

Hi Everyone!

The members of the DeKalb Area Agricultural Heritage Association (DAAHA) and the J.F. Glidden Homestead thank you for attending today's 4th annual Barn Tour of DeKalb County, Illinois. Today's tour is approximately 32 miles long through some of the most fertile farm land in the world. The tour features 10 unique barns with all kinds of activities to keep you busy. In addition, there are several points of interest along the way. **As sometimes happens, someone throws a wrench in the works. That's what happened this year. After we got the route planned and the maps drawn someone decided to re-construct a main road on our tour. Waterman Road is in a re-building process and we have been asked to keep our Barn Tour guests off of it as much as possible. So, because of this, we ask that you follow the alternative map and not the one in the guide book.** So, fasten your seat belts and enjoy your day! Our tour next year will be August 11, 2018 - we'll save you a place!

* Before you even leave the Waterman parking lot, you have several decisions to make. The Waterman Area Historical Society (located directly across Rt. 30 from the parking lot) is open during our tour. They have all kinds of historical items relating to this area.

* The Monsanto Production Plant is also giving tours of their facility during our tour. If you wish go on this tour, turn right (South) as you leave the east end of the parking lot, cross the railroad tracks, turn left (East) on the first street (E. Adams St.), go two blocks to the Monsanto Plant. When finished with the tour at Monsanto, return to the parking lot exit and begin the Barn Tour.

Starting the Barn Tour...

Exit the east end of the Waterman parking lot. Turn left (North), go to the traffic light (US Rt. 30) and turn right (East). Travel east on Rt. 30 for 1 mile to IL Rt. 23. Turn left (North) on Rt. 23. Voyage .8 mile to **Stop 1** on the tour on the right - 10330 Rt. 23 (the Ostfriesland Farm.)

Leaving Stop 1, turn right (North) on Rt. 23. Continue 1.7 miles to Miller Rd. Turn left (West) on Miller Rd. Use caution, this next section is gravel. Traverse 1 mile to Waterman Rd. Turn left (south) on Waterman Rd. **Stop 3** (Honey Hill Orchard) is .2 mile down Waterman Rd and **Stop 2** (Waterman Winery/Tuntland's Barn) is .5 mile down the road. Be sure to visit both of these stops!

After leaving these stops, return back to Miller Rd. Turn right (east) on Miller Rd, driving one mile, back to Rt. 23. Once reaching Rt. 23 again, turn left (north) and venture 4 miles to Elva Rd at which point you should turn left (west). Traverse 1.2 miles to **Stop 4** (the Thomas/ Todd barn) on the left.

* Just before crossing the railroad tracks in Elva, take notice of the faded red building and the tall brick structure, both on the left. The red building is the old Elva train station. This use to be along the tracks, but was moved. The tall structure is a former grain elevator.

Upon leaving Stop 4, turn left (West) on Elva Rd. Ramble .7 mile until you arrive at South 1st street. Turn left (South) on south 1st St. and roam 2 miles till you reach Minnegan Rd. Here you have another choice...

*The Monsanto Company has graciously opened their Research Facility for tours during our Barn Tour. If you wish to see this facility, turn left (east) on Minnegan Rd. (There may not be a street sign at this corner so watch carefully.) Travel .7 mile to the Monsanto Research Facility, on the right. Upon leaving the research facility, turn left (west) on Minnegan Rd. and travel .7 mile back to S. 1st St., where you will turn left (south) and continue the Barn Tour.

If you don't wish to go on the Monsanto Research tour, from S 1st St. and Minnegan Rd., continue .3 miles on S. 1st St. until you reach **Stop 5**, on the left (13840 S 1st St., the Barshinger/ Carrol barn.)

Leaving Stop 5, turn left (South) on S1st St. Cruise 1.1 miles to McGirr Rd. Turn right (West) on McGirr Rd. Continue your excursion for 1 mile until you reach Miller Rd. Turn left (South) on Miller Rd. Foray .1 mile to **Stop 6**, on the right (5252 Miller Rd., the Mitchell barn.)

Leaving Stop 6, turn left (North) on Miller Rd. Journey on Miller Rd for .3 mile. At this point, the road turns left (West) and changes names (back to McGirr Rd.). Use caution - more gravel. Continue on McGirr Rd. for another mile, until you reach University Rd. Turn left (South) on University Rd. Rove .8 mile until you reach 12212 University Rd. (on the left). This is **Stop 7**, the Challand barn.

Leaving Stop 7, turn left (South). Continue your outing for another 2.5 miles, where you'll come to US Rt 30. Turn right (West) on Rt. 30. Continue your sortie for 1.6 miles. This will take you through downtown Shabbona.

Upon arriving at Shabbona Rd.(across from Casey's store in Shabbona), turn right (North). Commute 2.5 miles until you reach **Stop 8** on the left (11559 Shabbona Rd., the Brummel/Larson barn).

When leaving Stop 8, turn left and set a course for 3-6-0 degrees (North). Navigate 2.6 miles reaching **Stop 9**, on the right (14170 Shabbona Rd., the Hart Homestead barn.)

Leaving Stop 9, turn right (North) and impel .9 mile to Perry Rd. Turn left (West) on Perry Rd. Scoot down Perry Rd. for 2 miles until you come to Tower Rd. Turn left (South) on Tower Rd. and mobilize 1.5 miles until you reach **Stop 10** on the right. This will be 13459 Tower Rd., the Barn at Red Home Farm. This is the last stop on our tour.

We at DAAHA and the J.F.Glidden Homestead sincerely hope that you've enjoyed your day. If you haven't completed your survey sheet, we encourage you to do so, and return it. We really want to know to know what we can do to improve our tour and enhance your experience in upcoming years. Mark your calendars for the second Saturday in August next year (August 11, 2018) for our 5th annual Barn Tour. Check out our Facebook page "Barn Tour of DeKalb County IL", where pictures of today's tour will be posted as well as information about next years' tour. See you next year!