

*Vintage Birds Came To
Alan Darson's Backyard Rally
And Fell In Love
With Old Cape Cod*

Thanks To Susan Crocker For Sharing About The Rally

WOW, Alan and Debi Darson really know how to put on a great rally.



About 25 coaches participated in this wonderful Cape Cod Rally from September 23-29 that showcased, not only the Darson's hometown and the surrounding area, but all of Cape Cod.



Whether leaves are at their peak or not, Cape Cod is a very interesting and diversified place to visit and we literally explored Cape Cod from one end to the other.



A visit to the Cape Cod National Seashore Salt Pond Visitor's Center provided great information through exhibits and films about the significance of the seashore. Our guide, Chet, educated the group about how the Cape Cod National Seashore came to be and how the land was obtained.



Some of the group took a walk along the shore, while others participated in a tour of the Penniman House, the home of a whaling ship captain. Some of the innovations in the home revealed that the captain was a man before his time.



In Chatham, we enjoyed a delicious lunch and visited the Chatham Lighthouse.



In Provincetown, at the tip of Cape Cod, we enjoyed a dune ride through part of the National Seashore. Our guide pointed out and explained the “shacks” that still dot the dunes, and gave us a great history lesson about the early settlers.



Visiting the Pilgrim Monument, the Province Land Visitor's Center, exploring and shopping in town added to the Provincetown visit.

Mid-afternoon, about half of the rally attendees visited a cranberry farm to learn about this important crop.



One full day was devoted to visiting Nantucket via the ferry. The day was spent enjoying a tour of the island, learning the history of the area and some of its famous residents, visiting the Whaling Museum, and browsing the shops.

Our visit to The Heritage Museum and Gardens in Sandwich, MA proved to have something interesting for each rally participant. The guys really enjoyed the exhibit of Indy cars, and could even sit in one of them and have their picture taken.



Everyone enjoyed the beautiful gardens, the exhibit of book illustrator, Wendell Minor, and riding the more than 100- year-old carousel.



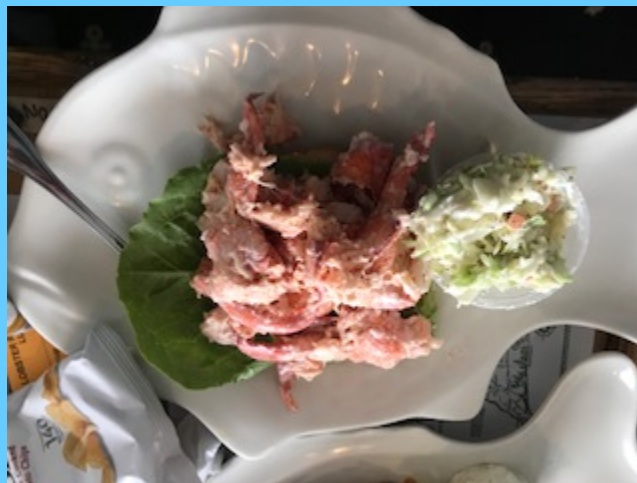
Some participants also enjoyed visiting the Cape Cod Potato Chip factory and the Sandwich Glass Museum where they watched a glass-blowing demonstration.



No visit to Cape Cod would be complete without enjoying some delicious seafood.



One night of the rally was devoted to a clam bake and lobster boil. Another day the group enjoyed a cruise in Barnstable Harbor while enjoying a lobster roll lunch.





Thank you, Alan and Debi, for sharing your neighborhood with us. We learned a lot and had a GREAT time!!!!!!

*And
Then It Was Off To Colonial Williamsburg
for Another
Vintage Birds Chapter Rally
More On That Next Month*