

MCC 2019 Spring Road Trip ***Cruisin' to Cotesworth Cultural & Heritage Center***



Come and cruise with MCC to the historic grounds of Cotesworth Cultural & Heritage Center on Saturday, April 27th. Food and refreshments will be available courtesy of Caleb Cox. Live Music will be provided by Honey Please Band.

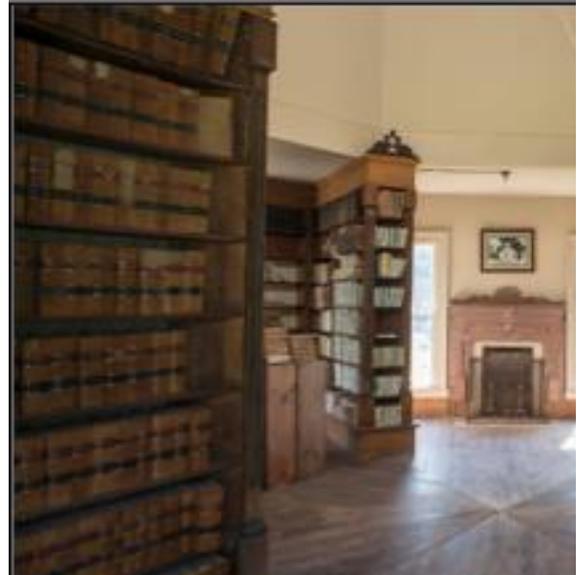
The trip will start in the Madison Walmart parking lot located on Grandview Blvd., Madison, MS at Exit 108 off of I-55, Madison. We will leave promptly at 8:00 a.m. We will travel on I-55 to the Pickens Exit and then take the highway to Lexington, MS. We will then get on Highway 17 and go north into Carrollton and then North Carrollton, MS. We then will go on the highway about 1 mile north to the entrance to Cotesworth which will be well marked. The trip to Cotesworth is about 80 miles over really good roads. The two-lane roads will let the group get more of a view of the countryside.

History of Cotesworth, Ancestral Home of Senator James Zachariah George

In the 1860's, a Carroll County lawyer and future U.S. Senator James Zachariah (J. Z.) George ("Senator George") purchased several hundred acres of rolling farmland, including a stage coach inn. In 1903, the home was described in *The Clarion Ledger* as beautiful and picturesque with its long and wide verandas and spacious halls, all built on the summit of a fern covered hill, shaded by a thousand pecan trees. Senator George enlarged the structure into a stunning Greek revival mansion and named it "Cotesworth" for his friend, Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Cotesworth Pinckney Smith.

In the late 1887, Senator George added a landmark hexagonal library on the south lawn to house his vast collection of law books. These structures have been beautifully preserved over the years and can now be enjoyed by visitors to the Cotesworth Culture and Heritage Center.

Cotesworth was owned by successive generations of Senator J. Z. George's descendants with his great granddaughter, Mrs. Katherine Williams being the last owner.



Mrs. Williams sold the house, library and five acres to a non-profit who now operate the structure under the Cotesworth Culture and Heritage Center. Mrs. Williams owns all the land surrounding Cotesworth and operates a big cattle operation on that property. The plantation house was used in the filming of the movie "The Help" and also "The Sound And The Fury."

Katherine Williams' son is Jay Williams. Jay is a car guy to the max and owns over 100 cars. His property is down the road just a bit and we will be able to look over his collection. Jay specializes in big old Imperial automobiles. He also owns a 1911 Detroit electric car that is not to be missed. Our visit will coincide with a special "*Cruisin' Cotesworth 2019*" held by the Cotesworth Culture and Heritage Center.

To place your name on the list for this cruise, please call Mike Martin at 601-906-1196 or email Mike at mikeamartin02349@gmail.com Members of the Mississippi Corvette Club and the Antique Vehicle Club of Mississippi will also be going.

For more information on Cotesworth visit their website at

<http://www.cotesworthcenter.org/>