

Healey Headlines Article

Door County Weekend - by Pat Douglas

Four Healeys made the trip this year to Door County for a chilly but enjoyable weekend. Thanks go out to David and Mary Maul for planning another great weekend. Our home base for the weekend was at Gordon Lodge again this year. Attending were David and Mary Maul, Fred and Meg Fleischmann, Fred Thomas and Pat and Pam Douglas.

We departed Mequon late Friday morning and drove up through the chilly drizzle with a stop for a late lunch in Sturgeon Bay. Dinner was at Gordon Lodge and by the time dinner was over there was a nice steady cold rain making it perfect conditions to look at Fred Thomas' new rattle he developed on the ride up. A quick inspection revealed a perfectly good left rear shock minus the two mounting bolts. Thanks to the overhang at the Lodge, Fred Fleischmann's mechanical ability and Pat Douglas' bolt collection, Fred T's car was road worthy in a short hour or so.

Saturday began with a little ice on the tops from the late night rain but that was melted by the time we finished breakfast at the Lodge. We left the Lodge and headed over to Gill's Rock to catch the ferry to Washington Island. We spent a good part of the day on the island including lunch. The weather continued to play its part as we experienced wind, rain, sleet and snow showers. The snow might have been a first for this Healey club in quite some time. Additionally on the island we visited the farm museum and the maritime museum. We also spent about 90 minutes going from the airport to the quilt shop to the fire house (free open house with air bag demonstrations) and a local rummage sale all looking for Fred Fleischmann's imaginary friend, Kathy. After that adventure we headed back to the ferry for a very rough ride back to the peninsula. Rough in this example described as 6 foot waves crashing over the front of the ferry. The operators were kind enough to load our cars on the back where we were under cover.

Saturday night found us enjoying a great dinner at Restaurant Saveur in Baileys Harbor. Sunday morning was breakfast again at the Lodge and an early departure for home. All in all it was another very enjoyable weekend. I didn't realize I could be so comfortable in a Healey in 30 degree and snow showers. Although we had snow, frost, rain and wind, there were more nice weather moments than bad. Oh and the colors on the peninsula and Washington Island were absolutely stunning.