed at camp, while others toured the small towns surrounding Platte City. There was a group of us that hadn't been to the Arabia Steamboat. When the Steamboat Arabia sank in 1856, the passengers and crew survived, but the 200-tons of frontier cargo was lost to the river.

In 1988, five steamboat enthusiasts from the Kansas City area successfully recovered the Arabia and her cargo, where generations before them had failed.



What I found interesting was that the 5 men (two of whom were a restaurant owner and an owner of a family refrigeration business) and their families financed this project on their own without any assistance from the government. David Hawley and Jerry Mackey, 2 of the 5 men involved in the project, were at the museum answering questions and telling stories about the recovery which really brought everything to life.

Dinner was at the **Avalon Café**, a staple of historic Weston for 26 years. It's located in an antebellum home, originally built in 1848, called "White Lace" for all the white, lacy gingerbread that adorns the long front porch.



American Bistro-style fare was prepared by our chef and owner, David Scott.

This proved to be an experience for those willing to try something different.

Ruth tried the Antelope which was a little tough and Charles the Stuffed Quail which I believe he enjoyed. Roger had the burger and said it was the best he's ever had. (Even took a picture of it).



Some of us sat outside after dinner and enjoyed a game of Catch Phrase. Be sure to ask Roger about one of Brad Pitt's early movies with two females in a car. Too funny!!

Saturday – Breakfast at Roxanne’s with the group, then off to the Holladay Distillery for a tour.



With our belly’s full and water in hand, we boarded a bus to the lower part of the distillery for our tour.



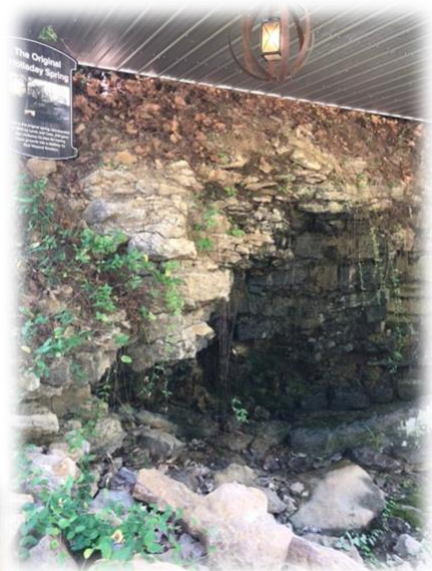
They provided a golf cart for those who didn’t want to walk the hills and stairs – some of us were jealous of the cart by the end of the tour! 😊

In one of the wells, they suspended a bucket in the middle and encouraged you to play a game of toss a coin in the bucket and win a distillery koozie. We all enjoyed the challenge, and for those that could not hit the bucket, Roger came to the rescue with so many coins in the bucket that everyone got a koozie.



The original limestone spring, documented in 1804 by Lewis and Clark, gave Ben Holladay his idea for turning these grounds into a distillery for real Missouri Bourbons (see right photo).

Saturday late afternoon and early evening we played games in the clubhouse and everyone brought something delicious to share at the potluck. The meeting followed after dinner where Bob Kooy was voted in as badge sheriff (Oh My!). There is a 50-cent fine if he catches you without your name badge, or pay \$20 and you’re good for the year. 😊 He plans on paying the \$20 to the treasurer, since he forgets his badge the most of anyone. 😊 We ended the weekend with a continental breakfast in the clubhouse on Sunday morning and said our good-byes.



Until next month at Cottonwood’s Resort in Columbia, join us!



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