

**A TMC Weekend in Vermont**  
**Friday May 16 to Monday May 19, 2014**  
(plus 2 days for those that choose to stay longer)

**Once again it is time to start the process for the Club's annual Vermont weekend!**

**WHERE ARE WE STAYING?**

For 2014 we will again be staying at the Stowehof Inn and Resort. Feedback from those that participated last year was very positive on this resort.

<http://www.stowehofinn.com/index.php>

This Stowehof has only 46 rooms and **the entire Inn** is available for our event if we can fill it. The Stowehof sits on 26 acres with beautiful views in every direction. Named one of the 10 best guest rooms in New England" by SKI Magazine in 2001. all rooms have TV, cable and duvets. There is an indoor pool with Jacuzzi and sauna as well as an outdoor pool, fitness center and 4 tennis courts. In addition it is very close to Smugglers Notch.



As those who went last year will recall, the Stowehof is well known for its fine dining with two restaurants on site. There is the main dining room, Emily's, where we will have the closing dinner on Sunday night and also Coslin's Pub for lighter fare. There is also a large gathering room adjacent to the dining room, overlooking the valley where we can gather after the tours to share experiences of the day.

Much of the winter portion of the movie, *The Four Seasons*, (Alan Alda, Carol Burnett) was filmed on the Stowehof premises back a number of years ago and the hotel will arrange a special screening of the movie for those that are interested.



### **UNDERGROUND MIATA NETWORK**

Again for 2014, Ottawa Underground Miata Network members are invited to participate. UMN members will be required to complete the same application form and registration process along with TMC's Hold Harmless Form

### **PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Must be an active member of the Club at the time of the Tour
- TMC members must have a signed current Annual Membership Form on file with the Membership Co-ordinator.
- UMN members must return the TMC Hold Harmless form with their registration.
- Miata must be in good mechanical condition.
- **Must have a working CB radio in the car.**

### **THE ROOMS**

The inn has three categories of rooms as follows with the difference between them being the size & the décor of the room:

<b>Room Category</b>	<b># Rooms Available</b>	<b>Room Rate Per Night (10% VT tax and 19% gratuities extra) (breakfast included)</b>	<b>Closing Dinner Charge Per Participant (not optional) (taxes &amp; Gratuities extra)</b>
Premier	6	\$139.00	\$45.00
Classic	19	\$114.00	\$45.00
Traditional	21	\$89.00	\$45.00

These are all double rooms of which 9 have "king size" beds, 24 have "king size" beds that have the ability to be split into 2 single beds and 13 rooms have "queen size" beds.

A “Vermont Hot Country Breakfast” is included in the above room rates.

- **NOTE: Rooms will be reserved on a first come first served basis based on the receipt of the attached TMS registration form and the Registration Fee. On receipt of both of these a TMC Registration Number will be assigned and emailed to you. No reservations will be accepted by the hotel without the TMC Registration Number.**



### **ROOM DEPOSIT & CANCELLATION**

- The Stowehof will charge the cost of one night's stay as a deposit at the time of the reservation.
- Hotel reservation cancellations will be accepted up to May 1, 2014 (15 days prior) with the refund of the deposit less a \$25.00 handling fee deducted
- In the event of a hotel reservation cancellation after May 1, 2014 the deposit is forfeited in full.

### **EXTENDED STAY OPTION**

For any members who would like to enjoy Stowe a little longer, the Stowehof has again added the option of **paying for 4 nights and staying 5 nights**. The 5<sup>th</sup> night is free. This option could be the Wednesday & Thursday nights before, the Thursday night before and the Monday night after or the Monday & Tuesday nights after. Your choice! Last year a large number took advantage of this option with most arriving on the Thursday and leaving on the Tuesday.

## DEPARTURE POINTS

In the past we have had a common departure for TMC member from Port Hope. Preliminary indications are that a number of people will opt for the extended stay option. As such while we will arrange a Port Hope departure point and supply a route from there, there may not be a pre-organized tour from Port Hope to Stowe. Dave Roger will also be taking a group down from Kingston partly by ferry, so if you are interested, please contact him to express your interest (email: [dave.roger@sympatico.ca](mailto:dave.roger@sympatico.ca) ) and get further instructions.

## LEADS & SWEEPS

As always in order to make the weekend a success sufficient leads and sweeps are required. Neither leading nor sweeping is particularly onerous and does get you more involved in the tour process and with the other people. Please consider volunteering to lead or sweep.

## DAILY TOURS

On the Saturday and Sunday tours of the Vermont countryside and a lunch location will be arranged. It is anticipated that each day's tour will end at the lunch location leaving much of the afternoon free for individual sightseeing, shopping or relaxing.

## WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

There will be a welcome wine & cheese reception on the Friday evening. The cost of this is included.

## CLOSING DINNER

Our traditional closing dinner will take place in Emily's on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will likely include appetizer, soup or salad, entrée and dessert (the actual menu has not been established yet). This dinner will cost **approximately \$45.00** per person (plus taxes and gratuities). **This dinner package is part of the package and is not optional. The hotel will in all cases automatically charge the dinner charge to each participants hotel bill**



## TOUR REGISTRATION:

**There will be a registration fee for this event of \$20.00 Cdn per person.** Wine and cheese reception on Friday, May 16 at 7:00 PM and participation on the screening of the movie "The Four Seasons" filmed on the premises. **This registration fee is refundable only for cancellations before March 15, 2014.** Also included in this registration fee is a memento of the 2014 weekend. While the nature of this has not been completely finalized, it will be a piece of commemorative headgear, and your colour preference is requested on the attached registration form.





#### **REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:**

Due to the variety of rooms and rates and the registration fee a specific registration procedure will be used as follows:

- All participants must complete the attached registration form, return it to me, (Gary Svoboda) and receive a Registration Number prior to making hotel reservations.
- The completed registration form can be emailed back to hold a room allocation. If for some reason you can't complete the attached form in the word document emailing all of the indicated information is sufficient.
- The registration fee must follow within 10 days **mailed to and payable to**  
**Gary Svoboda, 35 Tanager Drive, Guelph, ON, N1C 1B7**
- If the registration fee is not received within the 10 days the hold on the room will be released
- **TMC members must have signed a current TMC Annual Membership Form.**
- **Room category will be assigned on a first come basis based on my receipt of this TMC registration form and room allocation will be held pending receipt of the Registration Fee.**
- Upon receipt of the registration fee and other required forms, a TMC registration # and further reservation information will be issued by email.

**No reservations will be accepted by the hotel without the TMC Registration #.**

**Gary Svoboda**

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**PS For the past several years, this tour has basically been a sell-out, so I strongly suggest that interested parties respond to me as quickly as possible.**