

# *So ya want to see a drive-in Mooovie.*

*The best place to be was at the Cherry Bowl drive-in July 24-25, along with the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club. Watching two Celluloid Masterpieces Dodgeball and Terminal.*

Saturday morning everyone met around 9:00 ish at the Miejs Parking lot 8 mile and Haggerty.

Attending were Guy St. John and Alice, MGB / Rick Fredericks in the Big Foot Spitfire / Doug & Debbie Mitchell, Spitfire/ Paul and Terri Wild, TR3 / Dave & Sue Snyder, MGB / Stephen & Paulette & Salvatore Mancuso, Land Rover/ Larry & Sue Tomaszycski, Spitfire

After an 'already pit stop' at Miejs for essentials like Muffins and other healthy types of travel food. We were ready to lay oil on the tarmac, and merrily got on the road headed toward Lansing.

Once on the road we had an opportunity to play the latest Michigan game of chance: Orange Barrel Roulette. had to get off the x-way at Novi road, venture down 10 mile getting back on the x-way at Beck road: it was great fun, encompassing many human emotions, from anxiety to ecstasy moment to moment

After the barrel game and about an hour on the road, a CrackerBarrel Restaurant just this side of Lansing looked pretty inviting, so we watered down. Pretty decent place too. The food was not only good, but even better they were on the ball: had no less than two waitresses waiting our group.

The rest of trip to Traverse City was enjoyable thus all to quick; traffic was light, the roads were very good, and the miles incidental to the beautiful northern Michigan scenery.

Once arriving at our hotel at 2:00; everyone had an afternoon to tick off before 5:30 dinner and the later movie.

Some of our hardy band went to visit downtown Traverse City, others went for a walk by the shoreline, others chose to simply relax.

As For Sue and I we chose to visit the Suttons Bay Jazz Festival: great music, brand name artists, in a great location, what more could I add. Actually we could have easily stayed until closing at 9:00 no problem maahn, if we didn't have a dinner date set with the club for 5:30

Club Dinner was at a Ruby Tuesday's Restaurant just down a way from the hotel. Their outdoor patio was the best. The table service and food was great, not forgetting Ruby's decent salad bar. One of the best things I believe on their menu; here it was no exception.

Well needless to say after dinner we were excited, primed, and burped, ready to head on out to the Drive-in, a short jog of about 17 miles west in Honor, MI.

The Cherry Bowl Drive-in caters to the nostalgia of the fifties and sixties, This drive-in is in a time warp, and in fact has the look and feel of a simpler time ago.

When first approaching the drive-in I am vividly reminded of my dad driving us, while vacationing up north, in 1957, to the drive-in in Bad Axe MI. where we watched Lucille Ball in the movie The Long, Long Trailer. And remember us kids singing songs along to the bouncing ball on the screen.

The refreshment stand still has an old fashioned round popcorn kettle, and the gals serving are all dressed in pink poodle skirts. They play all the old movie trailers and have old cartoons.

They did one thing at the Cherry Bowl, though that I do not remember back "When", and that was the



Birthday Horns. What are birthday horns you may ask?

Well anyone with a birthday could have it announced over the drive-in PA, to which the announcer would say " and lets give em a big round of the birthday horns", to which everybody in the drive-in commenced to blow and honk away like madmen, it was really a lot of loud and very goofy fun.

The first movie was :

### **Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story**

**Plot Outline:** A group of misfits enter a Las Vegas Dodgeball tournament in order to save their cherished local gym from the onslaught of a corporate health fitness chain.

Cast

Vince Vaughn / Peter La Fleur  
Christine Taylor / Kate Veatch  
Rip Torn / White Goodman  
Justin Long / Patches O'Houlihan  
Stephen Root / Justin

While we of the DTSC all agreed that although where a few funny sequences the movie was poor/fair at best.

The second movie was:

### **Terminal, The**

**Plot Outline:** An eastern immigrant finds himself stranded in JFK airport, and must take up temporary residence there.

Cast

Tom Hanks / Viktor Navorski  
Catherine Zeta-Jones / Amelia Warren  
Stanley Tucci / Frank Dixon  
Chi McBride / Joe Mulroy  
Diego Luna / Enrique Cruz

We of the DTSC felt that it was a slow paced movie, almost predictable, some nice visionettes but otherwise mediocre especially for a Tom Hanks movie.

And of course the vintage Felix the cat cartoons were fun, along with Pop-eye: they were just simply said, GREAT.

The drive-in ended about 3:30 am wee Sunday morning.

Sunday we said our Goodbyes and Thank you's to our extended DTSC family, and had a very nice trip home ( flopped the top ), only stopping at a National Coney Island in Waterford for lunch.

One final note: Many, Many thanks to all who joined us going backwards in time for a night: without your good will and spirit it would have been nothing.

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