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n September 28th, 13 antique cars carrying a total of 19 members and guests spent a warm, sunny Saturday on a nice, scenic driving tour through the upper Kennebec Valley starting in Augusta and groups, winding through Vassalboro, Winslow, Albion and China ending up at the China Dine-ah in South China for lunch. The tour was headed-up by Peter Hanson.

We started from Augusta shortly after 10AM and by splitting into two groups, one headed by Peter and the other headed by Glenn Byron, traveled north through Vassalboro to our first scheduled rest stop at McDonald’s in Winslow. Even though we took two mostly separate routes, we all managed to land there at about the same time. After a brief pause to refresh and get some coffee, we all left in one group first caravanning north on Garland road in Winslow then going east on the Albion Road to the quaint village of Albion. After leaving the village, we went south on the Hussey Road which runs along a scenic ridge in farm country overlooking the hills of Palermo to the east, eventually coming to the Parmenter Road which led us to Route 3 at the corner by Tobey’s Store. We then headed west a short ways on Route 3 to Dirigo Corner where we took Alder Park Road to US 202, which is also known as Lakeview Drive, and then the last several miles down to the China Dine-ah for lunch.

Because they were expecting us, we had a separate, private room to ourselves so that we could more easily socialize and be our usual rowdy selves! We were aptly entertained by Carl Barker who played a couple of songs on his harmonica, including a “classical” piece from Beethoven’s 9th symphony… imagine!

Glenn Byron also spoke about the possibility of teaming up with Peter sometime in the future to have a tour over to the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington (WWF) Railroad Museum over in Alna. The WWF is a 2-foot narrow-gauge railroad which so far has successfully re-laid about five miles of track. So, stay tuned… you just might see this tour on a future tour schedule.

Peter Hanson

Tour Host