

## Appendix A

### **2009 Ohio Solar Tour Participant Comments**

(Organized By Site Owners, Tour Organizers, Attendees)

#### **Kurt Keljo, Site Owner, Reynoldsburg**

While we may have had more people to the site in previous years, I thought that this model worked really well at our site. The people who came tended to be interested in other aspects of the site in addition to the solar power piece, and I was able to spend more time talking with them about the whole site than I have been able to in previous years. I had several great conversations, which I thought were helpful to the people involved. I was able to respond to their specific questions, which was not really possible with the larger tour groups.

#### **Barbara Starre / Jim LaRue, Site Owner, Medina**

Barbara and I assumed only a few persons would show up for the Tour, so we each had projects we were going to work on. Mine was the fence out front so I could keep an eye on any cars that came in. Well, we were busy from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. There were 41 people that signed up and I know that did not include all who came. Barbara and I were busy in conversation almost continually. I got one section of fence built during the day!! We both feel it was the most effective tour experience of any we have participated in. There was time for individual questions people had and at several points each of us was surrounded by a group of persons who each asked questions and were listening to each other and learning from each other, not just us. We can fill you in on details when you have a chance to catch your breath after all your planning for this event. We hope all your sites were as satisfying as ours.

#### **Fred Michel, Site Owner, Wooster**

It was very busy both days. I think the newspaper article on Sunday brought a lot of people. Most signed the guest list, but a few did not.

#### **Michael Powers, Site Owner, Marshallville**

We had a volunteer try to count how many people were in each group and she wrote that number in the upper left hand corner for each attendee. Looks like we have about 64 people, which kept us busy with 2 to 3 tour guides working continuously. It was a great turn out especially for a cloudy day.

#### **Bob Kloos, Site Owner, Cleveland Heights**

Smaller numbers all around this year, but more time to talk and everyone got to ask any question they liked without having to wait their turn. Better. Also, my installer was on site when an engineer showed up with all technical questions. Very fortuitous.

#### **Bill Downing, Site Owner, Copley**

Although our headcount (15) was not all that high, the quality of discussions were outstanding. Our visitors spent a long time with us and really enjoyed the dialogue. Hope the tour was a success

**Francis Carney, Site Owner, Brookpark**

Hello and THANK YOU for making the 2009 Solar Tour a Great Success!

This years event was celebrated in fine style at our **Ampex Metal Products**, Distribution Center this past Saturday, October 3rd, 2009.

The weather was somewhat cooperative, the skies were mostly cloudy but the the rain, thankfully, stayed away.

Throughout the day we were visited by a steady stream of enthusiastic individuals including some celebrity guests and were are happy to report that a great time was had by all!

We were thrilled to see the **Mayor of Brook Park, Mark J. Elliott** and **Michelle Boczek, Commissioner, Economic Development** for the City, along with many new visitors and several familiar faces from the Tour of 2008. To visit the City of Brook Park website: [click here](#)

As is now becoming customary, guests enjoyed first class "**Ampex hospitality**" including food and beverages, live music, an inflatable amusement park for the kids and a climbing wall for the "bigger" kids.

Tours to the rooftop solar array and inverter installation were given to all guests. Great discussion and some big thinking took place around true sustainability and the need to minimize waste, the employment of energy efficiency measures and the seeking out of renewable energy solutions as a means to manage future energy costs while minimizing the contribution we are ALL making to climate change.

Ampex Metal Products is honored to be an ongoing participant in the annual **Ohio Solar Tour** and greatly appreciate being affiliated with an organization displaying the caliber of **Green Energy Ohio**: please visit [GEO](#) for all things good and green!

**Ralph Semrock, Site Owner, Curtice**

Attached are some pics of guests at Solterra this year. Much better than last year. Attendance sheets will be mailed Monday. Not all people signed in and we missed a few, but we had a total of 27 people over 9 hours. Changing the directions on the website REALLY helped. Thank you.

**Jodi Haney, Site Owner, Maumee**

Head Count = 58 (see attached sign in sheets). Great day... I had a blast and had GREAT conversations with many attendees.

**David Miller, Site Owner, Milan**

I was unable to be in Ohio for the tour this year but went on the tours for the last couple of years. The 11K solar array my company installed at 3414 St. rt. #113 in 2008 was on the tour this year and I had one of my associates as well as Matt Kluding one of the owners who you meet on hand to greet vistors. But none came. My guess is that results would be better under the old plan of the planned tailgate type tours were still used.