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Small Towns are Big Deals

Submitted by Julia Olson

The importance of a spontaneous drive through a neighboring state has been underrated for far too long. It's easy to sweep the nearby states under the carpet, because of the common dream to travel across the world. Many of us are so wrapped up in the need to travel and explore that anything less than 3,000 miles away is too close. Being from Upstate New York, states like Massachusetts, Vermont and Connecticut have never acquired any real appreciation from me growing up. Weekend trips to these states with the family were more of a drag than anything. Little did I know that these neighboring states contained some of the most interesting small towns, each with their own micro-cultures. Because of these small towns, the thirst to travel the world can be quenched with just an hour's drive.

Although these small towns may consist of only a few little roads, their personalities create a larger feel while passing through. Something about a municipality with a road entitled "Main Street" can always create a feeling of home, even at first visit. Never take for granted the towns only ice cream shop, because I can promise you its darn good. The little, family-owned coffee shops will offer the best coffee around (yes, even better than Starbucks). Also, supporting small businesses these days is always important in this oh-so-big corporation-based world. The bistro hosting open mic night always deserves an hour of your time, since amateur-cafe performances are always the most genuine. Some of the best musical talent I've seen has been showcased in the New Paltz Coffee Shop Open Mic Night. Somehow, these small towns have the ability to make every passing face feel a little bit friendlier. Each place with its own stories and quirks that make the experience unique to any other. Best of all, after a long day of traveling comes the perfect sunset in your newfound pearl of a town. Although you may be just an hour or two away from home, the feeling of being somewhere foreign and new will set in, the feeling many are searching for these days.

As a college student, these close-to-home day trips to little towns are crucial. Because going away to school is such a life-changing experience, it leads to wanting more. But the funds most college students have can't cover a trip to Europe every month. My friends and I have begun googling towns in neighboring states, and driving from one to the other on our free days. From experience, these trips to the little hidden-gem towns will more than satisfy the need to travel.

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The Ron Hackenberger Collection Auction

For many guys who just want a classic car in their garage to work with, one is enough. But for Ron Hackenberger, cars were like being a kid in a candy store and he couldn't settle for just one. For Ron, it all started when he was 15 years old. He had the chance to buy his first car, a 1948 Studebaker that represented a beautiful automotive masterpiece. Ron borrowed the money to buy the car from his grandfather and that fueled his sweet tooth for collector cars and started his collection. The Studebaker opened the door to trading up through the years, even up to a 1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk.

In 1962, Ron married Eunice and they started their life together as well as their love of collecting cars. The family grew quickly to include six daughters. Ron was a truck driver and started his own trucking company, building it up to 100 trucks and trailers. Ron drove truck and while he was on his adventures hauling, he would spot cars to bring back home to his collection. Quite often he would take a car hauler and go to the west coast and come back with a load of cars. The miles were packing on and he sold the trucking company to go on another adventure. Ron, Eunice and the girls moved to Texas and they bought a ranch and raised cattle, all the while still collecting cars. Soon he was ready for another change and sold the ranch-lock, stock and cattle- and moved back to Norwalk, Ohio. He bought some properties and like most people in 2008, several of his investments took a hit with the recession. Ron worked with the banks and kept his car collection together as it had grown significantly in the past years. Eventually, Ron and Eunice started another adventure, this time a campground and a catering service that their daughter continues to run with them.



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The Oak Ridge Festival in Attica

By: Robert Kay

Twice each year – once in summer and once in fall – the town of Attica, Ohio, serves as host to the Oak Ridge Festival. The event, which features living history demonstrations and family-friendly entertainment in a wooded setting, is within convenient driving distance of three of the Buckeye State's largest cities, as the festival grounds lie within 80 miles of Toledo, Cleveland and Columbus.

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