

Watkins Glen Vintage Festival

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MG is the featured marque this year. The SVRA Vintage Grand Prix will not be the same weekend due to television scheduling changes. Refer to the festival website to read about it and to sign up to join the featured marque activities. <http://www.grandprixfestival.com/>

At the website, go to Stone Bridge Driver Events on the menu to the left. Scroll down to “Tour de Marque Launched from Chateau Lafayette Reneau – MG” and determine if you want to participate and sign up if you do. These driving events fill up fast, so sign up early. For others without MGs, peruse the other events and sign up if that is what you want to do. During your time at the festival you will have time to walk down to see Seneca Lake and also go to Watkins Glen State Park and walk up through the gorge. If you have never done this, don't miss it. There may be a shuttle to go to the top of the gorge so that you can walk down through it rather than climbing up the many steps. However, it isn't all steps and there are many flat areas between the flights of stairs.

We will drive north on US 15 after meeting at 10:30 AM on Thursday, September 5 at the Pilot Travel Center on US 22, 30 Benvenue Rd, Duncannon, PA. For lunch we will stop at Trout Run, PA, around 1 ½ hours away. The nice little Steam Valley Restaurant has been replaced with Subway and Fatburger and Buffalo's Express.

After lunch we will continue north on US 15 for approximately another hour to our hotel, America's Best Value Inn at 196 S Hamilton St, Painted Post, NY. (607)962-2456 (Gang Mills Exit 11). Check in time isn't until 4 PM, so we will have plenty of time for lunch, filling up with gas, etc. I have made my reservations for two nights because Friday will be a full day and another night's sleep will be helpful before returning home.

Perhaps we can fill up our gas tanks with ethanol free fuel at the Speedway located at 891 Addison Rd (NY 417-Exit 8, US 15), Painted Post, NY before checking in at the hotel. It is five minutes away from the hotel.

We can figure out dinner plans after we are all checked in. Applebee's is close by.

Friday morning we will have a 40 minute drive to the winery and starting place for the Tour de Marque. More information will be forthcoming as it is released by the organizers of the event.

On Saturday, I plan a trip to the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum (<https://glennhcurtissmuseum.org/about/>) in Hammondsport, around a half hour drive. Curtiss was a pioneer in aviation. After the museum visit we will head home, retracing the steps that we took on Thursday.

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