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IMPORTANT: In order to be entered to win the \$100 Sheetz gift card you must either drop off or mail in this completed sheet with your \$10 payment. Cash or Check acceptable

I _____ (Signature) agree not to hold the Cambria County Historical Society at fault during my participation in their event known as the Road Rally. Particularly in the areas of driving, directions, traffic fines or traffic accidents.

First and Last Name (Print):

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WELCOME TO CAMBRIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S

ROAD RALLY SOUTH

You are about to explore TEN historic sites along the Southern routes of Cambria County. You will be asked "Site" questions which are found at the historic site itself. And to mix things up we've added a few "Best Guess" questions which are not found at the site nor are they found on the internet (hopefully). Remember, this is not a race. Please obey all traffic laws. The Rally is designed to last around three hours. Have fun and stay safe. Good Luck!

If you have not paid by other means, we are asking for a donation of \$10. This is a fund-raiser for us. If you really get lost you can try to call Dave at 243-5908.

The story of the "Southern" portion of Cambria is really the story of Transportation and Industry. This time we travel from "Plane to Plane." Starting with the planes along Level Road in Lilly to the Inclined Plane at Johnstown. We will attempt to give you experiences on the Old Portage Railroad, the New Portage Railroad, parts of the Pennsylvania RR, one of the original early highways (historic Frankstown Road), the Path of the Flood, downtown Johnstown, Cambria City, Westmont and eventually the view from the historic Johnstown Inclined Plane.

Site 1: Base of Plane # 4 Jones St. Lilly, PA

Directions: The first stop on this "Southern" tour of our county is a plaque in Lilly commemorating the history of the Planes & Levels of the Allegheny Portage Railroad. It's on the first block of Jones Street. You may go there directly on your own but we suggest you experience the road from the Summit in Cresson that travels along two of the planes and along "Level" road itself. Imagine yourself in a rickety steam engine train making its way through Cambria County in the early 1830s. On Route 22 take the Summit Exit near Cresson. Make a Left toward Cresson then make a Left again (within a few blocks) on Portage Street. You will travel down two distinct inclined planes and over the "Level" road. As you enter Lilly the road makes an abrupt Right then Left on Willow St. At the end make a Left on Cleveland St. (Rt. 53) At the "right turn keep moving" sign STOP. Make a left onto Jones St. As soon as you do you should see the marker. The parking lot is on the left.

1. The small settlement that sprang up during the construction of the Allegheny Portage RR here in the 1830s was known by what name? **Foot of Ten, Foot of the Plane, Foot of Four, Ten Four**
2. In what year was the plaque made? **1833 2000 2004 2006**
3. Your first Guess Question: Before the name Lilly, the town was known by what name?
Hemlock Locust Maple Poplar

Site 2: St Bartholomew Church Off Rt. 53 - Wilmore

Directions: The next stop along your Southern route is St. Bartholomew Church in Wilmore. Leaving the parking lot in Lilly go straight down Rt. 53 (Railroad St.) for 7 miles to the red light in Wilmore. You will pass Portage. To your right is Schoolhouse Hill Road. It's not the right turn at the light - it's a hairpin turn to the right coming from behind you. If you miss it you may have to turn around and approach it from another angle. School House Road goes right to the church and cemetery. Park anywhere.

1. What year was the church built? How good is your eyesight (plaque above the front door)
1812 1832 1852 1872
2. Strictly a Guess: Felix Skelly, an early Wilmore resident, was known for what? **Being captured by Indians, First APRR worker killed, Early Pennsylvania Governor. Starting the Fruit Stand on corner**

Site 3: Tunnel Street Off Rt. 53 - Summerhill

Directions: The next stop along your Southern route is the little-known site of Tunnel Street in Summerhill. Go back the way you came to Route 53 (Portage Road.) It's approximately one mile from the light in Wilmore to Tunnel St. Go straight at the light. Outside of Wilmore you will go under a RR Underpass. A half mile after the underpass look for a sign for Tunnel Street on your right. After turning onto Tunnel Street, stay to the left and start counting the number of tunnels you go under. That will be your first question. Also take notice of the sections of the road that are still sections of the original concrete roadbed. Some locals remember riding the school bus on this original section of Route 53 - tunnels and all.

