



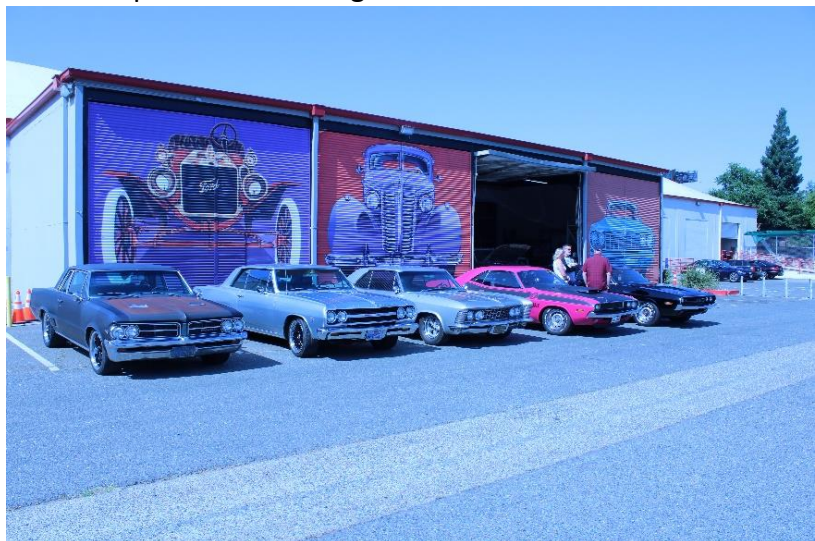
Hi Boyz and Girlz,

Well, the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Father's Day Cruise has come and gone. This was a much shorter cruise than in the past, no lonely back roads to traverse. But it was packed with a number of tours of various museums of interest, and a nice lunch on a paddlewheel boat. We had a total of 41 guests (a number that took some help from a number of friends to reach), and 20 cars.

After opening statements, to time, I again consolidated the poker run to 2 pulls at certain stops. Instead of lining up at each stop, 2 poker card pulls were done. I want to thank Laura and Anji for running this part of the cruise. You have always been there for me and I truly appreciate your help. Laura also made copies of the poker run forms and the directions for the cruise. I don't have access to a good printer, so that was very much needed. We were on the road by 8:30.

Our first destination was the California Automobile Museum in Sacramento. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> poker pull was completed, we entered the building that was formerly known as the Towe Auto museum. We were provided with docents that guided 2 separate groups through the many cars on display. There was a little something for everyone to enjoy. Some cars you could sit in for a photo shoot. There were also cars for sale on display. After the tours were completed, I gave out a dozen raffle prizes I provided for the guests, and Deb Whittington assembled chocolate smelling fortune cookies and a few scented prizes that were given out to the ladies. I want to thank Deb for providing them for the guests. We were then on our way to the lunch stop.

As I said earlier, this was one of the shortest cruises I have put on. The lunch venue was literally 5 minutes from the Auto museum. A few rights and lefts, and we arrived in Old Sacramento. I had reserved parking in a garage on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. It was quite busy in Old Sac, due to many graduations going on, so having



a place to park worked out well. It did not go without a hitch. True to form, as in past cruises, a few guests went to the wrong parking garage. Someone has to get lost. Once we were all together, it was a short walk to the Delta King. We had a nice area set up near the front of the

boat, with access to the deck. The food was good (although the Flank Steak was a little chewy). And sorry Colleen for the lunch staff forgetting your meal and spilling your dessert). One guest had an un-invited animal in their salad (a lady bug), but he ate it anyways (not the bug). I provided a wine, beer, and soda bar for purchase which saved time getting drinks. We even had a little entertainment on the water when jet skiers were racing between the bridges. This is not allowed. They were quickly given warnings to slow down. Some may have been sighted.

After lunch was completed, there were 2 tours available to attend. One was the Railroad Museum, which many of us have done before, but worth doing again. The other tour was the Underground Old Sacramento Tour, which involved learning how the inhabitants of Sacramento solved the constant flooding that occurred by raising many buildings using 100's of jacks and workers. It was a pretty amazing task, without a single loss of life. There were separate groups going simultaneously, switching after 1 hour. Some went on both of the tours, while others went on one tour, then relaxed in a nearby restaurant. A lot of walking was done.

After the tours were completed, we did the final poker pulls and tallied the results. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Mark Vegotsky (3 aces, \$40), 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Frank Griffith and Anne Broccius (fullhouse with 2 aces, 3 10's, \$75), and 1<sup>st</sup> place to Mike and Anna Gosney (flush with 5 diamonds, \$145). The worst hand composed of a bag of stuff (chosen by pulling from the remaining hands) went to Dave Bennett. I want to thank Mark Miller for helping Laura and Anji with tallying the poker



sheets. It takes a fair amount of time looking over all the poker hands and narrowing down to 3 winners.

This concluded the cruise. Unlike in the past, a dinner was not planned on this run. A few of us went to Chevy's in Vallejo for dinner, and we all got home as the sun went down.

Thanks to all who joined me again this year, and to the new guests who decided to give it a try. This year's cruise almost didn't happen. At one point, I had only 22 guests, and I had



guaranteed 35 for the Paddlewheel boat. I was very close to cancelling the Father's Day Cruise. But thanks to a number of friends, I ended up with 41 guests. It is getting harder every year finding interest destinations, fun back roads, inexpensive venues for lunch or dinner. I have traversed the Napa Valley, the coastline, Livermore, and the Delta. This was one of the shortest drives, without a lot of winding roads that have been a

trademark of my cruises. Only time will tell about what is in store in the future.

Greg