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2008 SAVAGE REUNION - 29 SEPT - 2 OCT

BUFFALO/NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

Chairman: Rich Cornall, 9 Madison Ave., Auburn, N.Y. 13021 315-252-5232 - 315-730-0822
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Hotel: The Millennium Airport Hotel, 2040 Walden Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. 14225.
Reservations call toll free 800-323-3331. Rates: Single, double or quad,\$99.00 per night.
NOTE: The Hotel's zip code was incorrect in the last newsletter.

Registered So Far - As of May 25th

Vic Bellaire, Rich & Nory Cornall, Ray & Delilah Crumley; Roy & Ethel Giroir, Chuck & Maryann Huber, Ron Krieger, Tommy Pigeon, Jack & Peggy Smith & Ernie & Mary Velez. Contact Rich Cornall if you had registered and don't see your name listed, you will not get our discounted rate if you don't mention you are with the U.S.S. SAVAGE. If you plan on attending, but not staying at the Millennium Hotel, let Rich know in order for us to make your name tags & include you in any group outings.

Airport of Choice: Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BNIA) - The Millennium's free shuttle will pick you up. Recommended airlines: Southwest & Jet Blue are known for their low airfares to BNIA.

The Millennium Hotel: Besides free shuttle to and from the airport, they will also pick you up at the AM Trak train station and even shuttle you to and from the Walden Galleria Mall with it's 200+ stores. This hotel is 9 easy miles to the Naval Park where we will hold our Memorial & Luncheon. Niagara Falls, N.Y. is about 26 miles.

WHAT'S THE RUSH?

In reserving your hotel rooms as soon as you know you plan on attending this years reunion will help with the following: 1. If we are short the 20 guaranteed rented rooms, we may be able to lower that guarantee so we don't have to pay for un-used rooms. 2. If more than 25 rooms are needed, we can increase the blocked rooms if the hotel hadn't already rented them to other people. NOTE: Don't reserve any rooms if you are not sure if you will be attending, but, if you are or there's a good chance you are, you have 24

hours prior to your first night stay to cancel.

From your Reunion Chairman: To assure that your travel plans to Buffalo go as smooth as possible, I request from those flying into Buffalo their Airline, Flt. # & ETA as well as anyone taking the Train. This will help make sure the Hotel's shuttle picks you up in a timely manner and we have someone at the Hotel to greet and assist you. Those driving should let me know the date they are arriving. Remember, after 10:00pm, the first night you are registered, the Hotel can re-rent your room if you didn't register before that time. If you are going to be later, call Rich at 315-730-0822 or Nory at 315-730-8709 & we'll make sure your room is there when you arrive.

WHATS IN BUFFALO/NIAGARA

Like to tour Historic Homes: You can see the available tours by going to:
www.buffalotours.org; Call 716-852-3300 or write: Buffalo Tours, 617 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203

Old Fort Niagara: Site of Historic battles, sieges, trading and conquest. Preserved as it stood in the 1700's when France & Britain controlled Niagara. The Fort's structures include the oldest building in the Great Lakes. This is recommended by Colonel Cunningham for a group tour. www.oldfortniagara.org

Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruise: A narrated 2 hour tour as we past historic sites and being raised & lowered 50 feet in the Lock. www.lockportlocks.com

Medina Railroad Museum: Largest freight depot museum in the country.
www.railroadmuseum.net

Buffalo Zoo: A wide array of exotic & domestic animals. www.buffalozoo.org

Shea's Performing Arts Center: Check out th European opera house that features the best in music, dance, comedy, staging & special effects. www.sheas.org

Cave in the Winds: Take an elevator ride down 175 feet to the base of Bridal Veil Falls. This guided walking tour will allow you to feel and experience the power of Niagara Falls from the Hurricane Deck just feet from the pounding water.
www.niagaragfallsstatepark.com

There are many more things in Buffalo that may be of interest to you. If you find something that you think all of the SAVAGE family would enjoy, please don't hesitate to contact Rich.

ITINERARY SO FAR

Sunday: Sept. 28 - Early Birds: 4:00pm (or when enough arrive to help) decorate & stock hospitality room.

6:00pm (later if we have late arrivals) Dutch treat dinner at hotel or local Restaurant

Monday: Sept. 29 - 9:00am: Open hospitality room for registration, visitation, snack and refreshments. Shuttle to the Galleria Mall - (no further plans at this time).

Tuesday: Sept. 30 - 9:00am: Meet in hospitality Room

9:30am: Car pool to Naval & Military Park

10:00am: Memorial

12:00: Luncheon

After lunch, tour the Park - ride free trolley down Main St.

Wednesday: Oct 1

AM - Plans still in the works

4:00pm - 6:00pm: report to hospitality room for couple & group photos.

6:00pm - Report to dining hall for Banquet. Still figuring out what we'll have.

Thursday: Oct 2 - Possible group tour - still got time to figure that out.

Friday: AM - Hugs, kisses & good-byes and a safe trip home.

Men's meeting and women's auction will be at same time in different locations. Time and date hasn't been set yet.

PASSPORTS

Passports will not be required this year. However, a government issued photo ID (drivers license) and a certified (raised seal) birth certificate will be needed to cross into Canada.

Weather: Sept/Oct weather can range from 60 degrees to 84 degrees.

OFF THE WIRE

Sadly we won't be seeing Ray & Mary Ewing, nor Jim & Mary Markley this year. Ray is having health problems. Our prayers go out to him and wish him a speedy recovery.

We are hoping that Paul Doster has his shoulder surgery and recovers in time to see him in Buffalo. The Ewings, Markleys & Paul hasn't missed a reunion in many years. Good luck to all.

2009 REUNION

Would you like to have a reunion in your neighborhood, or a location of interest to you? Do your homework prior to attending this years' reunion. Get as much information as you can (available hotels, points of interests and any other reason you think our reunion should be at that location). If you don't want to be the Reunion Chairman, you can wait to see if we can get one at our meeting or contact others to see if they would like to be the Chairman. The more info you have the better that site will be voted upon.

Shipmate News

Welcome Aboard: Thomas J. Hanaway - thomas.hanaway@schenectadycounty.com

Fred C. & Irma Hochreiter, AG-2, ('55-'56) hochreiter@att.net from Texas

Ron & Cheryl Crow, RD-2 ('63-'66) roncrow@mindspring.com

New E-mail address:

Fred Adair: - fadair29@gmail.com

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Address change: Alan & Elaine Pizzola, 3057 30th St., Unit #321, San Diego, Ca. 92104

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family of Bud Spruce, TM-2c ('43-'44) who died June 26, 2007. Our prayers are with his wife Marilyn who live in Florence, Az.

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