1. How many tunnels did you pass under on Tunnel Street? **2** **3** **4** **5**
2. This is your GUESS question: While on Tunnel Street, you were basically following what?
Old Portage Railroad **New Portage Railroad** **Pennsylvania Railroad** **All of the above**

Site 4: The Clubhouse at the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club - St. Michael

Directions: Tunnel St comes back out to Rt. 53 in Summerhill. Make a right and take the Johnstown exit on Route 219 South (past the underpass). On Rt. 219 South, take the next exit - St. Michael, make a Left and head toward St. Michael. There will be a Johnstown Flood marker (the one on the right) with "Club House" veering to the right on Main Street. Main St. is not the main street in town. It's one of the first streets as you enter town. Follow Main to the Club House.

1. How many posts are seen on the porch? **About 17** **Around 22** **Almost 33** **Nearly 50**
2. The South Fork Fishing & Hunting Club had 16 cottages on 18 lots. Though not numbered, what lot number did the Clubhouse sit on? This is a GUESS. **Number 1** **Number 7** **Number 16** **Number 18**
3. With accents of dark red and black, it has been determined the original color of the Clubhouse was what color?
Light Grey **Dark Grey** **Off White** **Sky Blue**

Site 5: Buzz Wagner Plane – Johnstown Airport

Directions: From the Club House go back the way you came to Route 219 South. In other words, go to the end of Main St. and make a left out to Rt. 219 South. Don't take North like we did! Take the Galleria Exit, turn Right towards Lowes and another right so that Lowes is on your left. Go straight through the green light near Mihalko's. Follow Airport road to the airport. Park in an appropriate area and walk to the airplane on display.

1. What company manufactured the P-40 Warhawk? **Piper** **Boeing** **Hughes** **Curtiss**
2. Lt. Col. Buzz Wagner flew for what branch of the service? **Navy,** **Air Force,** **Marines,** **Army Air Corps**
3. How many enemy planes is Wagner credited with shooting down according to the side of his plane, not from the plaque? **8** **16** **24**

Site 6: Johnstown Train Station Walnut St – Johnstown

Directions: From the airport make a left on Airport Road to its end at Frankstown Road. Make a Left. Follow Frankstown Road into Johnstown (about 5 miles). This is the Daisytown and Cover Hill area. At the bottom of Frankstown Hill go straight on Main St. and make a Right on Clinton St. In a few blocks make a Left on Locust St. You will drive past Central Park on your left. Go to Walnut St. and make a Right. Go straight on Walnut through the green light and over the bridge. At the intersection make a Left (this is still considered Walnut St.) Park across from the Train Station.

1. At the front entrance on Walnut Street, how many cylindrical columns do you see? **4** **2** **none**
2. What is the "permanent time" on the clock?
12 O'Clock **4:20** **6:10** **It's missing the minute hand**
3. Strictly a Guess: What historic event happened at the train station in 1866? **Small Confederate attack**
President's train forgets to stop **Bridge collapses with 100s aboard** **First AMTRAC train arrives**

Site 7: Bottleworks Art Center Cambria City

Directions: The Bottleworks Art Center is on the corner of 3rd Ave. and Chestnut Street in Cambria City. From the Train Station there is an interesting drive on Iron Street past the steelworks. Make a Left from the parking lot on Walnut which turns into Iron Street if you go straight. It will look as if you are entering the JWF Industries property. Iron St. goes under the famed Old Stone Bridge, sight of a horrendous fire during the 1889 Johnstown Flood. Follow Iron Street's natural course into Minersville and make a Left onto the 4th Ave Bridge. Traffic does not stop at the bottom of the bridge. Go straight and make a Left on Chestnut Street. Drive to 3rd Ave. and make a Left on 3rd Ave and park anywhere. We are concentrating on the Bottleworks (Tulip) Building and not the Artworks next door.

