

Making a run to Bruce



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The Edmonton gang of eight, with Arlene Blood (far left) invaded the town of Bruce, Alberta to check out the famous Friday night barbeques at the Bruce Hotel.

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The call came from Dean Carr, Magic 99 account executive and all around fun guy, inviting my husband, Ryan and I to join a group of eight in a limousine on a Steak Run to Bruce, Alberta.

My initial reaction was "of course" knowing there is nothing boring about a date with Dean and his wife, Charley. The obvious questions were: Where is Bruce? What is Bruce?

Dean, a newly transplanted Aussie said somewhere up Hwy 16 about an hour from Edmonton. As for the what, it's a small town with a handful of houses and businesses and a thriving hotel that hosts weekly barbeques year round with just about the best steak you've ever eaten.

Sounded good to me!

Dean also invited his Magic 99 morning show hosts, Shannon Tyler and Duncan Paterson with their respective spouses.

We were picked up at a cen-

tral location in one of RBR Limo owner Robert Rom-bough's luxury limos. We began as strangers introducing ourselves and arrived an hour later as friends, anticipating a great evening together.

The intimacy of the limousine plus Robert's rule of no cellphones lent itself to animated conversation.

The restaurant seats approx 100 with tables turning over throughout the evening.

Bruce is not a secret to neighbouring communities who come for Deb and Karl's fabulous and freshly prepared salads and fixings, and the locally grown steaks that my husband tells me are the best he's ever eaten.

I don't know if Bruce will be quite the same after our visit. However, Tammy from Two Hills was celebrating her 40th birthday and was raucously serenaded by Shannon, Ryan and Jesse, all professional singers.

Jesse also put on a special show, but hey, what happens in Bruce, stays in Bruce, right gang?

I thought Dean and Charley Carr summed up our experience the best. In Charley's words: "This is like being back home in Australia; a small town where it just feels like home."

Dean added the evening was filled with "real people and real conversation."

If you and your friends or work colleagues are looking for a distinctive and truly unique experience, I would definitely recommend RBR Limo Service's Steak Run to Bruce.

Bruce is so popular it gets booked up weeks or months in advance, and I hear this trip is even more popular in winter months.

The trip includes pick-up at one central location, the drive to Bruce in a luxury limousine, the fantastic steak dinner, karaoke (stay as long as you want) and the return trip back with personal delivery to each of your guest's residences. Call 780-483-1273 or 1-877-483-8539 or check Robert's website at www.rbrlimoservice.com.