***The North American CW Weekend***

 **June 7-9, 2019**

 **Welcome!**

Welcome to the Washington, DC area! This North American CW Weekend follows a similar pattern to the nearly four decades of similar CW gatherings held in this area. As always, the event is open to everybody who is interested in the CW mode. Members of all CW clubs and non-members of any club are invited!

Whether this is your first visit to DC or not, you’ll have a terrific time. If you have an interest in history, technology, performing arts, nature or shopping, some of the best examples in the United States are within minutes of the Fairview Park Marriott, located at 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042. Take advantage of what there is to see and do during this weekend!

Some attendees have arranged among themselves prior to departing home to share rental of a car or van to facilitate transportation in the DC area. If you are reading this in advance of the weekend and you know others attending, you might want to consider this.

Information from a variety of tour operators is available in the hotel lobby. Several operators offer half day and full day visits to major sights in the Washington area. Tickets for Grey Line Bus tours, for example, can be purchased on the day of the tour at the ticket center at Union Station. You can get there easily by Metro. *(Ask the hotel receptionist or concierge for directions and inquire as to the schedule of the hotel shuttle to get to the Dunn Loring Metro station, or use a taxi (or Uber, Lyft or whatever, for the short ride. If you have never used the Metro or are familiar only with mass rail transit in other cities, you may find Metro an adventure in itself. Keep in mind that when using Metro you buy a fare card in a machine at the station entrance and use that same card to exit. Put enough money into the fare card machine for your round trip. Ask the station attendant to tell you how much you need.)* Union Station was renovated just a few years ago and is a popular tourist attraction, too! Alternatively, Tour Mobile is an excellent way to see a variety of sights because it permits you to stay at any monument for as long as you wish. More information is available in the hotel lobby.

If you have a car and have never visited Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, or seen the National Arboretum in the spring, you should plan a visit! The recently renovated U.S. Botanical Garden is magnificent and is located adjacent to the U.S. Capitol Building. A map of Washington and its environs is available through the concierge or front desk. If you are interested in shopping, the "upscale" Tyson's II and the popular Tyson's I are located just a few minutes from the hotel. For those staying an extra day in the area, consider a drive to Civil War Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; or, for a visit to Virginia as it was during colonial times, take a drive to Colonial Williamsburg, about 3 hours south of the Washington, DC area. Many who have attended the DC Dinner for the first time have returned the next year and included a multi-day driving tour to other, more distant locations.

The Smithsonian Institution is comprised of a number of museums. The National Air and Space Museum remains one of the most visited museum in the world. If you go there be sure to take advantage of a free guided tour and see one or more of the half-hour IMAX movies, notably "To Fly." A newer and expanding aircraft museum, part of the Smithsonian, is located just south of the Dulles Airport -- and like all the Smithsonian museums it’s free! It is called the Udvar-Hazy Museum Center of the Air and Space Museum. It has a variety of fantastic IMAX movies as well. Parking is $15/car, so go with others and split the cost. You can get there by driving west on the Dulles Toll Road and getting off at Sully Road (Route 28) and heading south about 3-1/2 miles until you see the signs. Check with the hotel concierge for directions to the Dulles Toll Road. The new aircraft museum is really rather impressive and has such originals as the Enola Gay, the SR71, etc. Definitely take one of the free tours. The docents are unusual people, typically former jet design engineers or pilots. Allow at least 2 hours.

The national gem collection, which includes the Hope Diamond, is in the National Museum of Natural History. The National Gallery of Art, including its East Wing, is close to the National Air and Space Museum and contains exceptional exhibits. The Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial and Korean and Vietnam Veterans Memorials are located relatively close to one another along the Mall. If you visit these monuments, spend a few minutes and visit the Einstein statue just across the street from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The Library of Congress is a wonderful building well worth seeing *(inside and/or out)*, as is the nearby Capitol Building.

