

**MARYLAND MOTORCOACH ASSOCIATION  
RETREAT TO  
CALVERT COUNTY, MD**

**MARCH 13-15, 2010**

**Operator members can attend at no charge. Allied members pay \$125 pp double or \$175 single. You MUST register in advance. Please contact Carol Joyce at 410-766-1545 ext 14 to register.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

**7:30 am** Depart from Hubers Bus Service

**8:00 am** Depart from Prince George's County  
Exact location will be advised

**10:00 am** Arrive in Calvert County - pick up our hostess, Joyce Baki, who will give a history of the county and highlights on the way to the hotel. We'll stop at two churches on the way.

**10:45 am** Check into the Holiday inn Solomons

**11:30 am** Depart for Annmarie Garden & Sculpture Park

**11:45 am** Arrive at the a 30-acre park that features a shady walking path, new Arts Building & Studio School, as well as a busy calendar of exhibits, festivals and classes. The walking path meanders through the woods passed works or marvelous outdoor sculpture, some on loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

**12:45 pm** Lunch

**2:00 pm** Depart

**2:15 pm** Visit the Chesapeake Biological laboratory. Founded by zoologist Reginald Truitt in 1925 on land donated by the people of Solomons, this is the oldest state-supported marine laboratory on the East Coast. A part of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, CBL allows visitors to experience the scientific atmosphere of the research facility, learn about ecology and natural resources of the Chesapeake Bay and the important contributions made by CBL scientists to our environmental heritage.

**3:00 pm** Depart for the Calvert Marine Museum

**3:15 pm** The Calvert Marine Museum is the only museum on the East Coast that is home to two lighthouses, rich maritime history and diversity of life in the Chesapeake Bay come alive. See a skates and rays exhibit, models, paintings, woodcarvings, aquariums, fossils and boats. Outdoor exhibits include a boat basin, river otter habitat and recreated salt marsh.

The Drum Lighthouse on the grounds of the Calvert Marine Museum was constructed in 1883 at Drum Point to mark the entrance to the Patuxent River. This screw pile cottage-type light is one of only three remaining from 45 that once served the Chesapeake Bay at the Beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Decommissioned in 1962, the lighthouse has been beautifully restored, complete with furnishings of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The *William B. Tennison* is the only Coast Guard-licensed log-hulled vessel in America. Built in 1899, this National Historic landmark was later converted from sail to power and served as an oyster buyboat until 1978.

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Tour history at the Cove Point Lighthouse, the oldest continuously working lighthouse in Maryland. Built in 1828 by John Donahoo, the 40-foot brick tower is surmounted by an iron lantern containing a lens manufactured in Paris in 1897.. Buildings at the Cove Point station include a 1901 fog signal building, a brick generator/fog signal building, green keeper's home and a two-bedroom cottage.

- 5:00 pm** Return to the hotel
- 6:30 pm** Depart for dinner
- 6:45 pm** Reception and dinner at the Calvert Marine Museum

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

- 8:30 am** Depart from the lobby of the hotel
  - 8:45 am** Breakfast and a tour of the Hilton Garden Inn Solomons.
  - 10:00 am** Depart for North Beach
  - 10:45 am** Arrive in North Beach
  - 11:00 am** Visit the Bayside History Museum. This museum explains the role the Chesapeake Bay environment had in shaping the cultures of bayside communities from prehistoric times to the present. Through research and interpretation of collections, the museum promotes stewardship of this heritage for future generations.
  - 11:30 am** Enjoy a Shopping Bag Tour. A sampling of shops include *Sweet Sue's Bake Shop*, *Sisters' Corner* (gifts, crafts, foods, souvenirs), *Chez elle* (fashion & home accessories), *Sea Scapes* (home accents, gifts and inspiration), *Coffee, Tea & Whimsy* (exceptional gifts, coffee & tea), *Old Town Candy Company*, (candy & novelties), *Gallo's Italian Deli* (subs, sandwiches, cheese, pizza), *Bilvil* (lunch & dinner featuring locally grown when possible), *Westlawn Inn* (fine dining). We will all be given "Shopping Bags" and a map of participating vendors. The shops will have special gifts for us.
- Progressive Lunch - sponsored by the restaurants of North Beach & Chesapeake Beach - the participating restaurants will be showcasing their signature items - shuttle vans will be provided by the Calvert County Department of Economic Development to allow participants to "savor" the experience.
- 2:00 pm** Tour of the Chesapeake Beach Resort & spa
  - 2:30 pm** Tour the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum - the early history of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company & Amusement Park is detailed in a collection of historical photos and artifacts from the days when summer crowds traveled to the Chesapeake Beach resort via the railroad. Today, the Railway's only remaining station houses the museum, which displays resort life and transportation from the early 1900's.
  - 3:00 pm** Depart

**3:30 pm** Visit the Running Hare Vineyards who celebrated their grand opening in August, 2008. Within a year, five of their six wines received medals in the Governor's Cup Wine Competition. Since the, they have tripled their wine production. The 300-acre vineyard is also a magnificent site for wedding ceremonies and special events.

**4:15 pm** Depart

**4:45 pm** Return to the hotel

**6:00 pm** Depart for dinner

**6:30 pm** Dinner tonight will be in Prince Frederick

## **MONDAY, MARCH 15**

**7:30 am** PLEASE HAVE YOUR BAGS READY FOR PICK UP OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR BEFORE YOU GO TO BREAKFAST

**8:00 am** Breakfast at the Holiday Inn Solomons

**9:00 am** Depart

**9:30 am** Visit Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum - experience, discover, learn and have fun on 560 acres overlooking the Patuxent River and St. Leonard Creek. Over 70 archaeological sites have been identified on the property reflecting over 12,000 years of human occupation. The Maryland Archaeological Conservation laboratory, a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to research, conservation and storage of Maryland artifacts is located on the grounds. Visitor and Exhibit Center, Discovery Room, hiking trails, recreated Eastern Woodland Indian Village, tours, educational programs, workshops, canoe and kayak launch, picnic area, pavilion rental for private functions. We will visit the Visitor & Exhibit Center, take a behind the scenes tour of the MAC Lab and learn the part that this property played in the War of 1812.

**11:00 am** Depart

**11:20 am** The Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary is a 100-acre ecological sanctuary that includes the northernmost naturally occurring stand of bald cypress trees in America. A nature trail features an elevated boardwalk. The nature Center houses live animals and exhibits. Classes, demonstrations, fieldtrips and special programs are offered throughout the year.

**12:00 Noon** Depart

**12:10 pm** Visit the One Room School House - The Port Republic School No 7 has been in this shady grove for more than 100 years. Authentically preserved, the schoolhouse is filled with memorabilia.

**12:30 pm** Lunch and wine tasting will be at Fridays Creek Winery, a family owned winery housed in a remodeled tobacco barn that dates from the 1920's. Where tobacco once hung, local art now resides; where livestock once roamed, wine in oak barrel now ages. Visitors are welcome to stroll the grounds, sample wines and, of course, purchase the locally produced fare. Fridays Creek Winery has become a popular destination where people can spend a pleasant afternoon, learn about Southern Maryland wines and stroll through the vineyards.

**2:30 pm** We say "Goodbye" to our hostess, Joyce, and head for home.