# **BACK TO OUR ROOTS**





# DALLAS-FORT WORTH FORT SMITH BRANSON KANSAS CITY 2019

## **Fort Worth**

Arrive June 21st or 22nd

**GPS Address:** 

The Westin DFW Airport 4545 W. John Carpenter Freeway Irving, TX 75063 972-929-4500

**BR PERK at the hotel!** 

**\$10 voucher can be purchased toward breakfast.** With the breakfast vouchers – available for purchase for \$10 through Front Desk or through the Event Planner -- when a guest goes to the breakfast buffet in the morning all they have to do is hand the voucher to the waiter or waitress and they'll be all set!

BANDIT RUNNERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR WRISTBANDS AND HAVE A BR DECAL ON THEIR CAR TO BE ADMITTED TO ALL BANDIT RUN EXCLUSIVE EVENTS.

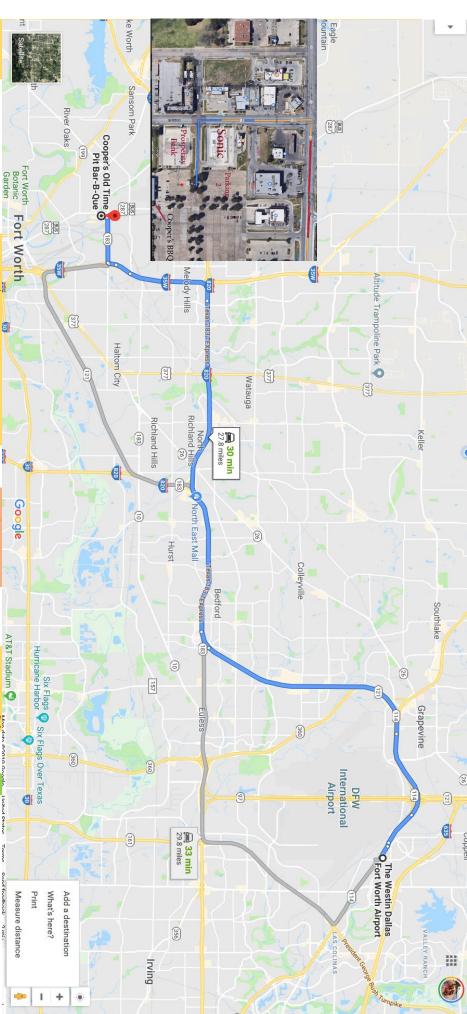
**Color Code Key:** 

Look for these gold highlights for more BR perks, discounts, etc. that you'll receive with your Bandit Run wristbands and/or decals!

Times are in green

Early or advanced booking events are in red

GPS addresses of our various key stops will be highlighted in gray for you lone bandits (or those who make a wrong turn ②).



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## Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> Fort Worth

#### 10am - Leave the Westin and caravan to Cooper's BBQ in the Fort Worth Stockyards

#### GPS Address: Cooper's BBQ: 301 Stockyards Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76164

Get on TX-114 W from W John Carpenter Fwy, Continue on TX-114 W about 5 miles Then take TX-121 South to 183 West (aka Airport Freeway)

Go about 5 miles then merge onto 820 West (do not take the Express Lane – it is a toll road)

Go about 5 miles on 820 and take the exit 16-B toward I-35W South (I-35W refers to the branch of I-35 that is west of Dallas – it runs north and south however)

Go about 3 miles, then take exit 54A off I-35W S towards 28<sup>th</sup> Street, turn right onto NE 28<sup>th</sup> St and go 1.39 Miles—then turn left at the light for Bus 287. Just a few hundred feet after turning onto 287, you're going to turn left IN BETWEEN Sonic Drive-Inn and Prosperity Bank. This leads to the parking lots where we will set up. (See the inset map up above, GPS is 2626 North Main Street, FW)

#### 11am – Arrive at Cooper's BBQ special lot- Bandit Runner wristbands & car decals required

#### 11:30am—See the FW Stockyards Cattle Drive and have a BBQ lunch at Cooper's!

Walk one street over to see the World's Only Cattle Drive through the Stockyards –Watch as Real Texas cowhands drive a herd of Texas longhorns down Exchange Avenue in the <u>Stockyards National Historic District</u>. If you've never seen a Longhorn saunter down the street, here's your chance. **FUN FACT:** Every detail of the cattle drive—from the saddles and chaps to the boots and hats – is authentic and <u>historically true</u>.

After the cattle drive, we will walk back to Cooper's BBQ where they have agreed to host a show & shine with our cars in their very large parking lots while we have lunch with a **Bandit Runner discount.** Wristbands required for discount.

#### 12:30pm- Special Autograph Guest / Bandit Runners must show wristbands!

After lunch, Runners can walk back to the Stockyards to visit numerous shops, museums, Billy Bob's (the World's Largest Honky Tonk) and tons of restaurants. <u>https://www.fortworthstockyards.org/play</u>

#### 4:00 pm – Back to Westin Hotel to relax and freshen up

#### 5:45pm-Meet in hotel parking lot to line-up for caravan to Texas Motor Speedway at 6pm

#### 6:30pm- Texas Motor Speedway Night! Bandit Runners show wristbands & decals!

TMS will line us up when we arrive at 6:30 and we'll go in at 7:30 for our laps around the track. We'll watch Smokey and the Bandit on the World's Largest HD TV Screen, Big Hoss and there will be concession stands open for food purchases. And, you **MUST** show your wristband and have a decal on your car to get into the speedway if you pre-paid for the Run, the DFW Weekend Only Package or the Texas Motor Speedway Package. After the movie everyone heads back to the Westin. Event ends at 10:30pm.

## Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Dallas

#### **Gas Monkey Garage**

#### GPS Address: Gas Monkey Garage: 2330 Merrell Rd, Dallas, TX 75229

### 11:15am --Line up in the parking lot at the Westin11:30am -- Head to Gas Monkey Garage in Dallas for a show and shine and lunch

**Directions:** Coming out of the hotel parking lot, turn left onto Esters Blvd. Go about 1 mile then turn right onto Freeport Pkwy. In less than half a mile, you'll take a right at the light onto a ramp for I-635 East. Merge onto 635 East. Go about 17.5 miles on I-635 – stay in the right-hand lane. Take exit 27C to I-35E South. Just after exiting onto I-35E South, stay in the right-hand lane to take the next exit, Exit 439, Royal Lane. After you exit, stay on the frontage road for 1.3 miles to Merrell Road and turn right onto Merrell Road. Gas Monkey Garage will be ahead on your left about ½ a block. We will have people directing you to park.

#### Bandit Runner wristbands & car decals are required to enter at Gas Monkey Garage lots.

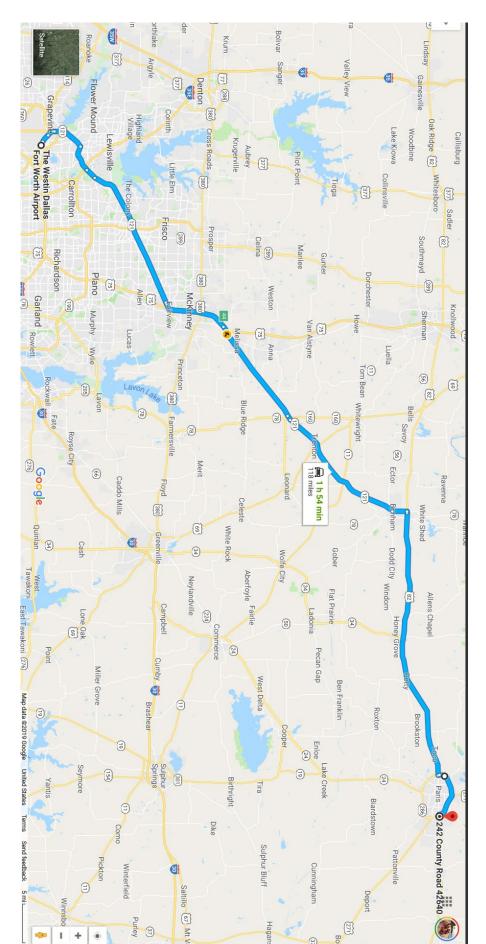
**Parking will be tight – the cars will be stacked and packed**. However, we have a plan in place that we think will work for everyone. Someone will direct you to pull in, all heading the same way into the main parking area. Secondary parking will be into 2 other additional lots across the street. Because of the way the cars will be parked, we will all be there until 3, there will be no one who will be able to leave early because of the way we have to park the cars. We will arrive as a group and leave as a group.

Our lunch today is a taco truck courtesy of Richard Rawlings of Gas Monkey Garage. Please be sure and thank Richard for his generosity! The taco truck will also be open to the general public. Bandit Runners & DFW Weekend Only Runners will need to show their wristbands at the taco truck and their meal will be put on Richard's tab. Runners need to bring chairs to sit in because there is some seating in the Gas Monkey "Monkey Yard", but not enough for a group our size. The merchandise shop, the garage and the storage garage- which is filled with cars of all kinds- will all be open for Bandit Runners to view and visit. The merchandise shop will also still be open to the general public, so please be aware of that. **Bandit Runners with their wristbands will also receive a 25%** discount on merchandise in the Gas Monkey shop (excluding Seiko Coutura watches). Gas Monkey will provide security with someone at the back door of the merchandise shop allowing only Runners with wristbands through to the monkey yard and the garage itself. Some areas and some cars may be off-limits to Runners. There also maybe some restrictions on what photos you can shoot, since GMG is currently shooting its next season for Discovery Television and they don't want any spoilers leaked to social media before the shows air. We do have the possibility of having a special guest joining us on Sunday if their schedule allows. We are also going to try to do a group picture and get some aerial footage from a drone while we are there.

When the event is over, cars will pull straightforward out of main parking and come around stopping in front of a backdrop for picture. Folks parked in the lots around Gas Monkey, will be directed through the 1<sup>st</sup> parking lot after those cars are cleared, so they can get their photo.
3:00 pm – Back to hotel for free time to relax. Dinner on your own.

### Monday June 24th Fort Worth to Fort Smith

Here's your map for the drive to Fort Smith, via Paris, TX.



## Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> Fort Worth to Fort Smith

#### 8:30am- Driver's meeting in Westin Hotel back lot.

9:00am- Fort Worth to Fort Smith – (5 ½ hours total, 2 stops)

#### Travel from Fort Worth to Paris, TX gas stop (118 miles -- 1 hour 54 mins)

DIRECTIONS SUMMARY: The basic route we are following is 121 North to 75 North, back to 121 North which goes all the way in Bonham where we take US-82 E. Then we will take the 82 E/286 loop around Paris and regroup at the Walmart parking lot at 242 County Rd 42640 Reno, TX 75462

#### **Specific route directions:**

Come out of the hotel parking lot – turn right onto TX-114 W In one mile, take the exit for Sam Rayburn Tollway, Hwy 121 North Toll Road. Continue on 121 about 29 miles (signs will also show it as 399)

Use the right 2 lanes to merge onto US-75 N toward Sherman go 8.5 miles

Off 75-N, use the right 2 lanes to take exit 44 for TX-121 N toward Bonham

Continue onto TX-121 N (also still called 75-N) into Bonham -- about 34 miles

Turn right off 121 North onto U.S. 82 Frontage Rd – Then use the left lane to take the ramp onto US-82 E and follow for 35.2 mi

**NOTE**: The 82 East exit is a hard ramp to access because it comes immediately after the turn and you have to cross left across both lanes of traffic to reach the on ramp. You can make that merge OR stay on the service road through the red light and then down the next ramp to merge onto 82. Also, 82 goes down to 2-lane in Bonham

After those 35 miles, take the ramp onto US-82 E/NE Loop 286 for 6.4 miles

Use the right lane to take the US-82 BUS E/US-82 E ramp toward Clarksville to get to the Walmart Super Center or choose from any of the gas stations addresses below.

#### 11:00am- Arrive in Paris, TX for gas stops/your choice (see below)

11:30am-- Follow 82 E to the Walmart Supercenter where we will re-group:

#### GPS Address: Wal-Mart. 242 County Rd 42640 Reno, TX 75462

(There's a Murphy USA gas station in the Walmart parking lot – does have Diesel)

### Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> – cont'd

#### **OTHER GAS STATIONS IN PARIS**

Road 4264

Shell 315 TX-121, Bonham, TX 75418 Murphy USA 2101 TX-121, Bonham, TX 75418 Shell 3005 NW Loop 286, Paris, TX 75460

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Exxon 1741 TX-121, Bonham, TX 75418 Exxon 3905 Bonham St, Paris, TX 75460 Exxon 3100 NE Loop 286, Paris, TX 75460

#### Map of Paris, TX to Hochatown, OK and

into Fort Smith, AR

Hampton Inn Fort Smith 6201 Rogers Ave Ste C Fort Smith, AR 72903-3902

### Monday, June 24 (cont'd)

#### 11:45am. Paris to Hochatown, OK -- Lunch Stop 72.8 mi (1 h 25 min)

**Directions-** Leave Walmart and continue on US-82 W/NE Loop 286 to Farm to Market (FM)195. Take FM Rd 195 exit from US-82 W/NE Loop 286. Now, although it is 2 lane, FM 195 does have a shoulder and does handle big trucks so Snowman should be okay. But beware the road itself does have a few "bumpy coaster dips" so be ready for that. Speeds on that road are between 65 - 70.

Follow FM195 to TX 37 and turn left – you have now entered Oklahoma. **FUN FACT:** Look quickly to your left and you'll see the "Welcome to Texas" rock statue similar to the one in the movie shown in Texarkana.

Also, there will be a Choctaw gas station just past that if you need gas.

Follow (now) OK 37 to US-70 E/Hwy 70 N Bypass in Idabel.

On north 37, the road narrows. At the intersection of 37 and 70 bypass, trucks have to go right, GPS will direct left, but stay right on the 70 bypass. Also at that intersection is a Valero station with diesel. Where the 70 bypass ends and 259 picks up, there is more gas available.

Continue to take 259 north out of Idabel toward Hochatown – it is 4-lane.

#### 1:15pm - Lunch in Hochatown, OK, at the Hochatown Saloon

#### GPS Address: Hochatown Saloon: 28 Old Hochatown Road Broken Bow, OK 74728

Bandit Runners with wristbands and car decals only! The Hochatown Saloon will be our lunch stop. They are normally closed on Mondays but have agreed to open up especially for us! This is a private lunch just for registered/wristbanded Bandit Runners. They'll have a specially priced menu of a variety foods with something sure to please everyone. Please see the menu on the next page. We will also conserve time by paying when you order your meal, so when you're done, you can just head on out.

While in Hochatown, there are plenty of gas stations available. PLEASE FILL UP ONE TANK AND EMPTY ANOTHER (if you get my drift.) We are entering the Ouachita Mountains here and there is only one gas stop at Smithville (259 & Hwy 4 - CJs Gas, diesel and no-ethanol gas) and then nothing until Mena, AR. Also going through the mountains, cell service is very spotty in many areas-- you may have better luck with texting or of course, use your CB if you have one.





### Bandit Runners Choke 'n Puke Lunch

### The Buford T Justice Burger

1/3 lb. Akaushi beef burger with mustard, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and onions Add cheese \$1.00 Served with French Fries

### The Big Enos Bacon Cheeseburger \$12.99

3/4 lb. Akaushi beef burger with thick-cut Applewood smoked bacon, America cheese, mayo, lettuce, & tomato Served with French Fries

### Frog's Grilled Chicken Delight

With a light garlic wine cream sauce Served with 2 sides

### Snowman's Chicken Fried Steak

Seasoned to perfection, deep fried golden brown Served with 2 sides

### Hot Pants Veggie Dinner Salad

Large mixed greens, cheddar jack cheese, crutons, egg, grape tomatoes, cucumbers, red onion, & radish Add a skewer of grilled shrimp \$4.99

Free Tea – Cause he's thirsty dummy. Sodas \$2.00

### \$15.99

### \$14.99

\$8.99

### \$8.99

## Monday, June 24 (cont'd)

#### 2:30pm, Leave Hochatown for scenic drive towards Fort Smith (read below carefully!)

We will leave Hochatown, head northwest on US-259 N and enter the Ouachita National Forest. **FUN FACT:** The Ouachita National Forest covers 1.8 million acres in central Arkansas and southeastern Oklahoma.

We'll take 259N for about an hour (53.4 mi) towards the Talimena Byway. Along this route it is a steep grade with winding hairpin turns to be taken at 20 mph. There are truck brake rest stops along the steep grade for the Rig. There is a large overlook perfect for a group photo.

#### NOW, as you come up towards the Talimena Scenic Byway, you have a choice:

If you want to continue on to take the Talimena Scenic Byway, stay on 259 and look for signs for OK-1 E and AR-88 E. The Scenic Byway will take us into Mena (about 30 miles).

**The RIG cannot** go down the Byway, so Snowman will have to go on in to Mena on Hwy 63 (intersection just before we get to OK -1E). There are plenty of gas options in Mena – it's a good place to top off, because the next nice one is about 15 miles outside Mena. After that the next hour doesn't have much for gas.

**HOWEVER**, If you are done with twists and turns for the day, follow the same route (63) as Snowman to Mena. If you'd like, you can also continue on Hwy 71 north for about 78 miles and head on in to the Hampton Inn in Fort Smith.

The others will continue on 259 to the Byway and take it for 32.4 mi. The Talimena Scenic Byway becomes the Skyline Drive when you cross into Arkansas. There are many tight curves, no or very little shoulder or guard rails-- cruising speed only. Going through Queen Wilhelmina State Park, it's about 12 miles crooked and steep. Your brakes and suspension will get a workout. But there are amazing sites and great "vistas" where you can pull over for a photo op.

Once we get to Mena, the Byway group can stop and gas up and then will continue on US-71 N to Fort Smith.

**FOR BOTH GROUPS:** As you come in to Fort Smith, follow 71 and 540 North-- do not go straight on 71 it turns into Business 71. Follow 71 / 540 to Exit 8, Rogers Avenue. Go straight through the red light after the exit and you will see the Hampton right in front of you. There is a large empty building next to the hotel – we have the entire parking lot for our cars and Rig.

#### 4:00pm-7:00pm- All Bandit Runners check-in to hotel

#### GPS Address: Hampton Inn Fort Smith 6201 Rogers Ave Ste C, Fort Smith, AR 72903

The hotel provides free local courtesy shuttle, subject to availability. Free, hot breakfast, or if in a hurry, take a healthy Hampton's On the Run<sup>™</sup> Breakfast Bag as you head out the doors.

Dinner Monday night is on your own – there is a Logan's Steakhouse, Friday's and a Starbucks in the same parking lots as the Hotel. Within a short walk there is a Hooters and a short drive away there is a Denny's. Also, there is a large Roadrunner gas station right across the street from the hotel.

## Tuesday June 25th Fort Smith

#### All Day: Free day in Fort Smith

To give you a day to rest after the long, winding drive on Monday, we don't have anything scheduled to do. However, there are a number of things you can do in Fort Smith.

There is the Museum of History (320 Rogers Ave) and the outdoor Trolley Car Museum (100 S 4th St) The West End Park offers a great day out for the entire family with attractions including; a Historic revitalized Ferris Wheel from the 1935 World's Fair in San Diego, a vintage carousel, a Double Decker Bus concession stand and much more (115 Garrison Ave). Enjoy a quiet evening by taking a Stroll along the frontier trail for breathtaking views of the Arkansas riverfront (intersection of Riverfront Drive and North E Street). Fort Smith is also close to popular shops and restaurants, and just five minutes from the Choctaw (3400 Choctaw Rd, Pocola, OK 74902) and Cherokee casinos (109 Cherokee Blvd, Roland, OK 74954).

And last but not least, Miss Laura's Museum. **FUN FACT** – Miss Laura's was a 'social club'-in other words a brothel-- in the time of the old west. Out of seven "row houses" that lined Fort Smith's Old West Red Light District, Miss Laura's is the only house of ill-repute that stood the test of time. Now, it is the only former bordello on the National Register of Historic Places, and it has been fully restored to its original grandeur. Miss Laura's is the visitor center, so stop and get a tour of this Victorian mansion that has become a prominent symbol of this once boisterous border town's very colorful past! Hours: Monday-Saturday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### 2 North B Street Fort Smith, AR 72901

Or just relax by the nice hotel pool. ③

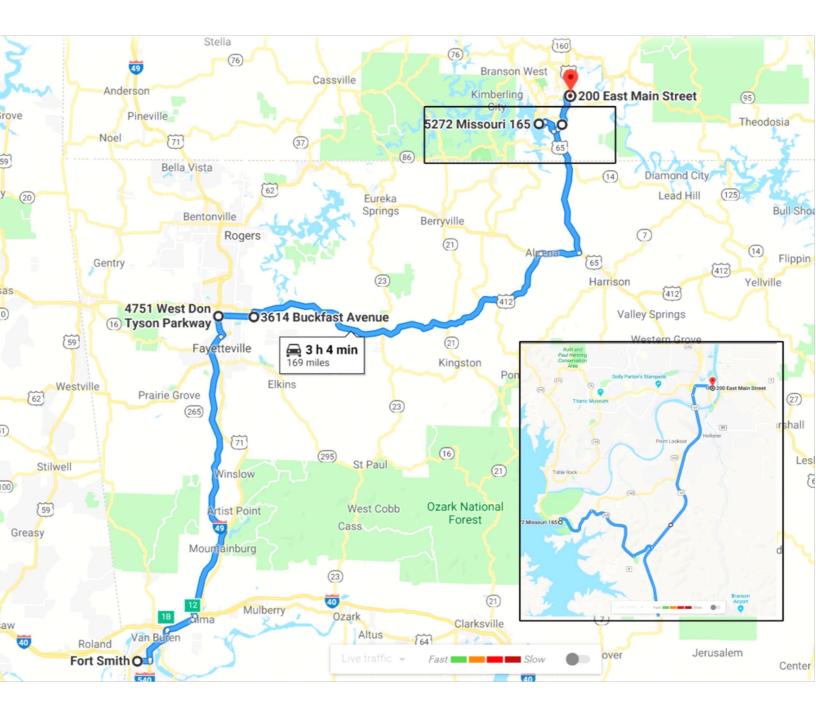
Lunch and dinner are on your own. However, some of our Runners are planning to eat at **Doe's** Eat Place (479) 784-9111 422 N 3rd St, Fort Smith, AR 72901

The original Doe's Eat Place was established in 1941 by Dominick "Doe" Signa and his wife Mamie in Greenville, MS. With locations across the country now, Doe's is best known for their amazing tamales and mouth-watering steaks. <u>https://www.doeseatplace.com/index.html</u>

We may also have some short daytrips provided by local car clubs if you would like to take your bird out for a cruise. More info will be available at the hotel.

## Wednesday June 26th Fort Smith to Branson

#### Here is the map for the drive from Fort Smith to Branson



## Wednesday June 26th Fort Smith to Branson

#### Fort Smith to Table Rock Lake State Park Marina (Branson) then the Hilton Convention Center (Total time: about 3 hours)

8:00am- Driver's meeting in Hampton parking lot

#### 8:30am- Leave for Branson

Come out of the Hampton Hotel entrance and turn right at the light. Then take another right to merge onto 540, then take exit 12 for I-49 North toward Fayetteville for 60 miles.

On 49 North, take exit 70 onto Don Tyson Parkway

Stay on Don Tyson Parkway for 6 miles, then take the roundabout and get off at Hylton Road. Hylton Road dead-ends in about a mile at Hwy 412. Take a right onto Hwy 412 E.

Continue on Hwy 412 E. for about 58 miles till you come to the intersection of US-65 N. Turn left and go north on US-65 for about 20 miles till you come to a stoplight at the intersection of 65 N and 265. Turn left at the light onto 265. Follow this road for just over 4 miles to Table Rock Lake State Marina -5272 MO165. (265 and 165 are the same at this point)

12:00 noon- Picnic in the Park!

GPS Address: Table Rock Lake State Park 5272 MO-165, Branson, MO 65616

At noon, all registered Bandit Runners are invited to attend a Picnic in the Park at the Table Rock Lake State Park pavilion, overlooking the lake. There is no single place for all of us to park, so someone will be there to help us park in the various available areas. Our picnic lunch will be from Jake's Place Sandwich Shop featuring chicken salad, ham salad, pasta salad, potato salad, fruit, limeades, lemonade and an ice cream bar. Runners will be required to show their wristband in order to be served. Our lunch today is courtesy of one of our original Bandit Runners, Billy Halsey. Please be sure and thank Billy for his generosity!