1. Take a Guess: What is the association with Tulips on the front of the building? **The owners were Dutch**
Bottleworks just voted for tulips **It was the Tulip Bottling Co.** **It was a wholesale flower company**
2. Under "Tulip Mosaic" what Family Fund tops the list?
The George Heider Family **Pat & Walt Friedhoff Family** **The Goldhaber Family** **The Tulip Family**

Site 8: Our Lady of Mariapocs Shrine 409 6th Ave and Chestnut - Cambria City National Historic District

Directions: From the Bottleworks head 3 blocks north on Chestnut St to 6th Ave. Park anywhere. There is a flower shop on one corner and the homemade shrine on the other corner. The site also marks the National Historic District for Cambria City. The shrine, though new, represents the variety of ethnic groups and churches who make up the Cambria City section of Johnstown.

1. This is your Guess Question: Our Lady of Mariapocs represents what European country?
France **Hungary** **Germany** **Georgia**
2. What is Baby Jesus holding in his left hand?
Flowers **Sticks (representing thorns)** **Palms** **A carved wooden toy**

Site 9: Grandview Cemetery - Westmont

Directions: Your next stop is Grandview Cemetery in Westmont. If you have a favorite way to get there, please do that. We suggest the D Street extention in the West End through Brownstown. From any point in Cambria City drive to Broad Street and make a Right. At the next major intersection (Route 56 - Fairfield Ave) get into the left lane and turn. Giant Eagle is ahead of you. In just a few blocks take D Street to your left. D Street will take you up over the hill and turn into Goucher Street in Westmont. Make a Left at the main intersection onto Menocher Blvd. You will actually drive over a mile on Menocher. Merge into the left lane onto Millcreek Road. The cemetery will be within sight and the synagogue will be on your left. Follow the fence of the cemetery on your right to the stone entryway. Your goal is to find the Plot of the Unknown Dead. It is not to far from the entrance. Make a Right at the first intersection and look for the back of the Plot of the Unknown Dead on your left in the Prospect 3 section. Drive around to the front of the monument.

1. At the main monument there are two "sitting" figures. The one on the right is holding a baby. What is the one on the left holding? **A Wreath** **A Pick** **A Hoe** **An Anchor**
2. This is a GUESS Question: What plant may not be planted at Grandview Cemetery?
Roses **Spruce** **Boxwood** **Irish Juniper**

Site 10: Johnstown Inclined Plane Edgehill Dr. - Westmont

Directions: Go back to the main entrance of the cemetery and go straight through the gate onto Bucknell Avenue to Tioga Street. Turn Right on Tioga and Left on Edgehill Drive a few blocks to the top of the Inclined Plane.

1. During the Great Johnstown Flood of 1889, what time did the wave hit Johnstown?

4:07 AM 7:04 AM 4:07 PM 7:04 AM

2. Your final GUESS question: According to the sign, the Incline Plane was built for the new development of Westmont. But what was the original name planned for the community?

The Grove Tip Top Luna Park Southmont Heights

Thank You for participating in the Road Rally South

Once you have entered your answers, we can send you the answers, but you have to ask! We probably don't have your information. Please remember to send your \$10 donation. This is one our few fund-raisers this year.

Going Home?

We are going to assume you can find your way home from here. Most people would go back out to Menocher Blvd (Rt 271) to downtown Johnstown and 56 East and 219 North. Again, thank you for supporting the Cambria County Historical Society.

Keep an eye out for: A Local History Pop Quiz in September

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We will contact the winner of this contest at its conclusion. In the event of a tie, we will pull names from a hat.