

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

This month will feature our annual color tour. Scott Olivier has laid out a nice, scenic route ending with lunch at Turk Lake Inn in Greenville. The date is Saturday, October 18. We will meet at Grand Rapids Ophthalmology - 750 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 - at 10:00 AM. We will leave at 10:30 AM. From what we see in the color forecast, we should be close to prime viewing. The route and map are later in this newsletter.

As you see in the WMCC Calendar on the right, the color tour is the only event listed for the remainder of the year. Fear not, as we are planning a few other things including a possible tech session and the Christmas Party. Look for more details in the November newsletter.

President's Prose - "A Bunch of Stuff"

by Scott Olivier

Hi all!

This month's president's article doesn't really have much of a theme, just a bunch of smaller items to ponder. Here we go, in no particular order:

Details of this year's Fall Color Tour are in this newsletter. Heather and I test-drove the route this past Saturday and I think it will be a relaxing, scenic trip. It's always hard trying to time the Color Tour to coincide with peak fall color, but so far, it's looking like we may nail it this year. The weather is impossible to predict far in advance, but as I type this the forecast for October 18th is "intervals of clouds and sunshine, high near 60°". Sounds perfect to me.

In addition to the Color Tour, we have a couple of tech sessions brewing:

- Longtime WMCC member Dave Teppo would like to hold a session at his beautiful new shop sometime this winter to install a new convertible top on his '62 Spyder. It would be great to get members who have some experience in this area to attend. A few years back, I attended (I won't say helped with) the installation of a new top for Matt Peterson's Corsa. Dave Ziebarth was the expert that day, having installed his own top years earlier. We didn't quite complete

WMCC Calendar

October 18 - Fall Color Tour;
10:00 AM

For a complete list of car shows and cruise nights, check out the [Events](#) page on the club website.

the job that hot summer day, but Matt was able to finish it up on his own shortly after. From what I remember, the job involves starting at the top bow just above the rear window as a reference point, then securing the back behind the rear seat, followed by working forward to the windshield. Clark's provides detailed instructions with the top. It's fiddly work, and takes technique. The date for the session is up in the air right now, but Dave will let us know when he's ready later this year. This would be a neat way to break up the winter.

- I'll hold a session at my place to replace the gas tank on my '63, sometime in late October or November. When we held a tech session earlier this year to install an electric fuel pump, it was discovered that the inside of the tank is rusty. I've got a new tank ready to go, and my newly installed lift will make the job much easier. I'll post the date in response to the Lifter Noise when I feel the time is right.

I can't believe we're already looking forward to Christmas, but the holidays aren't far away. We'll need to line up a location for the annual WMCC holiday party. We were happy to host the shindig at our house last year, and it would be great to mix it up with a new location this year. Please speak up if you'd like to volunteer your place, or know of a suitable venue that's budget-conscious. We had an incredible turnout last year, and it was a fun event. Who wants to be the club's Santa this year?

Thanks to everyone for your continued enthusiasm for club events. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

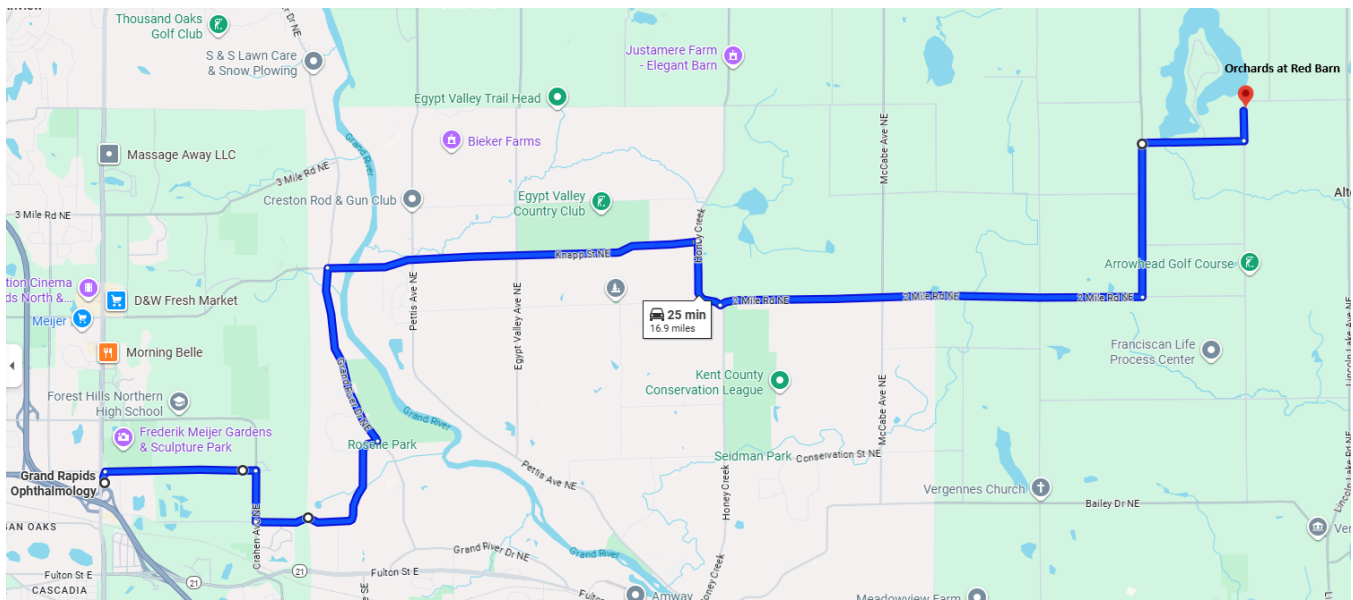
Scott

Color Tour Details

Here is the route that Scott Olivier has laid out for the color tour.

