Historic Lincoln Highway
17th Annual Conference
“Welcome back to Indiana, where the LHA was born!”
June 16 - 20, 2009
South Bend, Indiana

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The 17th annual conference of the Lincoln Highway Association is hosted by the Indiana Lincoln Highway Association and the City of South Bend
Monday, June 15, 2009
Pre-conference East Tour – Ligonier, Goshen and Elkhart
- Visit the historic brick section and original alignments in Ligonier
- Visit the Old Bag Factory in Goshen – shop in the furniture, art, pottery, antique, and quilt shops
- Visit the RV Hall of Fame in Elkhart

Tuesday, June 16, 2009
Welcome event at the Century Center’s Great Hall in South Bend

Wednesday, June 17, 2009
Charter Bus Tour to Indianapolis via the Dixie Highway.
- Stops at historic sites related to Carl Fisher and James Allison – Lincoln Highway Visionaries.
- Tours include the extraordinary Crown Hill Cemetery, Millionaire Row (the homes of Allison and Fisher), Stutz Buildings, Monument Circle, and Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum.
  - Lunch at the Athenaeum. Set in the historic 19th century Athenaeum Building downtown, The Rathskeller is reminiscent of both a quaint inn tucked in the Bavarian hills and a lively beer hall in Munich. Voted Best German Restaurant seven years in a row, even a true German feels at home here.
  - Wild and mild buses will be available to fit your personality!

Thursday, June 18, 2009
A Day on the beautiful St. Joseph River!
- This seminar day features a keynote speaker on national byways and an artist and authors’ reception – open to the general public free of charge.
- Dedication of historical markers on the Lincoln Highway in downtown South Bend.
- Special invitation event for LHA Life Members, dignitaries and 2009 LHA Conference Sponsors.
- Twilight tour of the University of Notre Dame campus including the famous Grotto, touchdown Jesus, and the Golden Dome.

Friday, June 19, 2009
Lincoln Highway Day Parade through South Bend featuring the 90th Anniversary U.S. Military Cross Country Convoy organized by the Military Vehicle Preservation Association and the LHA.
- The convoy will be departing Washington D.C. on June 10th, connecting with the LHA main route at Gettysburg, and arriving in South Bend on Thursday, June 18th.
- Military vehicles will be staged for the public at the Studebaker National Museum and at the Howard Park Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial following the parade festivities.
- Afternoon offers conference attendees free time to tour area attractions, shop, and dine at the many specialty shops in the twin cities of South Bend/Mishawaka.
- The day will conclude with an Awards Banquet at Century Center.

Saturday, June 20, 2009
Breakfast buffet and annual membership meeting and door prizes at the Holiday Inn Ballroom.

Post conference Tour
Follow the military convoy west to the Illinois line.
- Suggested stops include New Carlisle Viaduct, the Old Republic and the Lincoln Highway kiosk at City Hall on Michigan Street; restored train depot in La Porte; Bob’s BBQ at US 20 and State Road 2; Historic Mill at Deep River County Park; Valparaiso’s City Hall Lincoln Highway Monuments; shopping at Merrillville’s malls, and the Ideal Section-Henry Ostermann Monument at Schererville.
South Bend
Located a short 90 miles east of Chicago, South Bend/Mishawaka is rich in culture, heritage, history and fun! A guided tour of the University of Notre Dame campus, combined with elegant dining and a multiple of lodging options, will be a must. (After all, it is the second highest visited attraction in the state!)

In addition, you probably have heard of the famous Studebaker automobile, maybe even had the privilege of owning or driving one! The Studebaker heritage and story is told in their hometown of South Bend. Not only can you tour the Studebaker National Museum but you can also dine in the elegant ambiance of the Studebaker family mansion, Tippecanoe Place Restaurant. Combine those national treasures with Copshaholm – the Oliver Mansion and the sinfully rich South Bend Chocolate Company tour!

Family Fun
Extend Your Stay With These Optional Adventures
• Rent a Raft on the East Race Kayak Course
• Ride the South Shore – the only remaining interurban in the U.S.
• Shop at the historic Farmer’s Market at Sample and North Side Blvd.
• Visit Shipshewana – the best of Amish Country
• Visit the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore – Lake Michigan
• Visit Deep River Water Park in Merrillville
• Visit the College Football Hall of Fame
• Visit the University of Notre Dame
• Visit the Studebaker National Museum and the Northern Indiana Center for History
• Visit the Studebaker-Packard Archive – by appointment

Shopping
There are many shopping malls, specialty stores, and antique malls in the South Bend-Mishawaka area.
• University Park Mall
• Michiana Antique Mall
• Picker’s Paradise

Dining
• South Bend Chocolate Café – Great coffee, great food, candy and a children’s indoor play area
• Fiddler’s Hearth – Irish food, music and great beer
• The LaSalle Grill – a four diamond Award restaurant, fine food and wine
• Tippecanoe Place, Studebaker Home – Perfect for lunch or dinner!

Conference registration will be available online beginning September 30, 2008.
For more information and to register for the LHA 2009 conference, visit:
www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org

Conference chair persons:
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Conference Hotel: Holiday Inn Downtown South Bend – site of the Oliver Hotel once the Control Station on the Lincoln Highway in South Bend. This hotel is located 1 block west of the Century Center at 213 W. Washington Street. 574-232-3941 Conference rate: $99. Amenities include indoor parking garage, restaurant, wireless high speed internet access, rooms with views of the old Lincoln Highway and nearby night life including an Irish Pub, a sports bar, and a jazz club.

Additional Accommodations:

Camping – RVs to tent camping
- Spalding Lakes Campground 269-684-1393
- Elkhart Campground Inc. 574-264-2914
- Potato Creek State Park – 574-656-8186- 12 miles from South Bend. Book several months in advance – this park fills up quickly.
- Yogi Bear’s Jellystone Park – Plymouth on U.S. 30 West – 574-936-7851

Bed and Breakfasts
- Beiger Mansion, Mishawaka – on the Lincoln Highway – 574-256-0365
- Old Republic, New Carlisle – on the Lincoln Highway, nine miles west of South Bend – 574-654-3897
- Oliver Inn, South Bend – upscale with whirlpools, fireplaces, elegance – 574-232-4545

Travel Information:

To and From Chicago:
Fly into the South Bend Regional Airport or take the train The South Shore, the last Electric Interurban Railway.

South Bend Mishawaka Convention and Visitor’s Bureau
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