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The Hoosiers roll out the welcome mats

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Travelers who take a between-season swing out I-94 to Marshall, Michigan, then south to Indianapolis will find that Hoosiers offer a lot more than cornfields.

From north to south, Steuben County, Auburn, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis hold points of extra interest to sports fans, history buffs and touring families. All are within five or 10 miles of the Interstate and are open throughout the year.

STEBEN COUNTY — There are more than 100 lakes in this northeastern county. One of the biggest, Lake James, serves the 12,000-acre Pokagon State Park and the state-operated Potawatomi Inn.

The Inn is a rambling structure of old log and stone sections plus new additions and has been a favorite honeymoon retreat for generations. Newlyweds enjoy its seclusion, while outdoor enthusiasts go for Potawatomi's closeness to both winter and summer sports facilities and nature trails.

Horseback riding and hayrides are available, plus the season's tobogganing on Indiana's only refrigerated toboggan run.

The dining room remains open to the public all year. Call 1-219-665-4184.

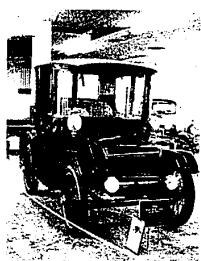
AUBURN — A quiet town that once rivaled to compete with Detroit in auto manufacturing. The story unfolds at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum, where a multi-million dollar collection is displayed.

There are more than 20 gleaming examples of automobiles associated with Auburn's busier days, plus many other cars including Fords, Rolls Royces, and Loziers.

The main gallery of the museum is a restored factory showroom that would be an art-deco treasure even if it were empty.

The big exhibit spills over into former assembly areas of the Auburn Auto Co. with old radios, phonographs, and clothes from the first quarter of the century.

Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.



This 1916 car is one of many on display at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum in Auburn.

admission charged. 1-219-925-1444.

FORT WAYNE — About 20 miles south of Auburn, Fort Wayne is thick with restaurants.

Handily adjacent to I-69 and the Marriott Inn, MacTavish's stays true to its name and will serve you a fitch haddie breakfast complete with Scotch scones.

The Elegant Farmer is a prime rib specialist. The Moonraker gets prizes for decor and seafood, and the Cafe Jonell's French cuisine has earned a place in the best guidebooks.

The restaurant list is more than 65 choices long and is obtainable from the Fort Wayne Visitor's Bureau, 215 W. Washington, Fort Wayne, Ind. 46802.

At the Warren Lincoln Library and Museum in the 1300 block of S. Calhoun Street, thousands of Lincoln books, prints and some reconstructed rooms bring the President very nearly back to life.

Interested visitors are provided copies of photos and documents without charge when copyrights permit. Closed weekends.

The Embassy Theater, a movie palace from the '20s, was recently rescued from the wrecking ball and presents a variety of musical and theatrical

events. This architectural delight also houses one of the last Page pipe organs in the United States on which regular recitals are given. Write for more details concerning the Embassy and other Fort Wayne attractions at the above address.

INDIANAPOLIS — On the infield of the track that made Indy a household word stands the Auto Racing Hall of Fame. Speedway fans can get a close look at winners of the past, racing data and pictures, memorabilia and a dazzling collection of silver trophies.

The museum only closes on Christmas Day, charges \$1 for adults and no charge for visitors younger than 16.

The Speedway also operates its own clubhouse and motel, located outside the No. 2 turn. Call 317-241-2382.

The Indianapolis Museum of Art is a complex of facilities which includes an 18th century French mansion, several main galleries, a downtown branch and more. Its 150-acre park setting was designed by the same designers who did Central Park in New York and is similarly situated within the city.

The collection goes from Goya, Titian and the classics of old to moderns like Robert Indiana's (real name) LOVE sculpture, helping the I.M.A. to lead the country in visitors per population. For hours, call 317-317-3231.

The Children's Museum is the largest of its kind in the world and lets you step into an Egyptian tomb, and 1890s firehouse, or the twisting passages of a limestone cave. Or you can ride a full-size carousel, peer into a dinosaur's mouth or stare at a huge model train layout.

With a special events theater and stimulating exhibits, the only problem with the museum is its name. That title should not keep any adult away. Write to 3000 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, Ind. 46208.