**Highly recommended:**  The World War 2 Memorial is located on the Mall and you can get there by driving (go early to find nearby street parking) or taking the Metro (read directions in the next paragraph). The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial is an inspiring memorial for those who know about American history. It is walking distance from the Smithsonian Metro station, adjacent to the World War 2 Memorial. Tour Mobile has added the FDR Memorial stop; there may be limited parking along Ohio Drive eastbound. Not far away is the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, adjacent to the Smithsonian at 14th and Independence. It is a sobering historical presentation of WW2 atrocities. (Tickets must be arranged either through a ticket agency -- or you can try your luck at the door if you get there early. They always have some tickets for those who arrive early enough. Call 202.488.0400. You can also call PROTIX: 800.400.9373 (or 703.218.6500, a local call) for anything in the area requiring tickets.) As noted, in the area are the Korean and Vietnam Veterans Memorials, as well as the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and U.S. Capitol Building. The Smithsonian buildings are also adjacent to the Mall, as are various galleries and other famous Washington museums. Nearby are the Jefferson Memorial, the new Martin Luther King Memorial, the American Indian Museum, and the Library of Congress. In town there is Ford’s Theater, where Lincoln was shot. <http://fords.org/event/1776>

For those that want to explore further afield (but not too far), Harper's Ferry is a fascinating destination, and of course it’s where the Civil War arguably began. The new Gettysburg visitor center is well worth a visit. [http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org/) Nearer Baltimore, Fort McHenry is always an inspiring place to visit, its new visitor center will make a return visit worthwhile. <http://www.nps.gov/fomc/index.htm>. Also, there is Annapolis, the capital of Maryland, home of U.S. Naval Academy, the Maryland State House (briefly the capitol of the United States), boat tours on the Chesapeake Bay -- and Maryland crabs! Richmond, Virginia’s capital, has great museums and Civil War history, too.

If you are fond of the performing arts, take a look at the materials available at the hotel lobby, or get a copy of the Washington Post *(especially Friday's Weekend Guide insert)*. Comedy clubs like *The Improv, All Stars, Comedy Zone DC, dinn*er theaters, the Kennedy Center, National Theater, Warner Theatre, Folger Shakespeare Theater and Arena Stage (near the waterfront) are readily available to you. Museum highlights and hours are available in the Weekend Guide insert to Friday’s Washington Post. There are many special exhibits, performances, shows, flea markets, dance, theater, jazz, etc. Again, just take a look at the Weekend Section of Friday’s Washington Post, which should be available Friday morning at the hotel (and presumably available after that as well!).

Note: Nearby Route 66 has rush hour limitations on weekdays. HOV means high occupancy vehicle, *i.e.*, 2 or more people. If you have one person in the car, be prepared to use other routes at rush hour (heading to DC in the morning or out of DC in the late afternoon).

**Activity Summary:**

* **There will be a hospitality suite in the hotel: Langley Room (check that when you are in the lobby; it may change!), from Friday afternoon to Saturday night. It is the place where folks will congregate when not at another event. Please be sure you have paid W4ZYT the prescribed charge ($25/couple, $15 per person otherwise) to cover the hospitality suite, munchies, beverages, etc.**
* **Informal pizza dinner Friday at 6 p.m. (we meet in the hotel lobby sharply at 5:20 p.m.) at a nearby all-you-can-eat pizza emporium. It’s a popular event and a good way to chat with folks! A map is attached. It is about 20 minutes from the hotel.**
* **Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. there is brunch at N3JT’s QTH, just minutes from the hotel. See the attached map.**
* **The informal dinner at BLACKFINN AMERIPUB not far from the hotel, in Vienna. The address is 2750 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22180 in Halstead Square. See the attached materials for directions, though GPS will do just fine! We meet there at 6:00 p.m. with drinks at the bar, dinner at 7:00 p.m. The bar is not exclusively for our CW group so you can expect others to be sharing the space. Please be seated in the area designated for us at 7 p.m. There are no presentations or speeches! Everyone gets his own check for dinner. *NOTE: Parking lots are behind the restaurant, accessible from either small street next to the restaurant. One of the lots has a downstairs parking area.***
* **Sunday morning at 9 a.m. gather in the hotel restaurant for breakfast.**
* **For those who may want to visit W3LPL's super station, please contact Frank and make arrangements for Friday, Saturday or Sunday. 410.489.9826.**

There are two area 2-meter repeaters, 146.19/79 MHz and 146.31/91 MHz. Both cover most of downtown DC as well as the Northern Virginia area.

