

THE CURTISS MUSEUM/HAMMONDSPORT, NY

Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon Sept 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th

This one qualifies as a "scouting tour": our first time to The Curtiss Museum, and *Highly recommended!*

CELEBRATING A PIONEER

The Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, bearing the name of pioneer aviator and Hammondsport's favorite son, is located on State Route 54, one half mile south of the village of Hammondsport, New York. Dedicated to the memory of Glenn Hammond Curtiss, the museum contains a priceless collection relating to early aviation and regional history. The museum also features a 75-seat theater, large open area for special events and a museum store. In addition to seeing the museum displays and exhibits, visitors are welcome to visit the Restoration Shop, talk with volunteer craftsman and watch them work on historic aircraft.

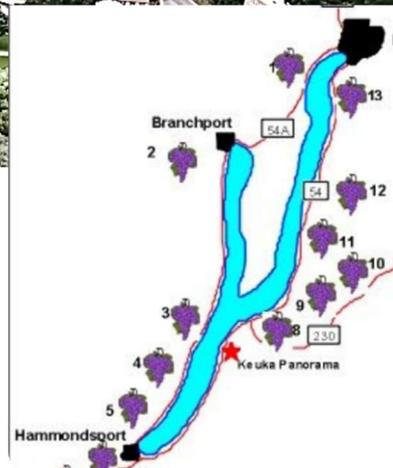
Curtiss installed one of his 4000cc V8 aircraft

engines into a motorcycle (more like a long bicycle) and blew all competitors into the weeds with a run of 136.27 mph on 24 January 1907. This result was the absolute world land speed record and a motorcycle speed record that stood for over 20 years!

Many other vintage bikes, cars, boats, and planes are on display as well as a V8.



For us, the journey up and back will be as fascinating as the museum. Heading due north, we cross the Poconos and Endless Mountains of PA into the Finger Lakes region of NY. Friday and Monday will each be around 250-mile days on back roads through the mountains. Bikes will be chosen for comfort, range, and ease of operation. We will stay overnight for 2 nights 50 or so miles south of Hammondsport and make the 100 mile round trip commute to the museum on Saturday. Sunday is open for whatever inspires us. Fantastic roads are guaranteed; high adventure a given. In addition to the museum, we will try to spend a few hours in the quaint Village of Hammondsport. A delicious lunch, a swim in Lake Kenka, a seaplane or boat ride are all on the table. This lake is the 3rd largest of the Finger Lakes, with a unique Y-shape.



Don't miss this one!