

2024 PSCLC Spring Driving Tour



Our spring driving tour this year will take us to Tallahassee, Fl and the surrounding area. Although Tallahassee is the seat of state government and home to several busy colleges, our tourists will rarely see any city traffic. The hotel is in a rural setting and beautiful country roads are everywhere around it. The Tallahassee region boasts miles of lovely canopy roads, and we will drive on these often.

The tour is being planned as follows:

Friday, April 26, 2024. We will meet south of Atlanta, location TBD. We will be driving 4 1/2 hours from somewhere near McDonough to Tallahassee primarily on Hwy 19 avoiding the Interstate the entire way. We plan to have a catered dinner at the O'Steen car collection in Tallahassee. Then a short drive to our hotel where we will stay both nights. We are finalizing rooms at the Staybridge Hotel in Tallahassee but the price should be \$119 for a one bedroom one king suite and \$129 for a one bedroom two queen suite.

Saturday morning will start with a great complimentary hot breakfast at the hotel. The first driving day began with a 37-mile drive to the home and car collection of the Prince family in rural Georgia. We will peruse their eclectic collection in three garages. We will see many wonderful rare antique cars.

Next will be our lunch stop at Mr. Chick Restaurant, in Cairo, Georgia. The Hadden family, proprietors of the restaurant, will host a lunch from Mr. Chick. We will enjoy a delicious catered meal as we sit at tables among antique autos and automobilia. The Hadden collection includes several large buildings packed with cars and displays from all eras. There are also about a dozen firefighting vehicles, and one large building is a firetruck/firefighting museum.

Our third stop will either be A) the Pope Museum in nearby Ochlocknee, GA. This is the former home and studio of Laura Pope Forester, self-taught artist, sculptor, and advocate for women in the 1920s-50s. The museum is now owned by our host, Michelle Dean, and her family. The Pope story is a fascinating one, and can be found in detail online. Or, B) we will visit downtown Thomasville, Georgia.

Sunday we will again have a complimentary breakfast and drive the two miles to the Tallahassee Automobile Museum. Since it is right across the Interstate from our hotel, people can check out at the leisure to go to the museum. The world-class museum includes the collections of DeVoe and Shirley Moore. Countless items include nearly 200 show cars, trucks and motorcycles, including an unrestored 1896 Duryea and brands like Packard, Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg, Tucker and all the more common marques. There are Batmobiles and Batman Motorcycles, rare one-off Steinway Pianos, motors, fans, cash registers, calculators, knives, toys, dolls, sports memorabilia, law-enforcement items, firearms ... the list goes on and on.

After the museum, everyone is welcome to go home at their pace or follow the group back up US19 to McDonough.