



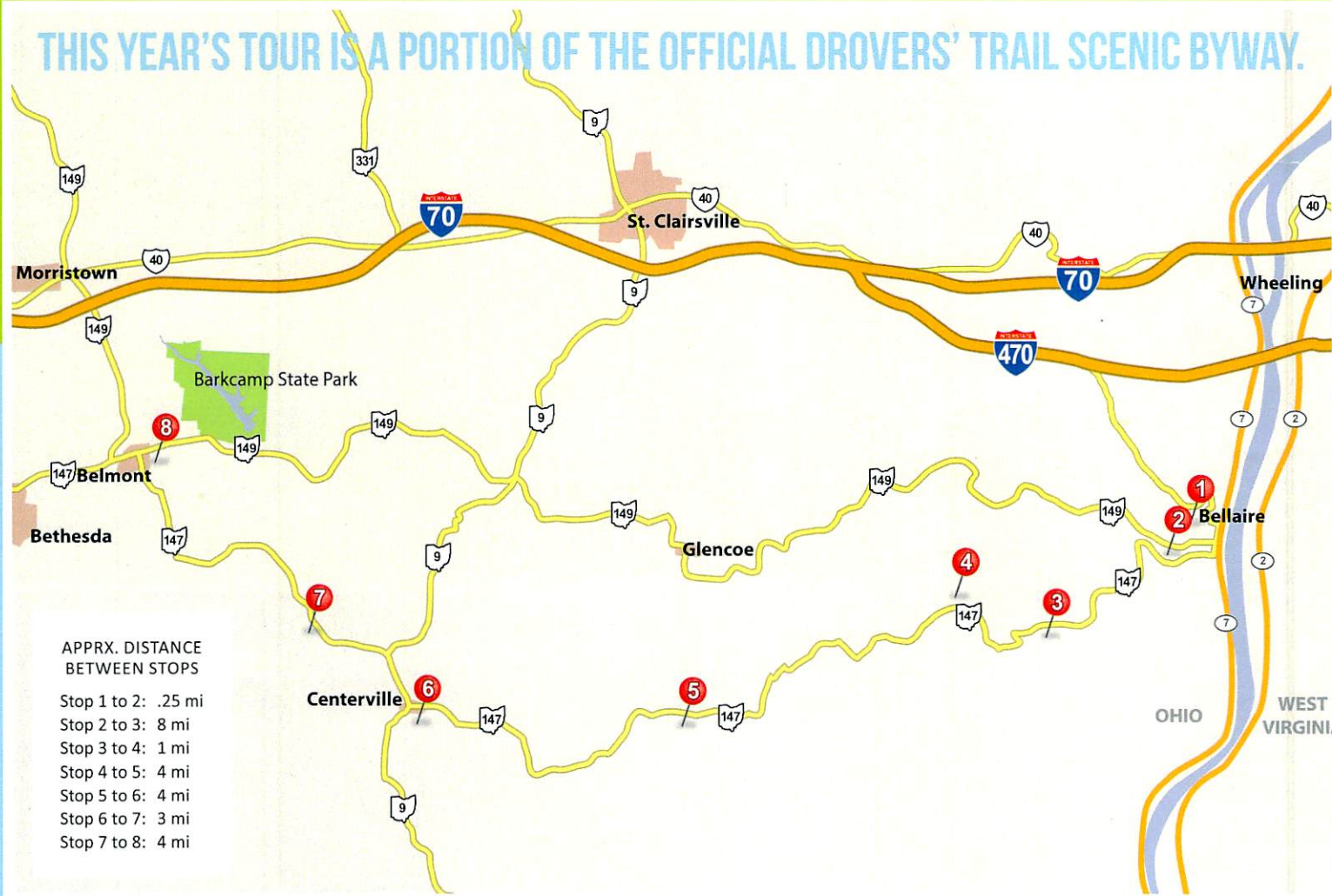
43rd Annual Belmont County
FREE Drive-It-Yourself



RUBBERNECK TOUR

Sunday, October 4, 2015 12:30-5:00 pm

THIS YEAR'S TOUR IS A PORTION OF THE OFFICIAL DRIVERS' TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY.



1 NATIONAL IMPERIAL GLASS

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RESTROOMS AVAILABLE AT ALL STOPS



NOTICE: Please no smoking on private properties. The Rubberneck Tour Committee, tour stop participants, organizations or businesses involved with the Rubberneck Tour are not responsible for accidents. Remember you and your family are guests at the various tour stops. Have fun, but please be careful and watch your children. The Rubberneck Tour is sponsored by the Belmont County Tourism Council, OSU Extension, and Belmont Soil & Water Conservation District.

Stop #1 NATIONAL IMPERIAL GLASS

Located at 3200 Belmont Street, Bellaire



See thousands of pieces of hand-crafted Imperial Glass, including tableware, art glass, and novelties made in Bellaire from 1904 until 1984. You may also peruse the multitude of Imperial pictures and advertising on display. Depending on your preference, your tour may be self-guided, or a docent may help you interpret the exhibits. Admission is free; donations are appreciatively accepted.

Plenty of free street parking is available adjacent to the Museum. All of the exhibits are on one floor with easily accessible entry to the building at sidewalk level. Spacious restrooms are also easily accessible.

Imperial and/or glass related videos will be running. Books and Imperial glass, including a special selection of Imperial Candlewick, will be for sale. Light seasonal refreshments will be available. A drawing will be held just before closing for a free one-year membership in the National Imperial Glass Collectors' Society.

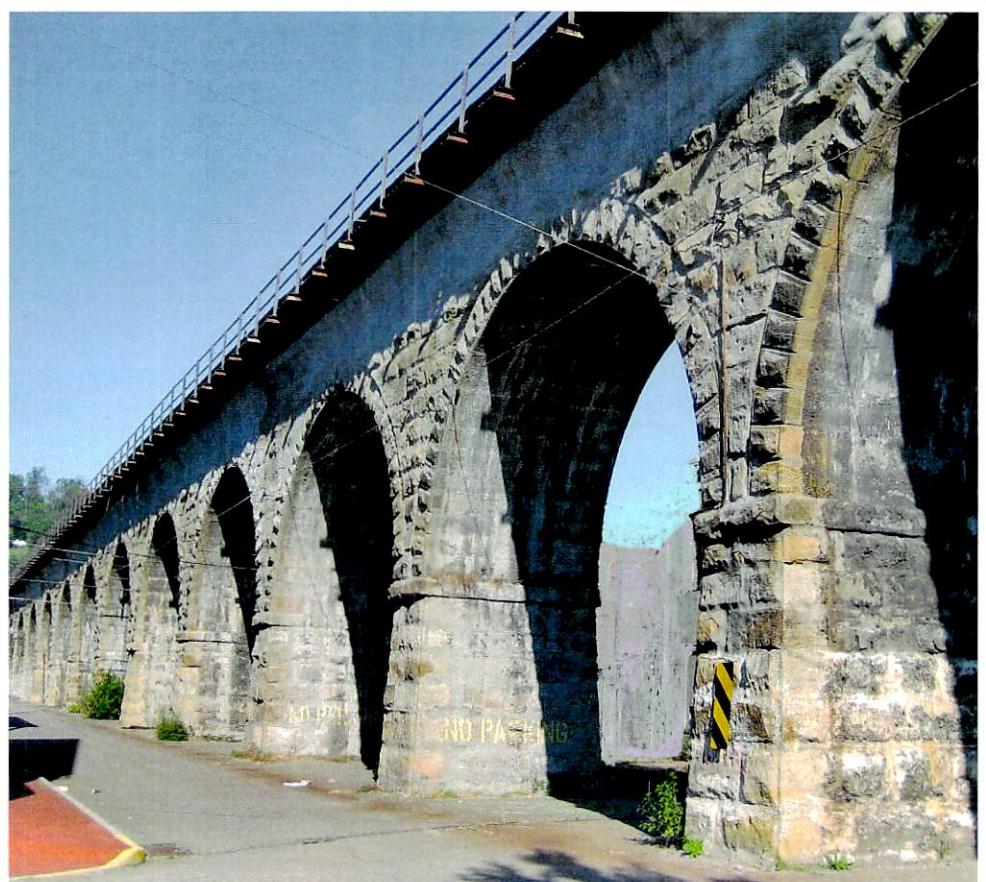
The Great Stone Viaduct Historical Society will have a tent booth staffed by members with information about their organization, with the Great Stone Viaduct as a panoramic backdrop.

