

## **The Great Trek to the AACA Spring Nationals Show in Saratoga**

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What a great opportunity said we. We'll combine the trip to Saratoga Springs for the Spring Nationals with a once-a-month Thursday cruise to Hemming's in Bennington, VT where they close the main street, for the event. Our intrepid club member explorers, Tom Link, Sonny Goodness, Frank and Sam Jensen, Ken & Pat Chrostowski set out on Thursday for the north country.

Sonny, Frank & Sam, and Tom Link made the whole trip on scenic back roads while Ken & Pat came by highway in their Chevelle. All four cars took their places at 5 PM but Mother Nature had other plans. The cruise was cancelled before 6 PM when we had not one, but two thunder clashes in a row and lightning strikes nearby adding to the excitement.

Sonny's car was almost washed away with the three inches deep run off streets. Tom said he'd never seen such torrential rain and storm special effects like that. All four cars paddled back to the hotel for the night and left the next day for the ride to Saratoga Springs.

Gerry & Beth Lynn joined us there after they had a relaxing highway drive (and the A/C worked all the way). Dave & Pat Calabrese arrived in Saratoga Springs earlier in the week and enjoyed several attractions in town. John and Kim Parker also traveled direct to Saratoga Springs in their Rolls Royce.

Now we're at the Super Bowl of car shows. Rare & exotic cars were everywhere. The show grounds were beautiful. What could possibly go wrong?

It's not nice to try and fool with mother nature. The show cars were in place, and everybody was begging to start judging as the skies were looking ominous. Then, at about 11, the skies opened up. Covers were being put on many of the show cars by their owners and everyone switched to umbrellas or shelter. It's no picnic to judge cars in those conditions either.

After surviving the show, a group of us went to a gourmet Italian restaurant to dry off. Fortunately, our lodgings were decent, and no cars suffered a breakdown. Everyone had pleasant weather for the drive home.

All in all, it shows we have a strong love of our old cars. Neither rain, nor... (probably not snow) will deter us from enjoying the grandeur of old cars.

Here's some pics from Bennington:



