

Team Romeo Trip Planning Meeting
Thursday, March 8, 2012
Hosted by Bob and Janis Mosteller

Attendees: Darkow, Hall, Hughes, Kelleher, Mele, Mosteller, Ruthenburg, Schlueter, Sever, Williamson

Facilitated by Bill Kelleher
Notes by Walt Ruthenburg

1. First order of business was a big thank you to our hosts
2. Bill reported that Harry had put in a word for another tour of the Adirondacks
3. Steve mentioned that Adventure Cycling is running a tour of 396 miles as an Allegany Loop that we could replicate. It begins and ends in Blacksburg, VA and includes the Greenbriar Trail.
4. Walt suggested his annual RT 66 but only IL for this year. It would be about 500 miles.
5. Don suggested a 2 day or so trip, self contained about Tiffin to Lodi.
6. Bill would also like to revisit the Western Reserve Greenway Trail.
7. Bill also mentioned the Little Miami Trail and “extensions” for another short ride.
8. Tom suggested OH 49 which parallels the western border of Ohio and could include a visit to Auburn IN.
9. On a trip related topic, Tom mentioned that Bill purchased 2 new front tires for Harvey and the FL group might wish to contribute \$40 each toward this expense.
10. Tom wants someone to take over leadership of the weekly lunch rides for awhile. He will provide queue sheets. Mike agreed tentatively to do so.
11. With a lot of interest apparent for RT 66 some details were discussed. First a start in downtown Chicago did not meet with enthusiasm because of the amount of urban riding so Joliet was mentioned as a start point. Then the prevailing winds were brought up leading to thoughts of starting at the Chain of Rocks bridge (at the Mississippi River) and finishing in Joliet. Likely mid to end of July would be the time frame to accommodate already obvious calendar conflicts.
12. Bob suggested the Adventure Cycling alternate route for the Underground railroad from Oberlin to Owen Sound.
13. Mike would like to do some Civil War battlefields, Gettysburg, Antietam, Harper's Ferry. A fall time frame was mentioned.
14. No additional ideas were brought forward. The RT 66 ride will be in continued informal discussion to zero in on the details. Other rides of 2 or 3 days will as usual, be decided on a ad hoc basis.