You will also have the opportunity to enjoy the Ohio Valley Farmers Market at this stop.

A central feature of Bellaire is a massive stone railroad viaduct which still carries railroad traffic between Ohio and West Virginia. The viaduct was built of 43 sandstone arches reminiscent of a roman viaduct. It was completed in 1871 and operated by the B & O Railroad. The Viaduct is a registered historic structure in Bellaire, Ohio, listed in the National Registry on June 22, 1976. A dedicated group of local men and women from all walks of life, have formed the Great Stone Viaduct Historical Education Society, and are working to keep and promote the railroad heritage that transformed Bellaire and its landscape. With 43 stone arches, the Great Stone Viaduct is Bellaire's most recognizable landmark that helped to shape not only the Ohio Valley, but the whole of the county. Using this structure as the name for the society, the board of trustees is working to preserve that landmark and to let others know about the rich transportation history that railroads once brought to the area.

Stop #2 GREAT STONE VIADUCT

Located at the Bellaire Clinic rear parking lot, 3000 Guernsey Street, Bellaire



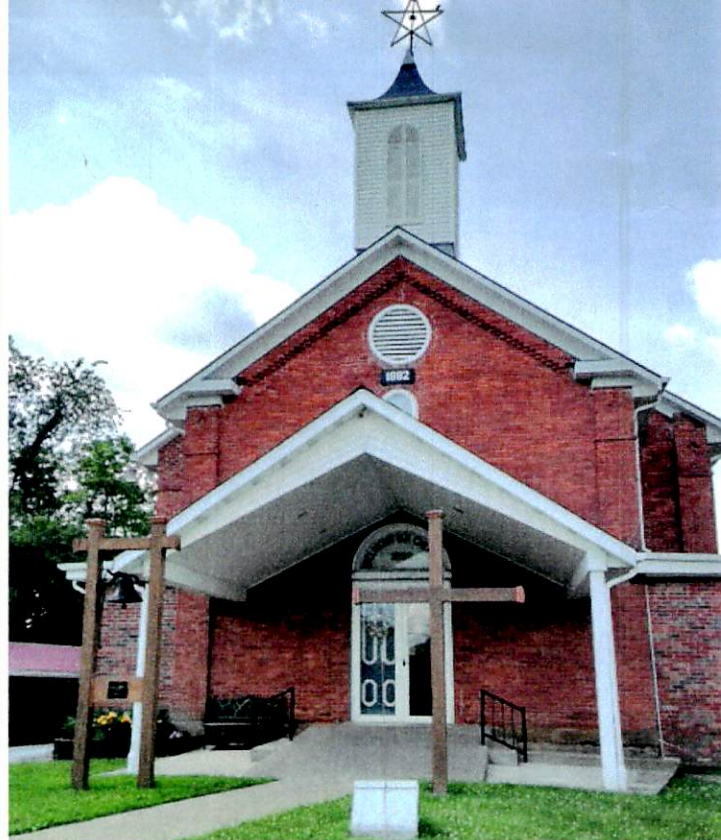
Stop #3

BELMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Located at 52835 Key Bellaire Road (Rte 147)

Tour and learn about the history of this church that was established in 1827. The present structure was dedicated in 1882. There is also a historic cemetery on the property that can be viewed as well.

