

SLTOA Spring 2023 Maifest Drive.

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Club Drivers please note. This drive basically follows many of the “ridge roads” in the Sandy Valley, and as such includes many tight and twisty roads, which can also be quite hilly. We will be adhering to the speed limits, and at times will be driving considerably slower. So please drive carefully, especially so when you are viewing the off-road scenery.

Exit the Covered Bridge Park to Goldman Rd. and across from the Firehouse and turn right onto Goldman Rd.

1-2

Follow Goldman Rd to the fork, bear right, continuing on Goldman Rd to the stop “T”, North Outer A Rd. This is the fun to drive “Ribbon Candy Road”, so be careful when you crest a hill.

2-3

Turn right at the “T”, go a short distance to Highland Baptist Church Rd, then turn right.

3-4

Continue on Highland Baptist Church Rd till it ends at Old State Route 21. Caution with this narrow road, lots of twists and turns, so drive slowly.

4-6

Turn right, go a short distance, then turn left on Hayden Rd. Continue the fork and bear right onto Hillsboro House Springs Rd.

6-7

Continue on Hillsboro House Springs Rd. As you drive north, note the “Chapel in The Glade”, (Bellew’s Creek Chapel), and the Cemetery across the intersection in which are

buried many of the area early settlers, dating back to the late 1800's. On your right you will pass the original cabin of one of these early settlers, The Doetzel family.

6-9

Continue north on Hillsboro House Springs Rd, passing across Tishomingo Rd, to the stop "T" at Ems Rd. Turn right and follow Ems Rd east to the stop "T" at Old State Route 21. We will gather here before turning right. Note one of the early 60's Micro Wave towers on your right.

9-10

Continue south, Old State Rt 21- to Goldman Spur Rd., turn left. As you crest the hill heading south on Old State Rout 21, you will view the Sandy valley directly in front of you, bordered on the south side by the ridge just north of Hillsboro. The valley flows to your left and ends just short of the Mississippi River. Today still an agriculture area and formerly the silica sand sight that established PPG.

10-13

Continue to stop "T", Old Lemay Ferry Rd, turn right, then quickly turn left on to Goldman Rd. Continue to the fork, bear right, and continue on Goldman Rd to the stop "T" at North Outer A Rd. Again, this is the fun to drive "Ribbon Candy Road", so be careful when you crest a hill.

13-14

Left, North Outer A Rd., and continue to the stop "T", turning left, Sandy Valley Rd. (No street sign visible).

14-15

After a few miles on Sandy Valley Rd, Jarvis Rd comes in on your right, stop, then bear left on Jarvis, continuing only a *very short distance*, and then bear right onto Sandy valley

Rd. again. Continue on to stop “T” at Sandy Church Rd. This route is a bit tricky at the Jarvis intersection so follow the instructions carefully.

15-16

Turn right, Sandy Church Rd. Here we are in the center section of the Sandy Valley (due to the silica sand) where farming was the best in Jefferson County. Many of the farms are still owned and farmed by the third generation of the original settlers, but this will probably come to an end during the next 10-15 years or so. As you have probably noted, there are many new homes of significant value in this Valley and the cost of the land has been escalating.

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Continue on Sandy Church Rd. and just past the church on your right, *turn left* on Lindhorst Rd. *Note that the street sign is on the right side of Sandy Church Road and a bit difficult to see.*

16-17

Follow Lindhorst past the Villa Antonio Winery and a bit further on, you will pass Johnston Rd on your left, a bit hard to spot as there is no road sign, bear right and continue on, then quickly, Lindhorst *becomes* Kerkhoff Rd.

17-18

Continue on Kerkhoff, which is a “ridge road”, with sharp drop offs, curves and quarries, and, with a troublesome intersection at the stop “T” at Hwy Z, (again no road sign). We will regroup here, so go slow as you approach the intersection with Hwy Z.

18-20

Turn left on Hwy Z and continue on until you reach the one and only stop light at N. Svc. Rd, Metropolitan Blvd, then turn left. (This is the I-55 west side service road.) Again, we will regroup here till all have cleared the stop light. Continue north about 2 miles to Marble

Springs Rd, turn left. *Go slow or you will overshoot Marble Springs Rd.* Basically it cuts into the rock wall and hillside on your left.

20-21

Again, a very long Jefferson County “ridge road” which parallels the Sandy Valley on its north side. Note the abrupt change in terrain! There will be several vistas on your left of the Sandy Valley and we will slow down for them. Continue on Marble Springs Rd till you reach the stop “T”, with Upper Moss Hollow Rd coming in on your right. Bear left, continue on Marble Springs Rd until the stop “T” with Rice Rd.

21-22

Turn right and continue on Rice Rd to the stop “T” at Old Lemay Ferry Rd. Note that this is the original road, dating from the early 80’s, via river ferries, and later bridges (as the Covered Bridge) that connected the County Seat of St. Louis and Hillsboro.

22-23

Turn right on Old Lemay Ferry Rd and continue on to Schenk Rd, on your left, *after* passing Klable Rd. on your left. You are now in the beautiful green, narrow Antonio Valley with whatever farming that remains is on your right.

23-24

Turn left on Schenk Rd. Not very picturesque, but very popular with fast driving motorcycles, and continue on to Old State Rt 21, stop “T”. Caution, hidden curves and limited visibility ahead.

24-26

Turn right on Old State Rt 21 North, passing thru Otto and crossing over Hwy M, to the East Four Ridge Rd crossing. Turn left, and Donau Park, The German Cultural Society is quickly on your right. Enter the Park.

“Prosit”, you made it. Compliments of Creig Houghtaling & Karl Schmitt