

## Nearly everybody likes to see quirky attractions!

Want a summary of quirky attractions from my recent trip? Since these attractions were some of the highlights, I'm putting the best ones in one place for your "reading pleasure"! Any comments you want to make? Which ones would **you** like to see? (More detail in my blog later.)

1. **World's Largest Ball of Paint** – Alexandria IN
  - a. In January 1977, Mike Carmichael encouraged his toddler son to paint a baseball with a pastel blue house paint. Over the years, the Carmichaels invited others to join in and paint. Now, it's 14 feet in circumference and weighs 2.5 tons!
2. **Grave in the middle of the Road** – Franklin IN
  - a. Unbelievable. When the county wanted to build a road, the grave was in the way. Eventually, the county and the family agreed to build a lane on each side of the grave! More later in the blog. (Including pictures.)
3. **World's Largest Cuckoo Clock** – Sugarcreek OH
  - a. Cool attraction! The bird does his thing and then fiddlers and dancers come out on a track and "perform".
4. **Sea Gypsy**
  - a. A pirate ship replica on the Delaware Bay. Kids and families by day. Adult beverages, bawdy songs, and lot's of "Arrgghhh" in the evening!
5. **Ben & Jerry's Flavor Graveyard** – Waterbury VT
  - a. Well worth the visit. Flavors B&J will no longer produce are "buried" here with their own tombstone!
6. **World's Tallest File Cabinet** – Burlington VT
  - a. Thirty-eight drawers tall. It (symbolically) holds the paper work for a highway that's been proposed since the 1965 and continues to be delayed but never cancelled! The drawers represent the years from initial proposal to the year the file cabinet was constructed.
7. **South of the Border** – Hamer SC
  - a. You gotta see this one to believe it! More later in the blog.
8. **The Tree That Owns Itself** – Athens GA

- a. The owner of the property “so loved” the tree, that he gave the tree its “independence” when he died!
9. **Georgia Guidestones** – Elberton GA
- a. This one’s really interesting and a mystery as the group behind the Guidestones remains secret some 40 years after completion.
10. **Bamahenge** – Elberta AL
- a. A partial replica of Stonehenge built using fiberglass stones. There is no explanation of who built it, when it was built, or any information other than a single plaque about Stonehenge.
11. **The town of World Records** – Casey IL
- a. This small town in IL has the World’s Largest: Wind Chimes, Rocking Chair, Mailbox, Pitchfork and more. The number of world record items varies as other places build bigger and then Casey has to build again! Most recent count I found is that as of November 2019, the town owned 14 Guinness Certified World Records!
12. **Future Birthplace of Capt. James T. Kirk** – Riverside IA
- a. I loved this one. According to all the literature, TV episodes, and movies on the Star Trek “franchise”, Kirk “will be” born in Iowa in the year 2228. No town received mention in the literature so Riverside claimed it! Again, more in the blog.

More information and a few more quirky sites available on The Driveby Tourist sometime in 2022. And if you have this, you’ll be notified of new blog posts.