

# CORVETTES OF MINNESOTA

# SUMMER CRUISE

## SATURDAY, JULY 27th, 2024



We're planning a combined Summer Cruise and Picnic for July 27. Here's the pertinent information. We hope you'll be able to join us. This is open to everyone--club members and families, plus any others who want to attend. We're asking for a \$5 donation per vehicle to cover the cost of printing and checking out the route.

1-Sign Waivers and receive Route Instructions at 9:30 am, and leave from the Fridley McDonald's at 286 57th Ave. NE in Fridley (just NW of the University and 694 interchange, off University Ave.) around 10:00. Arrive before 9:30 if you want to have coffee or breakfast inside.

2-Caravan to St. Cloud, and the Munsinger and Clemens Gardens, on the east shore of the Mississippi (just west of the St. Cloud Minnesota Department of Corrections Facility). The Gardens started around 1915, and were developed as an FDR WPA project in 1930's. There are around 20 acres total, with lots of beautiful walks, ponds, thousands of flowers including rose gardens, etc., tables to sit and rest, and a couple of buildings. Lots of great photo ops. Free admission, and plenty of on-street free parking adjacent to the Gardens. An estimated 350,000 visitors come to the Gardens each year. We'll spend an hour or a bit more. Leave around noon. Note-I've been there, and in the summer this should be a beautiful spot!

3-Then a quick stop at a Lincoln General Stop Deli and Grill about 6 blocks away, in a Casey's Station for those who want to pick up food for the picnic stop, or bring your own.. From there, about a 5 minute drive down Hwy 10 to the Minnesota Welcome Center, very close to the Minnesota Highway Safety Center. Back in our NCCC event days at St. Cloud, we went there once for post-event pizza. Lots of parking, rest rooms, picnic tables, plus brochures for places to visit in Minnesota, etc. We'll have a club and friends picnic at this location, and relax for an hour or so. Again free parking, and no cost for the facility.

4-We'll plan to leave around 1:00, and for those interested make a stop at the Ellingson Motorcars Museum in Rogers. They have about 100 classic cars and some memorabilia in what many years ago was the Ellingson Car Museum. Now it's a combination of their own cars, and some consignment cars, with primarily classic and muscle cars. Cost of visiting there and seeing the cars inside is listed at \$10 for adults. Times listed on their sites are 10:00 am to 4:00. Plan to spend an hour or so there. This could be an option for those who wish to see the facility, and will pay the fee.

5-From there. return via I-94 to Twin Cities on your own.