After lunch you have 3 choices --

1-- Bandit Runner Scott Thompson has gotten us a discount at the **Titanic Museum**, **3235 W 76 Country Blvd, Branson, MO 65616** <u>http://www.titanicbranson.com/</u> The tour can take from 1-2 hours on your own pace. Price is \$24.00 and tickets need to be pre-ordered by either email or phone by contacting Gatherings Plus - Yvonne Costales, at <u>info@gatheringsplus.com</u> or call 417-338-4048 to pay with credit card. Pre-ordered tickets will be picked up at will call.

To head there from the park, come out of the marina and turn left back onto MO 165/265. Continue to follow it around for about 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles to where 265 and 165 split. Stay to the right on MO 165 for another 4  $\frac{1}{4}$  miles till it intersects with W 76. At that intersection, you should be looking at the museum across the road to your right.

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2 -- Billy has gotten us a discount at the **Branson Celebrity Car Museum 1600 MO-76**, **Branson, MO 65616**. <u>https://www.celebritycarmuseum.com/</u> The owner of the museum will be closing the museum to the public and offering guided tours to Runners in groups of 50. Cost will be \$12 each. To get there, follow the directions above, but when you arrive at the intersection of MO 165 and W 76, turn right and go about 2 miles – the car museum will be on your right.

**3** -- Or if you're done for the day and want to head back to the hotel after lunch, just reverse the way we came—turn right out of the marina onto 265 and follow it till it intersects with US-65. Turn left (north). Go about 6 miles to the Main Street/MO-76 exit. After that exit, you'll turn right on MO-76 and go straight for about 1 mile and the Hilton Convention Center Hotel will be on your right – turn right onto South Sycamore to access hotel.

#### GPS Address: Hilton Convention Center, 200 East Main, Branson, MO 65616

**To start, we will park in the parking garage.** Normally, you have to check in first before you can park. We have arranged with the Hilton Convention Center to be able to park first, then check in. YOU MUST HAVE A BANDIT RUN PARKING PERMIT TO SHOW TO THE BELLMAN AT THE PARKING GARAGE GATE WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE HOTEL.

They will let you in so you can go park. Then go inside and check-in and they will give you your room key. THERE IS A CHARGE FOR THE PARKING GARAGE -- \$13/DAY. However, the Hotel does not own the garage and is not responsible for setting the prices.

Dinner that night is on your own, however, Bandit Runner Scott Thompson has gotten a group rate discount of \$46.95/per person for Dolly's Stampede (<u>https://dpstampede.com/branson</u>) for the 8pm show (you'll need to arrive at 7:00). Thrill to a friendly North and South competition, horse riding stunts at top speeds, spectacular special effects, phenomenal musical productions all while you enjoy a mouth-watering four-course family feast! Also, Stampede's **SKEETER** & **NUGGET** ® will keep you laughing (and looks a lot like Wayne Alderson, you have to see!). Tickets need to be pre-ordered by either email or phone by contacting Gatherings Plus -Yvonne Costales, at <u>info@gatheringsplus.com</u> or call 417-338-4048 to pay with credit card. Tickets will be available to pick up at will call.

If Dolly's is not your thing, the Branson Auto Alliance has invited us to join their show & shine at Price Chopper grocery store parking lot around 6:00pm -- 2210 W 76 Country Blvd, Branson, MO 65616. Hwy 76 is the "Branson Strip" so we expect that a bunch of Trans Ams in the parking lot will create some interest from the passing traffic.

## Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> Branson

#### 9:00am – Thursday in Branson. Please read options below carefully!

There is so much to do and see in Branson, you can't do it all in 2 days. So, with the help of Bandit Runner Scott Thompson, we have come up with some fun options to choose from. Several will have transportation to and from provided free by Scott and his Branson Transportation Company via a 57-passenger motorcoach and a 33-passenger shuttle. Please be sure and thank Scott for his generosity! Your Bandit Runner wristband is required for all free transportation services! Please follow this link to sign up by June 21<sup>st</sup> for transportation for Option One or Option Two so we can get a headcount. <u>https://signup.com/go/qtTNGtS</u>

**OPTION ONE – The Triple Threat**—if you'd like several different options in the same day, choose this—a trip to the Top of the Rock Cave Tour, Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum, Fun Mountain Amusement Park, and the Bass Pro Shops Shooting Academy.

**1-- Top of the Rock Cave Tour**-- Experience something unforgettable as you trek two-and-a-half miles on electric cart along the Top of the Rock Lost Canyon Nature Trail-- runs about an hour Adults | \$28+tax Children (ages 4-11) | \$14+tax Children 3 and under | free

And after the cave tour, go through the Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum (located at the Top of the Rock Cave) Find yourself face-to-face with prehistoric creatures, galleries showcasing the American West and civil war and astounding collections of Native American artifacts and artwork Adults \$12 | Children (4-11) \$5 | Children (under 3) Free

2-- Fun Mountain Amusement Park at Big Cedar Lodge 12:00PM - 8:00PM https://bigcedar.com/attractions/fun-mountain/

50,000 square feet of endless entertainment for you and your family. Complete with a full arcade, bumper cars, underwater-themed bowling, laser tag and a golf simulator, whether you're climbing to the top of the rock wall or zooming down the slide of the pirate ship, this world-class attraction offers year-round fun for all ages. (Prices vary with activity)

3-- Bass Pro Shops Shooting Academy 9:00AM - 5:00PM

https://bigcedar.com/attractions/shooting-academy/

The Bass Pro Shops Shooting Academy is a stunning outdoor playground for sportsmen and outdoor enthusiasts. Designed for all skill levels, this world-class facility offers training and experience in shooting sports all in front of the stunning backdrop of Table Rock Lake. Various shooting disciplines including ATA Trap, Wobble Trap, American Skeet, Sporting Clays and 5 Stand are available. You will be supplied with a shotgun, ammunition, clay targets and all required safety gear.

The motorcoach will load outside the Hilton Lobby, curbside on Sycamore Street, to depart at 8:30 am. Once you've reached the Top of the Rock Welcome Center, a shuttle will run every 30 minutes between the three activities. Then at 3:00pm the motorcoach will load at Top of the Rock Welcome Center and head back to the Hilton arriving at 3:30pm

## Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>- cont'd

#### **OPTION TWO -- Silver Dollar City** - <u>https://www.silverdollarcity.com/theme-park</u>

Silver Dollar City is an internationally awarded 1880s-style theme park that features over <u>40</u> thrilling rides & attractions, live shows & concerts, <u>100 resident craftsmen</u> demonstrating America's heritage crafts, <u>18 award-winning restaurants</u> and <u>60 unique shops</u> – all sitting atop one of Missouri's deepest caves.

