

The "Mystery Cruise" is no longer a mystery. Forty two brave souls gathered Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> to discover what would be at the end of the two hour drive. It was an exciting trip traveling down the winding roads with a solid sea of twenty one corvettes. Although no one guessed specifically where we were going, several people put us in the general area.

The clues became apparent when we disclosed our destination was the Hagley Museum near Wilmington, Delaware. This is where, in the early 1800's, E. I. du Pont founded the gunpowder works along the Brandywine River. We toured the beautiful du Pont ancestral home, seeing antique carriages, and antique cars that were produced by Du Pont Motors, Inc. The demonstrations at a working water turbine, machine shop, and steam engine showed us how they powered the entire village. We saw how water power turned the giant grinding wheels for making gunpowder and learned about the construction principles controlling the many explosions of the powder mills.

The village was self sufficient in its day by including a store, school, churches, housing, gardens, and manufacturing most of the equipment needed for the mill. All this is on 235 acres now considered an operating museum.

Returning, we again drove through the beautiful country side stopping for dinner at an Applebee's where they provided open seating just for our group. Everyone had a great time, good fellowship, beautiful weather, and especially enjoyable because we had the opportunity to put our toys on the road for a cruise.