

# Michigan Fiero Club 2019 Spring Dust Off

On May 4, 2019, MI Fiero Club Members went on the first official event of the 2019 season - our Spring "Dust Off". This was a leisurely cruise down the Sauder Village in Archbold, OH. Sauder Village is a "living history" museum farm, restaurant, and campground. What is a "living history" museum? It a series of historical buildings, staffed with artisans, craftsman, and historians dressed in period specific clothing, and telling the story of their surroundings. More on that later, though..



Our guides on this trip were Richard and Kaye Dafforn. They took the time to plan our trip through scenic and attractive winding country roads. Often during the drive, they pointed out the most notable of attractions, or threw in some comments about our locations. They did a great job keeping all of our cars together.



We met up at the Pinckney McDonalds at 1184 E. M-36 at 8am, and promptly left for our next stop - another McDonalds in Chelsea, then again another McDonalds in Adrian. Why so many McDonalds? To allow for other members to join us in different areas of MI, and to allow us to eat, break, talk in between- and get a Breakfast Burrito (or 2).

There were 6 Fieros in attendance and 1 non-Fiero (This happens when the Fiero is going down for modifications and you don't want to miss out on an MFC event). This group included our

tour guides Richard and Kaye Dafforn, as well as Don & Sue Connors, Lou & Sue Oles, Jim & Kim Nye, Mike & Pam Maier, Melanie Maier & Kevin, and Ed & Chris Leiss.







We arrived at Sauder Village and met for lunch in "The Barn" restaurant. They had a great selection of "home cooked," period specific, foods, and yes, at some point, it was most likely a barn!



After lunch, we posed for our Group picture.







Then, we went through the village on our own journey:



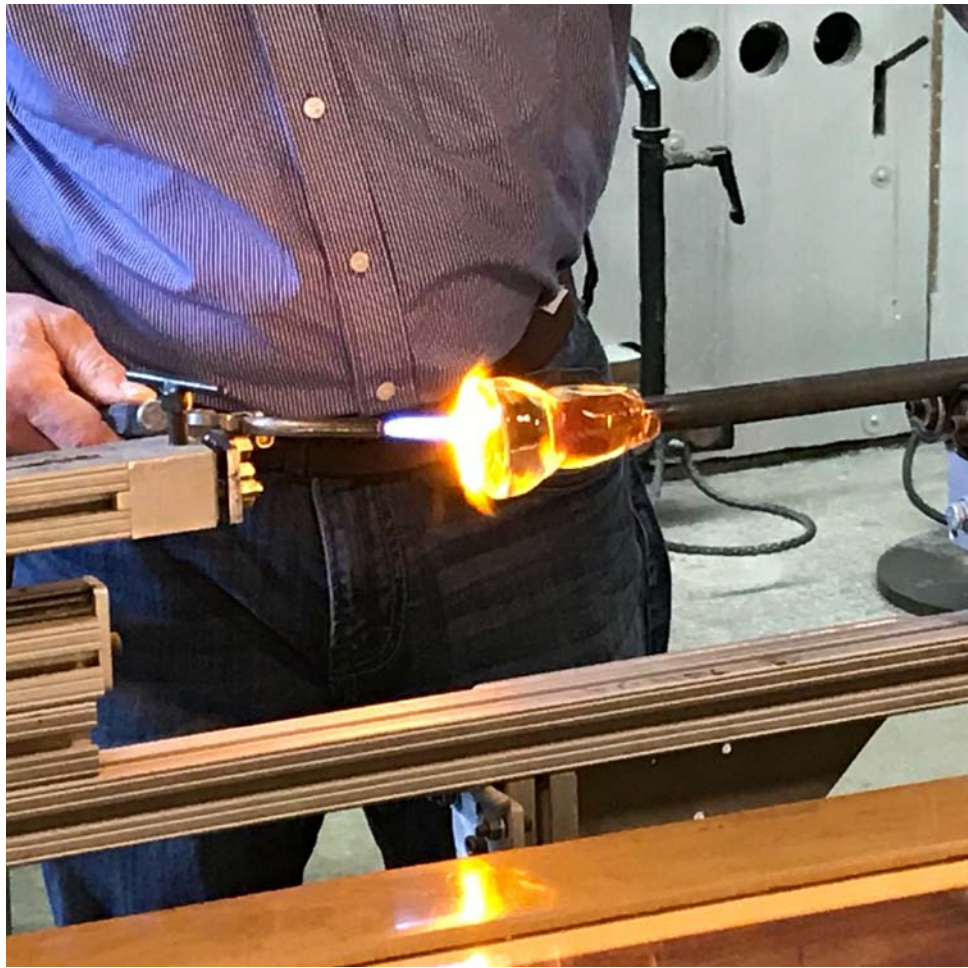
There were many buildings for us to venture through, including Native American Housing, Trading Post, and Gardens.

We also ventured into the glass shop, where we were able to watch the craftsman paddle, shape, heat, cool, and form a glass globe. This day, he was creating a clear glass globe with a cross pressed in the middle.

He is known for his unique handmade creations, including the recreation of animal skin patterns, all in glass.











There was a blacksmith, old world printing press, wood worker, tin former, basket weaver, broom creator, sewing loom, spinner, museum, and many other attractions - a few photos are shown below:

















### **1947 Pontiac Streamliner**

Erie Sauder purchased this Streamliner new in 1947. The family used the 4-door Sedan for many years including some vacation trips.

The 1947 Model featured the new body design created following the end of World War II. The last body re-design had been in 1941 before automobile production stopped during World War II to allow those plants to manufacture needed war production.

The 1947 Pontiac model had two designations: the streamliner and the torpedo. Although both were very similar, the Streamliner had a slightly longer wheelbase.

The streamliner came with grey striped cloth upholstery, dual sun visors, automatic dome lights, cigar lighter, ashtrays and an inside hood release. In addition, the 1947 Pontiac had a large variety of options such as the Venti-heater, 3 radio choices, turn signals, back up lights, lighted vanity mirror, electric clock, non-glare rearview mirror, foam rubber seat cushions, bright wheel trim and white-wall tires. This car, with its extensive list of options, sold retail for \$1645 before options. Pontiac sold 245,419 during the model year.





Geological map of the Great Black Swamp



Great Black Swamp Map includes Transitional Zone



As shown in the map above, this area was originally a "Black Swamp." In the Early Settlers section of the park, they explained how this section of Ohio was previously a very low priced, almost uninhabitable, and how the early settlers bought the land incredibly cheap, and lay down wood sections to build up the terrain and buildings and transform the swampland to the landscape we now enjoy.

I don't know about you, but I'm certainly glad to have been born in this timeframe, where we don't have to worry about such things as malaria, hand trapping our dinner, and making it through the night. During this road trip, our biggest concerns were if the Fieros would start and run well to the first MFC destination of the 2019 Spring season, and moreover, what to order for lunch at the Barn restaurant!

We hope to see you at some of our events this Summer, and at next year's Dust Off!