Again, Scott Thompson has secured a Bandit Runner's discount of \$65.56. And again, tickets need to be pre-ordered by either email or phone by contacting Gatherings Plus - Yvonne Costales, at <u>info@gatheringsplus.com</u> or call 417-338-4048 to pay with credit card. Tickets will be available to pick up at will call.

The motorcoach will load outside the Hilton Lobby, curbside on Sycamore Street, to depart at 8:30 am arriving at Silver Dollar City about 9:30am. The motorcoach will pick up at the entrance to Silver Dollar City, departing at 2:30pm, to arrive back at the Hilton about 3:30pm.

**OPTION THREE -- Spirit of America Catamaran at the State Park Marina** <u>https://www.stateparkmarina.com/spirit.php</u>

Spirit of America 90-minute excursion: Adult- \$39.95 12 & Under- \$34.95 4 & Under- Free

Spirit of America Everyone for a Swim (2 hours): 5 years old – Adult \$39.95 4 & Under- Free

Only minutes from the stars on the Branson Strip, you will discover another world on Table Rock Lake, a world of quiet beauty. Discover this fantastic show on board the Spirit of America, a 48ft., coast guard licensed sailing catamaran with stable and comfortable seating for 49 passengers. Help the crew operate the vessel, or just sit back, relax and enjoy the ride. Refreshments and snacks are available on board. For your safety, rubber-soled shoes are recommended.

Daily excursions depart State Park Marina at noon and 2:30 p.m. Call and ask us about the 2-hour Water World Adventure Cruise times. They ask you check-in 15 minutes prior to departure time. Group and corporate charters are available. Reservations are recommended. Bandit Runners will need to arrange their own transportation here or drive themselves.

**OPTION FOUR -- Historic Downtown Branson** <u>https://www.explorebranson.com/downtown</u> Downtown Branson is a destination of its own, encompassing the Historic Downtown district, Branson Landing and the surrounding areas. Downtown is home to several hundred businesses, including a variety of restaurants, retail shops, entertainment, outdoor activities and unique attractions.

### Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>- cont'd

And it's easy to get around by walking or riding the free Downtown Trolley. It's a short walk from the Hilton Hotel to downtown. The Hotel is also just up the hill from the Branson Landing http://www.bransonlanding.com/ appealing to visitors of all ages, it offers more than 100 storefronts for shopping, restaurants and accommodations. Easily walkable, Branson Landing is less than a mile long with a central, open-air promenade and a lakeside boardwalk. The mall is capped on the north end by the Belk department store and by a landmark Bass Pro Shops store on the south end. You'll also find watersports rentals & fun activities like \*\* Parakeet Pete's Waterfront Zipline & Parakeet Pete's Steampunk Balloon \*\* Andy B's Bowl Social \*\* Arcade City \*\* Buster's Old Time Photos \*\* Fast Shot shooting gallery

#### 5:00pm- Dinner/Bandit Runner gathering by the water for the evening



Thursday night our official dinner is at the Paddlewheel Pub owned by Larry Milton (9 S, N Boardwalk, just down the hill from the Hilton Hotel along the lake at Branson Landing) He is roping off a large part of his parking lot for us to have a show & shine, beginning at 4pm. However, you can take your car down any time after 12 noon. Then, beginning about 5:00pm, the Paddlewheel Pub will be the center for

special entertainment, food and beverages for the Bandit Runners showing their Bandit Run wristband. Larry will have Smokey and the Bandit playing on the big screen in one of his indoor/outdoor lounge areas, and out on the dock, entertainment will come from the band Skinny Bone Jones from 8pm - midnight. The Paddlewheel will offer a special Bandit Run dinner of a BBQ plate -- BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich (the official sandwich of the Bandit Run LOL), 1/3 Rack of St. Louis Pork Ribs, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, and Dinner Roll for \$14.99 per person + tax + gratuity. Wristbands are required for the special rate! You also have the option of taking a Sunset Dinner Cruise where you'll experience Branson's historic Lake Taneycomo while cruising aboard Larry's Main Street Marina's 100' luxury yacht, the Landing Princess. Windows all around the Princess's two climate-controlled decks provide spectacular views of breathtaking lake scenery. The Landing Princess is handicap accessible and has onboard restroom facilities for guests. The 1 1/2 hour cruise features a 3course dinner of a salad, main course, dessert and unlimited tea, coffee or water. There is a cash bar available for soft drinks or alcoholic beverages. **YOU MUST PREBOOK THIS SUNSET DINNER CRUISE!** The Princess will be available for reservations for our Bandit Runners at a group rate of \$48.16 (tax included) based on availability, please make reservations in advance as we don't have it all to ourselves -- the yacht holds 80 but will include the general public. Call 877-382-6287 to make your reservations and ask for the Smokey and the Bandit Rate. Be down at the dock at 5:15 to board the dinner cruise—it leaves at 5:45pm and returns at 7:15pm.

## Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **Branson to Kansas City**

9:00am- No Driver's meeting, just leave Branson for Kelsey Tire and onto Buckner, MO (Total 4 h 27 min -- 265 miles)

Directions: Coming out of the hotel, take a right onto E. Main Street, then at the light take a left onto Branson Landing - follow Branson Landing for 1.3 miles till you merge onto 65N

Follow US-65 N for about 42 miles into Springfield, then take the exit for I-44 E

Stay on I-44 E for about 45 miles to Lebanon. This section of I-44E runs parallel with parts of old Route 66. If you want to take some of the Mother Road, the first available exit to Route 66 is Exit 84. There are several other exits where you can get on or off Route 66 and go

through several small towns. Most former landmarks along these towns however, have been repurposed and can no longer be identified.

Exit 88 at Strafford

Exit 96 at Northview

Exit 100 at Marshfield – you take Spur Road to Hubble Drive (66)

Mile Marker 110 - Conway Rest Stop -- rest areas have picnic tables sheltered in mini versions of Route 66 buildings.

