

Oakland Breakfast Tour 2011 by Tim Dye

Back by popular demand for 2011 is the Oakland Chapter breakfast tour and meeting. Last year we were somewhat unorganized and decided to just have a regular meeting at the national convention as most specialty chapters do. Several members expressed their disappointment in the fact that we did not have our traditional breakfast tour and meeting.

That situation has been rectified for this year, and in fine style. After visiting with Duncan Hines (no, I did not make that up, and yes, he is a descendant of the Duncan Hines of cake mixing fame) of the Bowling Green, Kentucky tourism department, an excellent location was selected for the tour and breakfast this year.

Our destination is a restaurant called Mariahs, and it is located about five miles from the host hotel. Standing since 1818, the Mariah Moore House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest standing brick structure in Bowling Green. The Mariah House was originally built in 1818 by Elizabeth and George Moore at a cost of almost \$4000. After the house was built, George and Elizabeth had five children, including Mariah, who never married and occupied the house until her death in 1888. Thus it became know as the Mariah Moore House. In 1979, Rick Kelley and David Sears saw the house as a place for comfortable dining and Mariah's 1818 came into being.

The wood floors were stripped to their original look; the fireplaces and mantles were refurbished, several walls were stripped back to their original brick and many of the antiques and additional woodworkings were purchased



Mariahs, sight of the 2011 Oakland Chapter tour and breakfast meeting. Located at 801 State Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky.



from local historic buildings.

In 1990, a 3,000 square foot addition was built to allow for expansion of the kitchen, dining and bar area. In planning for the expansion, great efforts were made to preserve the appearance and architecture of the existing building. Matching rooflines and detail woodwork above the entrances are two examples of that effort. On the inside, the antique bar is a topic of many conversations. The bar was built by Brunswick in the late 1880's and was refurbished from an old saloon in Chicago.

We will meet in front of the host hotel on Friday, July 8 at 8:00 am and leave shortly thereafter. Breakfast is buffet style which includes egg-biscuits-gravy-hash browns-bacon-sausage-fresh fruit-pastries-assortment of juices-water and coffee. The cost is \$12.50 per person inclusive. After breakfast we will have a business meeting and I will talk briefly about what the new Pontiac-Oakland Museum has to offer the Oakland enthusiast.

After the meeting we will go to a nearby beautifully restored 1920s Standard Oil service station. Those who drove their vintage cars will want to pull up front for a photograph, so be sure to bring your camera. We hope to see you there. 📷



View of dining area at Mariahs.

