

Welcome to Rott'n Manor

Pete & Mary Clukey

## Kentucky 2000 Trip Report

Mary and I packed up her van and headed north to Kentucky. We had several stops along the way and had a great time.

Stop number one was in Middlesboro, KY. This is home of the Lockheed P-38 Glacier Girl. This particular P-38 was recovered from under 263 feet of ice in Greenland. The restoration should take another 1 to 2 years. You can read more about it at: <u>The Lost Squadron</u>. No matter where we go, I can always find a good airplane to visit!

The next stop was the <u>Kentucky Horse Park</u> in Lexington. We camped there for two nights along with a Square Dancing Convention. We spent all our time at the park seeing their normal historical displays, a very special Chinese equestrian exhibit, several retired racehorses including Cigar and John Henry, and watching an Arabian horse show at the arena.

From there, we traveled to Louisville to visit <u>Churchill Downs</u>, home of the Kentucky Derby. We watched several races, Mary got Pat Day's autograph and visited the Kentucky Derby Museum.

On to our final stop, <u>Mammoth Cave</u>. We camped there for two nights and went on two tours through different parts of the cave system. I do mean system! They have 350 MILES of interconnected passages. We probably saw about 3. Our second tour was an introduction to caving. We literally crawled around in small passages for 3 1/2 hours. Some spots were pretty tight. One was so small, you had to turn your helmet a certain way to fit through, grab a ledge, and pull yourself the rest of the way into the following chamber. It was a blast!