If you are on 66 and come into the town of Phillipsburg, 66 dead ends at Pine Street. Turn left to go continue on 66. It crosses under I44 and now runs alongside the westbound lanes. You will pass Redmon's Candy Factory

Exit 118 off I44– Redmon's Candy Factory (also has a gas station)

Exit 123 – remember, 66 is now on the Westbound side of I-44, so turn left and go under I-44 to continue on 66

As you continue on 66 into Lebanon, it becomes Elm Street. When it comes to a stoplight, you can turn left to continue on Elm Street, or follow the signs to I-44.

**POINT OF INTEREST!!** If you stay on Elm Street into Lebanon, you can turn at Madison Avenue to get to the Route 66 museum in Lebanon -- 915 S Jefferson Ave, Lebanon, MO 65536. If you go to the museum, be prepared to allow 1 hour to see it. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Also in Lebanon, the one good remaining building of Route 66's heyday is the Munger Moss Motel, 1336 Rte 66, Lebanon, MO 65536. It has a large parking lot and a great vintage sign for pictures.





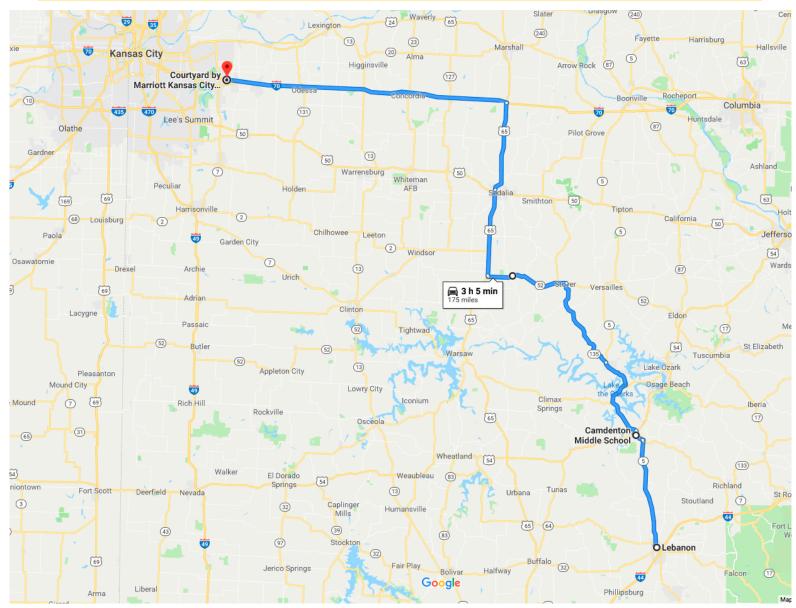
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**Directions cont'd-** If you are on I44 when you get to Lebanon, take exit 129 toward MO-32 W/MO-5 N/MO-64 W/S Jefferson Ave. You will also see the Route 66 Museum on your left. After whatever time you may spend in Lebanon, please continue on to our destination of Kelsey's Tire in Camdenton to **arrive at 11:30am**.

Follow MO-5 through Lebanon – it will make a hard right at E7th Street – turn right and continue on MO-5 to the exit for 7 South, Business Route 5 Camdenton/Richland. At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Business 5/ MO-7. Go just shy of 2 miles to the Camdenton Middle School on the right and park in the parking lot. We are having lunch in the cafeteria.

11:30am- Arrive at Kelsey Tire for Tour and Lunch

**GPS Address: Camdenton Middle School, 88 Laker Dr, Camdenton, MO 65020** LUNCH – Our lunch today is graciously provided by Mr. Kelsey. Please make sure you thank him for his hospitality! Bandit Runners will have to show their wristband before being served.



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**FUN FACT:** Kelsey Tire is the exclusive distributor of Goodyear antique tires. The company is the life's work of John Kelsey, who for almost 50 years has supplied vintage tires to car enthusiasts all over the world. Starting with a tire originally manufactured in 1925, the All-Weather Balloon, Kelsey manufactures tires from the 1920's to 1980's -- a span of nearly 70 years! From the famous Deluxe All-Weather sculptured white sidewall with a diamond tread design, through to the Eagle Gatorback from the late 1980s, if you're after a Goodyear tire, Kelsey should be your first stop.

**SUPER FUN FACT:** Hollywood came knocking with the Smokey and the Bandit movie and asked John to manufacture four sets of tires for the iconic Trans Am driven by Burt Reynolds. While it was a new car at the time of filming, the producers knew they needed the quality and stability of a vintage tire to hold up to the punishing stunt performances of the car.

John Kelsey grew up around antique cars, his parents owned a private museum called "The Kelsey Collection of Antique Motor Cars." The museum is no longer open to the public, however Bandit Runners will get an exclusive chance to see the collection! Mr. Kelsey will shuttle Runners from the school to his museum up the road in groups of 50 about every half-hour. Runners will be able to walk through the museum, but PLEASE NOTE: because the cars are packed in there very closely, Runners need to take extra care when moving between and around cars. And please leave large bags/purses outside the warehouse and mind belt buckles & buttons as well. We know our Runners are very particular about the treatment of their cars and so we know you'll be careful when viewing those in the warehouse. We will leave for KC about 1:30. **1:30pm: Leave Kelsey Tire for KC, MO.** (2 hours 36 mins, 150 mi)

**Directions**: Coming out of the school, turn right, back onto Business 5/MO-7. At the first stoplight, turn right onto US-54E. Go about 1 mile, go over the overpass and follow the signs for North 5 / 7 Sunrise Beach and turn left. Take the onramp to MO-7. Go about 20 miles, then take a slight left onto MO-135 N and continue on MO-135 N/MO-52W for about 19 miles into the town of Stover.

Then in Stover at the "T" intersection of MO-135N/MO-52W, turn left onto MO-52 W. Stay on MO-52 W for 16 miles to US- 65 N, turn right and merge onto US 65-N and continue on for 36 miles.

Off US 65-N, take the exit for Kansas City, I-70 W. Stay on I-70 W for 55 miles, then take exit 21 to Adams Dairy Pkwy. Turn left onto NE Adams Dairy Pkwy, cross under I-70 and take a left at the second stoplight (NE Coronado Dr) and go ½ mile to the Courtyard by Marriott.

