



Willow Run: Yesterday and Today

Friday, May 10, 2019

Please call the office at 734-998-9351 to register or visit our website: www.lli-umich.org

Must be an OLLI at U of M member to register. Make checks payable to: OLLI at UM

Send checks to: 2401 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105-5786

Henry Ford’s Bomber Plant at Willow Run has recently been in the news as the site for a new expanded Yankee Air Museum as well as the present home for the American Center for Mobility, ACM, where autonomous vehicle testing is conducted. Its wartime story was recently told in an original play, “*Willow Run*”, presented at the Purple Rose Theater, and in several regional events honoring the thousands of Rosie the Riveters who worked there and at other WWII factories.

OLLI’s day trip itinerary will start with a partial viewing of “The Willow Run Story” movie on the trip to the Yankee Air Museum’s temporary home. A presentation will be made by Museum staff on the plans for the expansion of and moving their historical exhibits to a saved portion of the original Bomber Plant. A catered buffet lunch at the Museum will follow a presentation by Claire Dahl, a “Tribute Rosie” sharing stories of many Rosies that served as the primary work force at the Bomber Plant. After docent-led tours of the Museum’s exhibits, an overview presentation on the Willow Run facilities of the American Center for Mobility will be made before boarding the coach for a driving tour of the actual testing areas of the ACM and the new location of the expanded Yankee Air Museum. The remaining portion of the Willow Run movie will be shown on the return trip to Ann Arbor.

Please call Lisa Barton (998-9356) with any questions or concerns about participating. Bus boarding will begin at 8:45 a.m. to ensure a departure at 9:15 a.m. *No refunds without replacements inside 30 days of trip departure.*

Itinerary

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| 8:45 am: Bus boarding begins | 12:00 pm: Buffet Lunch |
| 9:15 am: Bus departs from Meijer at 3825 Carpenter Road, Ypsilanti | 1:00 pm: Tour current Yankee Air Museum (YAM) |
| 10:00 am: Arrive at current Yankee Air Museum | 2:00 pm: American Center for Mobility Presentation |
| 10:15 am: Bomber Plant Presentation | 3:45: Board bus for Drive-by Tour of American Center for Mobility & YAM Future Home |
| 11:15 am: Rosie the Riveter Presentation | 5:15 pm: Bus Returns to Meijer |

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Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ Birthdate: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone#: _____

It is recommended that each person carry emergency health information on their person!

Contact the OLLI office for a blank health form.