

## September 25 Drive and Dine: auto-related history and architecture at Cleveland's beautiful Lake View Cemetery and fine dining at Washington Place in Little Italy

Join us for a fun Sunday afternoon combining car people, Cleveland automotive history, and beautiful scenery at the historic Lake View Cemetery followed by fine dining at Washington Place (the former Baracelli Inn).

**We will meet at 2:30** in Lake View Cemetery, just east of downtown Cleveland. From the entrance to the cemetery at 12316 Euclid, Cleveland 44106, follow signs to the Garfield Monument and parking area.

Our tour will start at the Garfield Monument where a docent will meet us and bring history alive, as we learn about the Cleveland natives that helped create the first automobiles and the automobile industry. We will see Wade Chapel and the Garfield Monument (inside and out), both outstanding examples of turn of the century architecture. We will also see the beautiful grounds of the Lakeview Cemetery. Lake View Cemetery is known as Cleveland's "Outdoor Museum and Arboretum." It's Cleveland's historical, horticultural, architectural, sculptural and geological gem. The magnificent collection of trees, shrubs and plants make for an exceptional green space in an urban area. This "green space" provides a wonderful refuge for birds and small animals, as well as a showplace of extraordinary architectural and sculptural treasures. Learn more at: <http://lakeviewcemetery.com/index.php>

Among the automotive pioneers we will "meet":

- John D. Rockefeller became the first billionaire in the United States by founding the Standard Oil Company of Ohio.
- Alexander Winton demonstrated the safety and dependability of his cars by driving one from Cleveland to New York in 1899, decades before even gravel roads were available.
- Walter C. Baker built electric cars advertised as "The Most Elegant Automobile Made"
- We'll also visit the grave of President James A. Garfield

Note: portions of this tour involve walking on uneven ground. The tour is expected to last about two hours. Please come with open minds and questions for the docents.

We will then drive "down the hill" into Little Italy, where we will dine at Washington Place, 2203 Cornell Road, Cleveland, OH 44106. The parking for Washington Place is complimentary valet onsite.

View the menu at: <http://www.washingtonplacelittleitaly.com/dinner.html>

**Advanced registration and prepayments of \$15 per person are required and must be received by September 18.** Mail your check made out to MBCA Western Reserve Section to Bill and Cynthia VerDuin, 7609 Dines Rd., Novelty, OH 44072. **Call for more info:** Bill's cell 440.567.9246, Cynthia's cell 216.571.6707.

**For dinner, we will order off the menu and pay individually.**

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