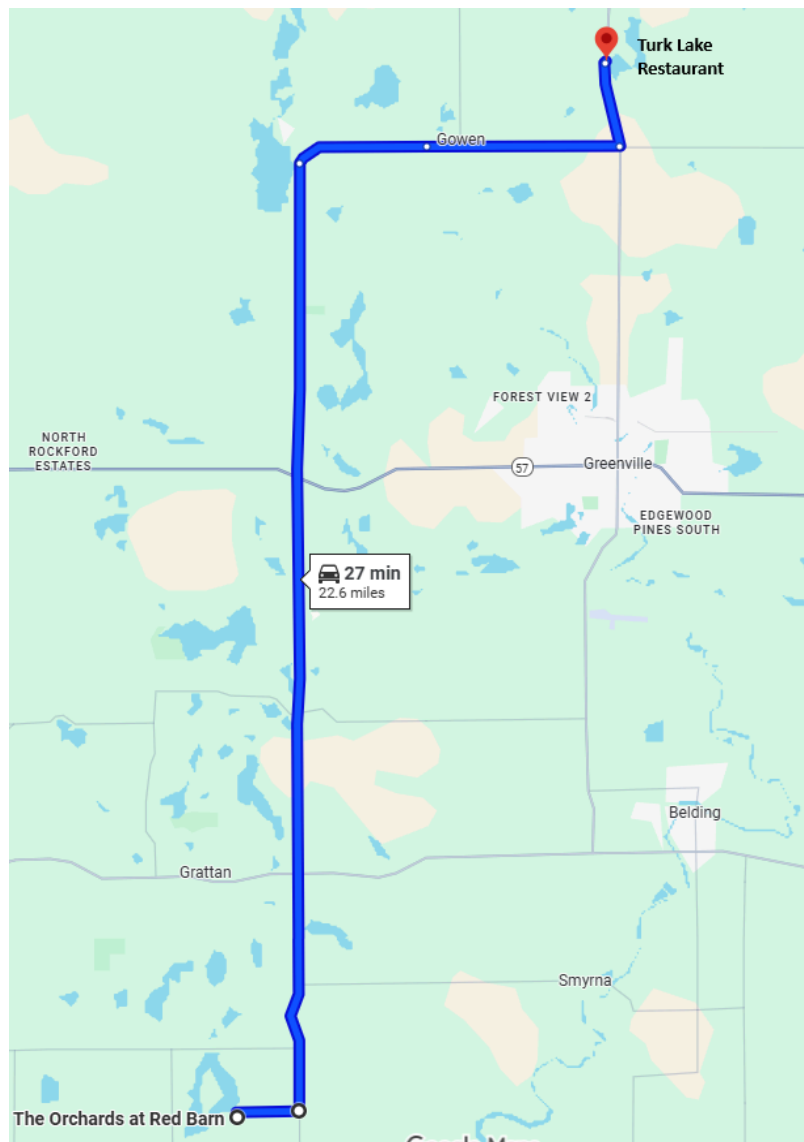
Leg 1 (The Orchards at Red Barn)

- Meet in the parking lot @ Grand Rapids Ophthalmology (750 East Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525)
- Exit parking lot, turn right on Bradford St (east)
- Right on Crahan Ave (south)
- Left on Michigan St (east)
- Left on Grand River Dr (north)
- Right on Knapp St (east), cross over the Grand River
- At end of Knapp St, turn right on Honey Creek (south)
- Left on 2 Mile Rd (east)
- Left on Murray Lake Ave (north)
- Right on Lally St (east)
- Left on Alden Nash Ave (north)
- End at The Orchards at Red Barn (3550 Alden Nash Ave NE, Lowell, MI 49331)



Leg 2 (Turk Lake Restaurant)

- Turn right out of parking lot onto Alden Nash Ave (north)
- Follow the curve to the right, road turns into 4 Mile Rd (east)
- Left on Lincoln Lake Ave (north). This is the longest straight part of the route – approximately 15 miles on Lincoln Lake Ave
- Lincoln Lake turns right just north of The Links at Bowen Lake Golf Course, and becomes 19 Mile Rd (east)
- 19 Mile Rd (east) turns into Sidney Rd through the town of Gowen
- Left on M-91 – S. Greenville Rd (north)
- Turk Lake Restaurant is on the right (official address is 161 Turk Lake Dr., Greenville, MI 48838, but the restaurant is next to M-91)



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