



# Tour with the Tall Pines

Plymouth Owners Club Inc.

2011 National Fall Touring Meet

August 31, September 1-3, Rochester, Minnesota

Tall Pines Region, hosts

## Tour Overview

Beginning on Wednesday, August 31, there will be organized daily driving tours throughout beautiful Southeastern Minnesota's bluff country and the Mississippi River, Lake Pepin area, from the host hotel: LaQuinta Inn and Suites, 1625 So. Broadway, Rochester MN. 55902. Special room rates of \$75 can be reserved by calling 507-281-2211 and asking for the Plymouth Owners Club rate which ends August 10th, 2011. Includes free hot breakfast buffet, wireless internet, indoor pool, onsite restaurant, fridge and microwave. All tours leaving Rochester will be approximately 120 miles round-trip, and because of limited parking we will be offering a bus tour on Friday. We strongly encourage the use of GPS devices, cell phones and handheld walkie talkies so people can complete the tours with minimal confusion. We will be providing complete addresses and phone numbers for each tour stop. We are urging early registration as some tour and events are limited. We will attempt to tour on rural, less-traveled roads where possible.

## Wednesday, August 31:

The plan for Wednesday is to tour to Harmony, Minnesota, where participants will board smaller vans and begin an Old Order Amish tour. Guides will explain Amish culture and history stopping at 5 - 6 working farms. Most stops offer retail opportunities to purchase Amish quilts and crafts. Driving back toward Rochester, we will visit Historic Lanesboro, the Bed and Breakfast Capital of Minnesota. Lunch is on your own and a tour of Lanesboro will provide viewing of the beautifully restored homes and mansions or visits of the many unique shops. This is a fun town, especially for the ladies.

## Thursday, September 1st:

Thursday will be a driving tour to the National Eagle Center located on the banks of the Mississippi River. The center has many exhibits providing insight into the life of the eagle. We hope to be participants in an interactive program where we can see eagles feeding and bathing and learn about the eagles' significance in



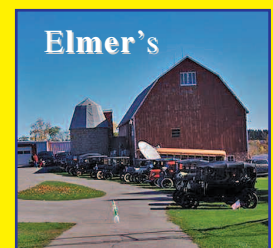
the environment and their importance in Native American culture. Hopefully, we will be able to view wild birds from the observation deck, and learn about injured eagles and how they can be returned into the environment. Lunch is on your own, but we have arranged for box lunches to be available at Nelson's Cheese Factory, Nelson, Wisconsin. Nelson's is known for their super ice cream cones. Following lunch we will be visiting one of the largest private Franklin automobile collections in existence, and it has a Plymouth also. Heading back to Rochester, we will stop and visit Lark Toys. Lark Toys is one of the largest independent toy stores in the United States. It has a huge hand carved wooden carousel and for a buck you get a ride. There's an old time toy museum and toy exhibits. If you need a souvenir of the trip for the grandkids this is the place to get it. The evening begins with a Tall Pines Region build-it-yourself Burger Buffet at the hotel. Be sure to check this on the registration form. If you're still not tired, drive to downtown Rochester for the Street Fair with shopping and music.

## Friday, September 2nd:

On Friday we will offer a bus tour. We will tour into Western Wisconsin and visit Elmer's Auto and Toy



Museum. The museum includes antique, classic and muscle cars along with motorcycles, bicycles, over 200 pedal tractors and over 600 pedal cars on display. In addition there are 1000s of auto-related toys. This is a fascinating museum and includes one of the most beautiful views of the Mississippi River valley. Also we will visit The Pickwick Mill. Built in the 1850s, it is one of the oldest water-powered gristmills in Southeastern Minn. It was built with locally quarried limestone with a timber frame that was so closely fit that nails were not used. This will be an extremely educational and interesting stop.



## Saturday September 3rd:

Saturday will be a day for touring around the Rochester area. We will be visiting the Mayowood Mansion. The Mayowood estate was created between 1910 and 1938 by Dr. Charles Mayo, co-founder of the internationally known Mayo Clinic. The centerpiece of the 3000-acre estate is the 38-room Mayowood Mansion and gardens. The Olmstead County Historical Center is another interesting stop with numerous exhibits including five historic buildings on the grounds. Following lunch on your own, we recommend a tour to Assisi Heights and home of the Sisters of Saint Francis. There will be a one-hour tour of the buildings and grounds. The view of Rochester is very picturesque from Assisi Heights. On the way back to the hotel we will stop at the Plummer house, the former residence of Dr. Henry Plummer, a Mayo Clinic partner and founder. The Plummer house is located on Pill Hill as it became known because of all the doctors' residences located there. Again there will be spectacular views of Rochester. The day will conclude with the banquet, membership meeting and awards at the host hotel.



**Sunday, September 4th:** breakfast and farewells

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**Registration:** \$20.00 per vehicle/member - Before August 10th or \$25.00 after August 10th  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member's name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/ Passenger \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phones (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Registration:** Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Body style \_\_\_\_\_  
(We strongly recommend the use of GPS tools, cell phones and walkie talkies for all tours)

---- Registration desk opens, beginning Tuesday August 30th, at 5:00 PM ----

**Activity Registration** ( See descriptions of activities on the accompanying pages.)

**Wednesday August 31, 2011** Driving tour to Harmony, MN. There, experience Old Order Amish culture, with a 2 hr. guided van tour, visiting working farms. **Number @ \$25** \_\_\_\_\_ *Limit 70*  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Visit Historic Lanesboro, lunch on your own and shop before returning to Rochester.

**Thursday, September 1st, 2011** Driving tour to the National Eagle Center, Wabasha MN. (*Admission*)  
Box lunch available at Nelson's Cheese factory. Nelson WI. (*Lunch on your own*)  
Visit one of the largest collections of Franklin automobiles in the country, then on to Lark Toys.  
Thursday evening, Special "Burger Buffet" dinner at the host hotel. **Number @ \$ 11** \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Street fair, Downtown Rochester, food, shopping and music.

**Friday, September 2nd, 2011** Because of limited parking, today we offer an all day bus tour. We will be visiting the historic Pickwick Mill, Pickwick MN and Elmer's Auto and Toy Museum, Alma, WI. Cost will include the Bus ride and all admissions. Lunch on your own. **Number @ \$ 25** \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, September 3rd, 2011** Participation pictures. Visit the Olmstead County Historical Center, and Mayowood Mansion. **Number @ \$10** \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tour to Assisi Heights, Sisters of St. Francis and historic Plummer House Evening dinner buffet, membership meeting and awards. **Number @ \$24** \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**T Shirt Order** ( each) \_\_\_\_\_S \_\_\_\_\_M \_\_\_\_\_L \_\_\_\_\_XL \_\_\_\_\_XXL \_\_\_\_\_XXXL *All T shirts have pockets.*  
**Total T Shirts @ \$15.00 ea.** \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Total**  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Make checks payable to: Tall Pines Region POC*

**Mail completed registration to: Don Rohweder, 261 1st Ave SE, New Brighton, MN 55112**  
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