

EUCLID ART ASSOCIATION

EAA Sketchers

At Mechanicsville Covered Bridge
1359 Windsor Mechanicsville Road in Geneva
Sunday, July 18, 2021

Twelve people arrived at various times; Joan, Elias, Ellen, Cindy, Terese & her friend, Bernie, Char, Alesha & Lilian, Rozenia & friend went to the Harpersfield Bridge. Lee spent 4 hours and 140 miles and never made it to the bridge. He was almost in PA!

The river was rushing and had flooded the banks by 6 to 8 feet. So, the Sketchers couldn't sit in the shade by the bank and ended up painting in full sun in the parking lot. Everyone wished they had an umbrella chair, like Terese's! Joan pointed out the quilt block hanging on the bridge, as can be seen in one of Terese's sketches. The Grand River Tavern, the oldest tavern in Ashtabula, circa 1847, was across the street and is a biker bar; beautiful bikes in the lot; lots of leather & tattoos! Joan tells us three stories about the day's adventures:

- #1. Terese's friend, the older lady wearing a green t-shirt with short curly hair in the pictures below, was hungry and went into the Tavern across the street to order wings and a beer. She had to sit at the bar, among all the bikers, to get her beer. When she went to pay, the biker next to her paid for her beer.
- #2. The bikers asked what they were doing. Our artists got their picture taken with a biker and his girlfriend. Joan was wearing a NASCAR t-shirt and the biker asked her about it. Joan mentioned that Keith Black was her uncle and the biker literally fell off the fence with excitement. For those of us who don't know who Keith Black is. . . *"Black Magic – Keith Black, Drag Racing's Iconic Engine Builder. Anyone with even a passing interest in drag racing has heard the name Keith Black. He is arguably the most famous non-driver in quarter-mile racing history."* In the picture (below) notice the tattoos on the biker's arm!
- #3. Joan went over to see Rozenia and her friend at the Harpersfield bridge. While there, several inner tubers floated by rather quickly in the flooded waters. Crazy, really crazy! They then took a 'crooked' selfie of themselves.