Whether you wander off on your own or tour in groups, **ENJOY!**

 **WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

 **Friday**

The hospitality suite is the Langley Room (check this in the lobby as it may change) and is available to us Friday and Saturday. It will be open beginning Friday afternoon. There will be a rotating system of supervision, meaning whoever is there is responsible. **Please make sure you do not leave the hospitality suite open and unattended.**

This is the ninth year we’ve been at the Fairview Park Marriott and as you have likely heard and will see for yourself it is an exceptionally lovely property. The activities will center on the hospitality suite or downstairs at the bar area.

Friday evening includes an informal pizza dinner at Joe's Place, which is located at 5555 Lee Highway in Arlington VA, about 20 minutes from the hotel. A map is attached to this handout for your convenience. In order to accommodate the estimated 35 or so who will gather for this dinner, we have agreed to arrive at the restaurant essentially together at 6 pm on Friday, so if you intend to participate please make sure you are punctual. ***Everyone interested should either go directly to the restaurant at 6 pm or gather in the hotel lobby at 5:20 pm to link up with available transportation.*** For those with cars, please try to be in the lobby and take somebody with you. The custom has been for the stateside members to spring for our overseas guests. One of the organizers will deal with the payment issue at the restaurant; figure on about $25 per person, more if you had a beer or the like. Directions are attached.

 **Saturday**

Jim, N3JT, and Nina, KE4PSV are again hosting a brunch at their QTH in McLean, VA, about 15 minutes from the hotel. **This is from 9:00-NOON**. It will be an opportunity to chat with other members of the club. A map is attached.

Whatever you do Saturday afternoon, please be at Blackfinn Ameripub by about 6 pm to join others at the bar. We will then be seated in our section of the restaurant at 7 pm. Importantly, Don, W4ZYT, will be hovering at or near the door to make sure the necessary funds are collected, $25 per couple, $15 per person otherwise. There is no raffle so we need the funds to cover the hospitality suite, etc.

Following the meal, most folks will head back to the hospitality suite for more socializing.

 **Sunday**

Attendees may wish to gather for breakfast at the hotel restaurant at 9 a.m. Sunday. After that, you’ve got the entirety of Washington, DC at your disposal. Enjoy it!

Prepared by N3JT – May 28 2018

**Directions to Joe’s Pizza and Pasta for Friday Evening**

**Depart hotel at 5:20 pm; Arrive by 6:00 pm at**

**5555 Lee Highway**

**Arlington, VA**

1. **Exit hotel and go left for about 300 yards and then go right onto Fairview Park Drive.**
**In ¼ mile bear right onto Route 50-EAST (Arlington Blvd).**
2. **Continue on Route 50 (Arlington Blvd) for about 2 miles. Make a LEFT onto Annandale Road.** [You may not be able to see them, but Annandale Road is .1 mile past E. Tripps Run Rd; and Hani Joa Spa is on the corner.]
3. **Proceed .75 mile and make a RIGHT onto S. Washington Street, which becomes Lee Highway (Route 29/211).** [Note: If you reach S. Maple Avenue you’ve gone about .1 mile too far]
4. **Continue 2.25 miles and then make a U-turn at N. Harrison Street.** [Note: There is a left-turn arrow so that’s not too difficult.]
5. **In about .14 mile you will reach 5555 Lee Highway on the right.** The building is a stand-alone and there is parking around it on 3 sides.