The atmosphere of a European marketplace pervades the City Market, a newly restored 150-year-old food sales center.

For a complete list and further information, write to the Indiana Tourism Development Division, Room 336, State House, Indianapolis, Ind. 46204.

TRAVEL LOG of Iris Jones



The lost leg of a trip

HAVE YOU LOST your false teeth lately? According to airline officials, people leave things as personal as false teeth and wheelchairs aboard airplanes, and never come back to claim them.

United Airlines has a complete department in its Consumer Affairs division for unclaimed baggage and items left aboard planes. The luggage is inventoried and itemized on a worldwide computer.

The possessions we leave behind us on airplanes is a constant source of disbelief to this department. Found items include everything from guitars and briefcases to wheelchairs. Marc Michelson of the Chicago office of United told me the last time he visited this lost and found department he saw a glass eye and an artificial leg.

Don't you wonder what their owners did without them?

THE DEREGULATION of airlines, which pundits said would put the airlines out of business, may put Amtrak out of business instead. The airlines had a banner year — a 16 percent increase in passenger miles.

The rail passenger business went down 1.4 percent, largely because travelers chose discounted air travel instead.

The hotel industry also had a great year. The nationwide occupancy rate was 71.5 percent, which is 4 1/2 percent higher than last year. If you've paid for a hotel room lately, you won't be surprised to learn that hotel rates went up a whopping 32 percent. There is some hope that this kind of price increase will slow this year, because the industry is building a large number of new rooms to meet the need.

THE TRAVEL Research Association and the U.S. Travel Data Center keep track of these travel trends, as well as some trends that show what you, the everyday traveler, are doing.

According to their studies, you are traveling more but you're economizing on your trips. About half the families in the country took a trip last year, and three out of four took their longest trip by car.

The average family vacation trip was a little shorter than it was last year — 10 days instead of 13 — but the average family took trips a little

more often. More than 80 percent said they planned an auto trip in 1979.

What all that means is that half the population, or about 40 million household groups, will be on the road sometime this year if . . .

THE BIG IF, and the talk of the travel industry, is about the predicted fuel shortage. Jack Wilson, head of the Michigan Travel Bureau, thinks that people who normally travel by car will stay home rather than switch to other forms of transportation.

A real fuel crunch could therefore develop a new kind of tourist industry within easy access of big cities. Wilson also believes a major part of any future fuel problem could be caused by people who fill up and hoard their gasoline as they did during the Arab oil embargo.

Tourism is the second largest industry in Michigan, next only to the auto industry, so any fuel factor that affects both the automobile and the travel industry will certainly affect Michigan dramatically.

BICYCLES DON'T use gasoline. That tinkering sound you hear is your neighbor getting his bicycle ready for the riding season. Biking is a major vacation activity, whether you do it on bike trails along Lake Michigan in Chicago or down the Mississippi River dikes.

One of the world's funniest bicyclists, Stan Midgely, will wheel around "Hawaii, Isles of Enchantment" at the World Adventure Series Sunday March 18 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Viewers have been falling out of their chairs laughing at Midgely for years, as he shows the world from the point of view of a bicycle lover.

IF YOU'D RATHER ride than watch, you can go south to White Springs, Fla., where they have already started warming up for bicycle tours that range from a weekend to a week.

The Suwannee River Bicycle Tours take 12-20 riders on trips that go 24-65 miles a day, depending on whether you're in shape or not.

If you'd like to go further yet, Bike Europe 79 has a bundle of information for anyone who writes to Bike Europe, Box 7928, Ann Arbor 48107, or who phones them at 688-6523.

A seat in the new Roy Acuff Theater

will be the place for cosmic laser battles and Broadway music when the Grand Ole Opry opens its season in Nashville on March 31.

The season will also feature repeat performances of many Opryland favorites — shows, rides, special concerts and television tapings — and two Soap Opera Festivals for fans of the daytime

dramas to meet their idols.

The futuristic light show, the Cosmic Laser Explosion, has all the effects of a blazing space war that sweeps through the audience in a blast of music and flashing light rays.

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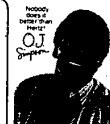
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