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4:15pm- Arrive at KC Bandit Run Hotel

GPS Address: Courtyard by Marriott Blue Springs 1500 NE Coronado Dr, Blue Springs, MO 64014 <u>(816) 228-8100</u>

#### **5:30pm- Drive to Tuscano's for official Bandit Run dinner** GPS Address: Tuscano's 312 S Hudson St Buckner MO 64016

After settling in and freshening up, about 5:30 start heading to downtown Buckner to Tuscano's Italian Restaurant for dinner. Hudson Street will be blocked off exclusively for Bandit Runners to park along the street. Bandit Runners must show their wristband before being served. See below for the evening's menu.

Tickets for dinner must be pre-purchased by following this link: <u>http://buytickets.at/waynestock</u> Choose "Bandit Runners Dinner" and enter the password: banditrun (all lowercase) After the purchase you will receive an electronic ticket which you will need to print off to show at the door.

**Directions to Tuscano's:** Come out of the hotel, turn left onto NE Coronado Dr, then at the light turn right on NE Adams Dairy Pkwy 1.3 miles, then left on NE Duncan Rd for 1.4 miles, then turn right on NW Hwy 7 for 7 miles to Hwy 24. Turn right onto Hwy 24 for 5 miles. As you come into Buckner, turn right onto Hudson. This is the road we will be parking on. **You must have your wristband and car decal to get into the parking area.** 



Friday - Dinner at 6:00pm <u>MENU</u> House Salad Penne Pasta with Marinara or Alfredo Sauce With Meatballs, Chicken or Italian Sausage Bread Dessert Tea, Water or Coffee \$12.00 per person

After dinner Runners can go back to the hotel, go to the Bone Hill Distillery (local brewery across the street from Tuscano's) or head to Wayne & Tonya's place to visit with the Bandit Run Family.

## Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

### Buckner

#### Buckner, MO Parade

10:00 am-- Line up in parking lot of the hotel for a parade though Buckner.

The parade will end up at the Heisler Burns Park where the City of Buckner is throwing us a party with a show & shine, vendors and food trucks where we can purchase lunch. We will also have our Bandit Run Awards at about 1:30pm to officially close out the Run. All are welcome to join us in the parade, however only Bandit Runners with wristbands and car decals will be allowed into the park for the show & shine.

**Saturday Parade Route-** Come out of the hotel, turn right onto NE Coronado Dr. for 2 miles (along the way it will turn into R D Mize Rd.) Turn Right onto OOIDA, go a few hundred feet to the stop sign and turn left on Route 40 for about ½ mile. Then turn left onto N Main St, (it will turn into S Buckner/Tarsney Rd) follow that road for 8.7 miles all the way into Buckner and turn right onto Park Avenue. Just past the houses you'll see Heisler Burns Park on the right.

# -Official End of Run!-

## Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

### Buckner

#### After the close of the official Run, the fun doesn't have to end!

### **Invitation to WayneStock Bandit Run**

GPS Address: 31412 East Truman Road, Buckner, MO 64016

#### ADVANCED BOOKING REQUIRED! See the link below

Hey everybody! Don't want the Bandit Run to end? Come continue the celebration Saturday afternoon at Wayne and Tonya Alderson's Farm and "party on" at WayneStock! (Bandit Run registration not required, but WayneStock Registration is required)

After the final Bandit Run events at the city park on Saturday, Runners can head to the party barn at Wayne & Tonya Alderson's house in Buckner to close out our Run in style.

We'll begin to set up the cars for a show & shine and group picture about 2:00. Then from 2:00 -4:30, we'll have a show & shine, and from 4:30 - 5:30pm we'll have a costume contest. Dinner will begin about 6:00 pm.

Early bird (before June 21st) registration is \$30 for adults and \$10 for kids 11-17, under 11-free -- which covers the price of porta potties (you know you're excited about those), a place for all cars to park for the show & shine, the costume contest, a Taco Buffet for dinner and ... **THREE** fantastic bands playing!! Live Music by Bryan Jobi at 4pm then...

**Caprice Classic** – 7:00pm – 9:00pm Playing the best of the 70's & 80's. <u>https://www.facebook.com/CapriceClassicRocks/videos/1892959174097072/</u>

### AND

**High Voltage** -- an AC/DC tribute band featuring our own Bandit Runner Steve Shiner as Angus 9:00pm – 11:30pm <u>https://www.facebook.com/HighVoltageKC/videos/2317179451849602/</u> (Some of you may recognize they're playing at the Party Barn!)

Registration after June 21st or at the gate will be \$40.00 for adults, \$15 for kids 11-17, under 11 – free. Click on the link here to pay!

http://buytickets.at/waynestock Select "WayneStock presents: The After Party and enter password: **partyon** (all lowercase)

PARTY ON BANDIT RUNNERS! Wayne & Tonya

#### Now the fine print:

Events during the Bandit Run are subject to change. We cannot control the outside influences that may affect our itinerary or route. We will do our very best to stick to it, but we ask for your patience and understanding should we have to make changes in case of unforeseen circumstances. We also make every attempt to watch the weather, but we cannot control it. We always try to keep weather in mind when we're out in the cars to keep them from damage. Remember, we are also driving classic Trans Ams and want to keep them safe.

**During our journey:** 

If during the Run you have questions, please ask David or Lori Hershey, Ric Rodriguez, or Dave Hall.

Please always be courteous when driving, especially through small towns. We are a large group and can tie up local traffic very easily. Allow them the right of way where you can. You can always catch up to the group. Please don't "hot rod" – we will have police escorts in many areas and they won't hesitate to pull you over.

Please be mindful of other Runners driving with us, watching if they need join in to a line as we merge, turn, park or exit and allow them to do so.

Watch for Runners who might be broken down on the side of the road. Assist if you can. If you break down, try to notify someone in the group.

Stay alert on the CB's and Bandit Run App for changes in routes or information regarding road conditions. If you see debris in the road or other road hazards, please let everyone know via the CB or App. And pass along directions given on the CB to those behind you. CB's have a limited range, so someone in the back of the line (which could be more than a mile from the front) may not hear the directions. Pass the info along. If you have questions, please feel free to ask!

And lastly, have fun. This event has become near and dear to many of the folks on this trip. For many of us, it's our vacation and a time to reconnect with our Bandit Run Family. Let's make this a fitting tribute to our hero, the late Burt Reynolds.

## NOW, LET'S GO DO WHAT THE BANDIT DID BEST... SHOW OFF! Bandit



















