

Rally Report

Statehood to the Atomic Age

St. Peters, Missouri September 26-30, 2021

Twenty Roadtreckers in fourteen units from eight states gathered at the 370 Lakeside Park RV Campground in St. Peters, Missouri to celebrate the Bicentennial of Missouri's Statehood. We visited several historic sites including: the First Capitol State Historic Site, the Lewis and Clark Boat House, a guided walking tour of Olde Town St. Charles, and the Historic Daniel Boone Home and the Weldon Spring Site located in rural St. Charles County.

The guided tour of the First State Capitol Historic Site included the grounds and interior of the restored buildings that housed the first state legislatures and governor's office located above a general store, which supplied travelers heading west, while the permanent capitol was being built in Jefferson City. A documentary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition was presented during the tour of the Lewis and Clark Boat House. In addition, a self-guided tour including artifacts, exhibits and full-scale replica of the keelboat used by Lewis and Clark and their crew were on display. The walking tour highlighted many buildings and features that existed in a bustling St. Charles from the early to late 1800's.

The Historic Daniel Boone Home tour featured stories about, not only Daniel Boone, but his extended family, who moved to this area in the early 1800's from Kentucky. Daniel's son, Nathan built the home. After his wife passed away, Daniel lived with his son's family until his death. Subsequent owners acquired period structures from the area and moved them to this site to form a village representing what life was like during this period.

We fast forwarded, historically speaking, to the Second World War and Cold War, and later visited the Weldon Spring Site which was used for production of explosives and processing of uranium. The Weldon Spring Site staff presented a virtual history of the site and the clean-up process for the contamination left behind.

The rally was not all about history and would not be complete without sharing our own gourmet skills, aka, a pot-luck dinner. The attendees, also, enjoyed sampling many of the area restaurants and wineries plus a "Taste of St. Louis" dinner, held at the clubhouse, featuring iconic foods brought to the area by Italian and German immigrants.

Unexpected Memorable Moment-A big thank you to the semi-truck driver who blocked traffic for our Roadtrek Parade to proceed through an intersection on our way to St. Charles.