

## UGARA Trip to Koi Farm, Microcar Museum Wednesday, March 31, 2010

The UGARA Travel Committee has arranged a delightful trip on March 31 for members to see beautiful Koi fish at the **Flat Rock Koi Farm** near Watkinsville, and amazing microcars at the **Bruce Weiner Microcar Museum** in Madison. The trip will include transportation in a first-class tour bus, lunch at the **Town 220 Restaurant** in Madison and a quick side-trip to another attraction in Madison.

Our first stop will be Flat Rock Koi Farm, one of the largest Koi operations in the Southeast, featuring many varieties of these colorful and charming fish. The owners regularly go to Japan to buy and import some of the more exotic and expensive Koi. Some of their specimens are valued at more than \$1,000. The visit will require walking around to see the farm's 10 ponds and other facilities, and golf carts will be available for those with limited mobility.

In addition to breeding and raising fish, Flat Rock also provides services such as training on koi health, food, nets, filters and other fish needs. More information is available at <http://www.flatrockkoi.com>.

From the Koi farm, we will go to the Town 220 Restaurant in Madison, which has a well-deserved reputation for excellent food and service. Time permitting, we will make a quick visit to either the African-American Museum or the Madison Cultural Center.

In the afternoon we will visit the Bruce Weiner Microcar Museum, home of the world's largest single collection of these fascinating vehicles. Compact (some are less than 10 feet long and weigh under 110 pounds) and highly efficient (most engine sizes are 700cc or less), these so-called "bubble cars" enjoyed a brief stint of popularity following World War II when they are credited with helping Europe rebuild its weakened economy. Of the thousands produced, most were eventually abandoned but those remaining are considered symbols of the ingenuity and perseverance of their European inventors.

The Weiner Museum's collection of more than 300 microcars, completely restored and beautifully displayed, includes many rare models. Some are among a small number remaining, and a few are the only existing model of their kind. The museum curator will come on the bus to talk about the cars. For more information, visit <http://www.microcarmuseum.com>.

We will ride on a Champion Team bus complete with snacks and restroom. We will be back in Athens by 5 p.m. The \$40 per person fee includes transportation, lunch and admission to tour attractions.

**The reservation deadline is March 12.** Interest in this trip is expected to be high, so early reservations are recommended. Use the form below to make your reservations.

Travel Co-Chairs,  
*Gene Michaels and Marsha Gruner*

Reservation Form

### THIS FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED

NAME : 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: Each participant will receive a letter of information concerning bus loading and the final itinerary. \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Send form and check for \$40/person to the UGA Alumni Association c/o Marcus Jennings, Wray-Nicholson House, 298 Hull Street, Athens, GA 30602-6372 by March 12.  
Please note UGARA Microcar Trip on your check PAYABLE to UGA Alumni Association.  
For questions, please call 800-606-8786 or 706-542-2251.