

FALL COM CRUISE, SATURDAY, OCT. 19, 2024

Our Fall Cruise will start at the McDonald's in Cottage Grove, at 7355 Point Douglas Rd., Cottage Grove, Mn. This is north-east of US 10 and US 61, and south of 80th Street in Cottage Grove, very close to a Hy-Vee Grocery Store. The Cruise is open to all without a requirement for Club membership, and also open to all vehicles. We're asking for a \$5 per vehicle donation to help cover expenses of checking the route, and printing costs for the flyers and Route Instructions. You can sign waiver forms any time after 9:00 am (not pre-registration required), with an entrants' meeting at 9:45, and with departure at 10:00 am.

We'll pass through Hastings, take a scenic route to Red Wing, and then take several scenic drives through the bluff country above the Mississippi River. The Fall colors should be bright on these country roads. Our destination is the Lark Toy Store in Kellogg, Minnesota. This is recognized as one of the Top 10 Toy Stores in the world! The Lark family has produced wood and metal toys for decades, and the Toy Store features a huge Toy Museum with hundreds of toys from your childhood. The store also has thousands of modern toys and hundreds of puzzles for sale. For a small fee, they also have an outdoor 18-hole miniature golf course complete with waterfalls, a beautiful hand-carved carousel to ride, and a complete food court with various sandwiches and treats available, and even llamas out back to watch.

We'll return via US 61 through many small river towns on the Mississippi, and hope to see some bald eagles flying over the river. The nationally known Raptor Center is nearby, and several scenic overlooks are along the river. For those interested, we'll have a stop at King's Place Bar and Grille in Meisville, home of dozens of fantastic burgers and other meals. From Meisville, a 10-minute drive will return you to Hastings, where you can select your route home by way of Hwy 55 to the southern suburbs and Minneapolis, or US 61 to I-494 and I-94.

We hope you'll be able to join us for the Fall COM Color Cruise. Please let any family members or friends know as well.

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