This stop will host the Master Gardeners of the Ohio University Extension, who will be offering pumpkin decorating for children.



HOW DID THE RUBBERNECK TOUR GET ITS NAME?

It started in 1971 by a group of us meeting with Agricultural Extension Agent Dale Bonnett, who explained that a drive it yourself fall foliage tour was successful in West Virginia. He asked if we would help start one in our county. It was agreed that farm visits along scenic roads would promote our agriculture. Mr. Bonnett said folks like to drive and rubberneck at scenery. Suddenly the idea struck him to call it the Rubberneck Tour and our committee laughingly agreed! - Floyd Simpson



Stop #4

STONEWALL FARM - SIEBIEDA HOME

Located at 52234 Key Bellaire

The Stonewall Farm is the residence of Larry and Lillian Siebieda. Tour an 1878 farmhouse and 1900 4-gabled barn. Antique cars, trucks and farm equipment will be on display. You may also view quilts created by the National Road Quilt Guild. While there you can sit a spell and enjoy some lemonade and cookies.

Stop #5 RJ RANCH AND RIDING CENTER

Located at 66800 Pogue Rd, St. Clairsville, OH



It was called the "Old Bob Dunfee Farm" for years. Before that, it was the Phillips Farm. Now it is home to RJ Ranch & Riding Center.

Built in the early 1800's, the house sits on 88 acres of pasture, hay fields and woods. There are at least 7 springs and a stream that pass through it. In the early years, the farm was used as a

livestock holding site for animals to be loaded onto the O, R & W Railroad cars. Just down the street, the old depot for passengers is still erect. The train would stop at the depot, pick up the passengers and then stop at the livestock yard to load goats, cattle, pigs, ducks and much more.

In the mid to late 1900's the farm was bought by Robert "Bob" and Nancy Dunfee. Mr. Dunfee was a chemist and teacher for both Bellaire High School and Belmont Technical College. His specialty was fertilizers. Bob and Nancy kept the grounds immaculate and Bob painted the house and buildings on a yearly basis. After Bob passed away, the land was purchased by Dustin and Diane Tomich, and then contracted out to Julie Larish.

Julie and her family use the land for a therapeutic riding center. Julie is originally from Glencoe but moved away for approximately 20 years. During this time she opened RJ Ranch & Riding Center, a 501(c)3 organization. RJ stands for Julie's two children, Ronald and Julianna. The center originally opened in 2009 in Grangeville Idaho. Julie then returned home to the Ohio Valley and brought 5 of her herd with her. She then opened the center in 2014 and currently has 20 horses in her herd. In addition to her horses, the farm now has cattle, chickens, ducks, sheep, goats, dogs, cats and a donkey named Jack.

Stop #6 SMITH TWP SCHOOL

Located at 46642 Main Street
(Rte 147), Centerville



Tour the school which was built in 1922. The first closing was in 1959 for consolidation, and it was turned into the Smith Twp. Elementary, housing students K-5. In 1999 the building was closed as a school and became the Smith Twp. Community Center. View display that show the pride in this community. Enjoy the quilts, crafts and baked goods made by the center members.

Stop #7 ST. C FLYERS

Located between Hart and Dunfee
Road (on Rte 147), Belmont



This stop is where the ST C Flyer members will be demonstrating electric powered and fuel powered flight, powered gliders, aerobatic planes, and old timer designs upgraded to radio control. Stop and try your hand at a flight simulator or perhaps at an actual radio controlled model.
Look for sign.

Stop #8 RICH'S ANTIQUES

Located at 103 Jefferson St., Belmont



Visit this 1930's building that was once a barn, a meat market, grocery store and now an antique store. The store still houses the original walk-in cooler that was once cooled by large blocks of ice. Some of the antiques are part of a museum collection, while others are for sale. A brochure containing the history of the building will be available for you to keep. Ice cream products will be for sale such as hand dipped cones, sundaes, banana splits and milkshakes.