**Directions to N3JT’s QTH Saturday Morning**

**from Fairview Park Marriott**

1. Exit hotel and go left for about 300 yards and then a right onto Fairview Park Drive. *(Note: Fairview Park Drive ends in a circle; the parking lots are located on the circle, so you go left out of the parking lot and at the intersection ahead you make a right onto Fairview Park Drive.)* Continue straight (avoiding exits to Route 495 and Route 50) for about 1.5 miles until you reach Lee Highway. Make a LEFT onto Lee Highway but get in the right-hand lane after the turn.
2. Go about ¼ mile on Lee Highway and then make a RIGHT onto Shreve Road. Continue about 3-4 miles, passing Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) enroute. *(Note: Shreve Road changes name to Haycock Road when it crosses Route 7.)*  Make a LEFT onto GREAT FALLS STREET.
3. Go about ¾ mile and make a RIGHT onto Kirby Road. *(Note: Kirby Road is called Idylwood Road on the left side of the intersection but you are going right, which is labeled Kirby Road.)*
4. Go about 2 miles, through several traffic lights, until you get to a STOP sign, at Chesterbrook Road. Make a RIGHT at this 3-way intersection.
5. Go about ¾ mile, down the hill and up the hill and past the yellow speed limit sign. Make a LEFT onto Forest Lane.
6. Make an immediate LEFT onto Woodley Road. Go about 200 yards and you will find 6017 Woodley Road on the LEFT side of the road. Once you’ve found the house, turn around and park on **our side of the street only**, assuming there isn’t space in the driveway.
7. Return to the hotel is just the reverse of this.

If you get lost, call at 703.241.1144 (home) or 703.850.1600 (cell).

**DIRECTIONS TO BLACKFINN AMERIPUB**

**(from Fairview Park Marriott at 3111 Fairview Park Dr., Falls Church, VA)**

**2750 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22180**

**6 pm at the bar; 7 pm for dinner (informal attire)**

1. Exit hotel and go left for about 300 yards and then a right onto Fairview Park Drive. *(Note: Fairview Park Drive ends in a circle; the hotel parking lots are located on the circle, so you go left out of the parking lot and at the intersection ahead you make a right onto Fairview Park Drive. But if you go right out of the hotel you end up at the same place.)*
2. Stay on Fairview Park Drive for about 1-1.2 miles until you get to Lee Highway (Route 29/211). Make a left, going west.
3. Go about 1 mile on Lee Highway and make a right onto Gallows Road. It is a large intersection.
4. Go about ¼ mile and the restaurant is on the left. Probably before you can see the name Blackfinn you will see Lauren Elizabeth Road. Make a left and park in the lot on the right, or keep going and there will be a lot around the next corner. The restaurant is on the corner of the block north of you. If you miss Lauren Elizabeth Road, make a left onto Halstead Square Road and then a left at the next street, which is Mias Way. There will be a parking lot accessible there, or make another left back onto Lauren Elizabeth and the first parking lot will be on your left. There are two free parking lots.

Note: The restaurant, which is relatively new, is not fancy and its food is pub-like. We will be seated in an area to the right of the entrance.

At dinner, it is separate checks.

**DIRECTIONS TO W3LPL FROM THE HOTEL**

***Please make arrangements to visit Frank beforehand; 410.489.9826***

Exit hotel and go left for about 300 yards and then a right onto Fairview Park Drive. *(Note: Fairview Park Drive ends in a circle; the parking lots are located on the circle, so you go left out of the parking lot and at the intersection ahead you make a right onto Fairview Park Drive.)*  Continue straight until you see signs for Route 495 North to Rockville/Baltimore.

Follow the directions and ramp onto **I-495 North** toward Rockville/Baltimore. Go 10+ miles

Stay in the right lanes of **I-495 toward Baltimore (not I-270)**. Go an additional 11 miles.

Take the ramp at Exit 27, **I-95 North** to Baltimore. Go 12 miles.

Take the ramp at Exit 38 B, **Route 32 West**, towards Columbia. Go 8 miles.

Route 32 then becomes a two-lane road.

After five miles, bear right at the new interchange with Burntwoods Rd. At the top of the ramp, drive 270 degrees around the traffic circle onto Burntwoods Road. Cross over the Route 32 overpass and proceed straight through the next traffic circle.

Go one mile and pass straight through another traffic circle.

Go one additional mile and turn right on top of the hill onto Hobbs Rd.

The W3LPL QTH is the brick house at 3055 Hobbs Rd, 0.3 miles ahead on the right. Look up.