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TOUR OF ATI & MILLS MOTOR COLLISION CENTER - JULY 14th

Article by Bob and Barb Brasses

Our trip began at Automotive Technology, Inc. (ATI) where Gene Slattery greeted us with coffee and doughnuts. We then proceeded to see Mills Motor Collision Center next door to see a shop ATI had helped design and setup. John Mills had the shop built using the latest in body shop technology.

The shop has a down draft paint booth that, with the use of Spies Hecker automotive paint, can have a car painted and ready in hours rather than days. The

new paint and heat curing in many cases allows them to have a collision repair done without further finishing. The paint system allows for wet applications of primer, color coat and clear coat saving time. The colors are generated from a few pigments and the paint mixing room was very modest and clean. Additionally the paint guns had a cleaner that recycled the cleaner allowing for a greatly extended use of the cleaning agent.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug 3	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting at Chuck-A-Burger
Aug 3 to 5		Buick Performance Nationals
July 25 to 29		BCA National, Bellevue, Washington

BOBBY'S FROZEN CUSTARD - JULY 7th

Photos by Steve and Sherrie Dodson



About half the cars were from our club and half from the Gateway City Car Club.



Bobby's provided a band for entertainment.



With great weather and good company it's easy to stay until sundown.



Herb & Sharon Morris brought their friends Jim & Judy Fleetwood.

WISCONSIN TOUR PRIOR TO REGIONAL

Pete Nathan and Bill Landers are organizing a short tour in Wisconsin prior to the Heartland Regional Show in Brookfield, Wisconsin, 23 to 25 August. An agenda appears below. If you are interested in participating, please let Pete or Bill know.

- Sun., 8/19, 7:30 am DEPART Cracker Barrel in Caseyville, IL.
 Drive approx. 386 miles, (6.5 hours) to Spring Green, WI.
 Overnight at the Usonian Inn, \$74 tax incl.
 Dinner at the Spring Green General Store.
- Mon., 8/20, 8:30 am Drive 15 miles to House on the Rock for tour(s), \$11.50 to \$26.50
 6:00 pm Dinner as a group at The Shed or The Round Barn. Overnight same hotel.
- Tues., 8/21, 8:00 am Drive 8 miles to Cedar Grove Cheese Factory for tour and tasting, \$3
 9:30 am Drive 65 miles to Wisconsin Dells. Overnight at Howard Johnson Antiqua Bay.
 After lunch Midcontinental Railway Museum with 50-minute steam train ride, \$12
 8:00 pm Fab 50's Live Show with dinner, \$43
- Wed., 8/22, 9:00 am Leave hotel for Duck Tour (WWII amphibious vehicle), \$21
 Afternoon No pre-planned activities
 Evening Dinner at Moose Jaw Pizza and Microbrewery
- Thur., 8/23, 9:00am Drive 100 miles to Brookfield, WI. Check in at host hotel.
 Tour to Sprecher Brewery leaves at 3:00 pm.

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ATI TOUR

Also a radiant heating system is used which cuts down greatly on drafts, which can cause problems with dust in the paint area. This system allows the entire shop to be heated quickly. Having the work warm is also better for the processes used.

John's shop also does custom work and he had a Cuda nearing completion as a drag/street car. Also he is rebuilding a full size TONKA truck. We then returned to ATI. A presentation was made of laser measuring and frame straightening equipment.

ATI does sell to private parties and has a finish clear coat that cures enough that in 10 minutes it will not hold dirt and dust.

After the presentation, we headed over to Pietro's Bluffs for a fine Italian lunch.