

The drive was worth it, even if we had just seen this! A comment used several times during our week long trip to the mid-west. A real "Corvette road trip". The idea to go to the Corvette Museum and Assembly Plant was hatched a couple of years ago. It never seemed to happen, because of the distance, and the unanswered nagging question. "The Mid-West, that sounds boring". How about the beach?

This time, take the leap, get into your Corvette and head west. Before you go, check all of your essential mechanical parts. Nothing can ruin a trip like a breakdown along a lonely interstate. It's also a good idea to take a tool kit along, especially if your car is over 25 years old, like ours. With that little precaution, however, you will enjoy the benefits and pride when you pull into the museum with the Pa plates, and LCCC badge proudly displayed.

Get there two ways. Take the Pa turnpike west, and continue on Route 70. Head south west on Rt. 71 after you hit Cincinnati and then onto Rt. 65. My choice is the southern route. Go west on Rt. 30, head south on Rt. 15 to Rt.68. Intersect and take Rt. 79 South to Charleston, WV, and then head West on Route Rt. 64, south on Rt.75 and west on the Cumberland Parkway. The pleasure of this route will become apparent when you see the endless mountains on these less traveled four lane roads. Here are few things to look for on your trip:

**National Corvette Museum**-Exit 28 off of Interstate 65 gives Corvette fans a look at the history and glory of the best sports car in America. Make a reservation on line or call. Park your car in the "Corvette Only" parking lot and enjoy a historical documentation of the car. Call (800) 53-vette or (270)-781-7973

**Corvette Assembly Plant** is an extremely cool look at the birth of the car. Everyone will enjoy this spectacle. You may even want to order a car through your local dealer, pick it up there, and drive it home. Tours are given at 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Make reservations for your tour with the help from the folks at the Corvette Museum.

**Mammoth Cave** is located just a short drive from Bowling Green. You will be awestruck at this natural spectacle. There are a variety of tours underground. Take one that is appropriate for your physical fitness and courage. Our tour had a 300 foot decent underground on narrow, but safe steps, a comfortable two hour tour, and an easy exit and bus ride back to the park headquarters.

**Berea** is the folk arts and crafts capital of Kentucky. Go to the visitors center first for a map and information about this outstanding town. If you marvel at fine hand made woodwork, pottery, or art, this town is a must stop. (Bereatourism.com)

**Madison, IN** is a historic river town two hours north of Bowling Green. Check out the website for special events, including world class boat racing on the Ohio River. ([www.visitmadison.org](http://www.visitmadison.org))

**Next Trip** we want to see the nearby Great Smoky Mountains, Lexington KY, and Nashville. Have a great trip and share your discoveries.