



2018 NAPA CONVENTION NEWS • JANUARY 2018

NAPA Convention Set for July 16-18, 2018, at The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio

Our 2018 Convention will be held Mon., Tue. and Wed., July 16-18 at Ohio's newest state park lodge, located in 698-acre Geneva State Park. The park has 2 miles of shoreline frontage on Lake Erie. The Lodge and Conference Center overlooks the lake.

Reception Committee members Bill Boys and Arie Koelewyn, with their wives, canvassed an area of northeast Ohio in and around Ashtabula looking for a site for our 142nd convention site facility. With the help of input from a number of members in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, they recommended this beautiful and beautifully-located facility and the dates stated above.

President Michelle Klosterman has given her formal approval, so this is official information, and will be repeated in the March issue of *The National Amateur*, and in NAPA Email News.

The Lodge is located immediately to the west of Ohio's oldest summer resort town, Geneva-on-the-Lake, and 9 miles west of Ashtabula. It is 6½ miles north of Exit 218 on I-90.

"Geneva State Park offers the visitor a natural beach, several areas of freshwater marsh and beautiful mature woodlots. The middle and western beach areas contain plants that are rare in Ohio but characteristic of the Atlantic coast. Sea rocket, seaside spurge, beach pea and silverweed can be found on the Geneva beaches. Marshes located at the mouth of Cowles Creek, No Name Creek and Wheeler Creek contain swamp smartweed, leafy sedge and submerged aquatic vegetation." (From the park website.)

The town of **Geneva-on-the-Lake** website says: "During the summer season, our

famous entertainment Strip is alive with arcades, amusement rides, restaurants, night-clubs, live music and more. Lake Erie offers fishing, boating, and swimming -- often with just a short walk from your front door.

"Lodging includes camping, cottages, homes, and motels – and don't forget our beautiful state lodge!

"You can shoot a round of golf at one of our in-town or area golf courses. For family fun, try one of our many miniature golf courses.

"We offer wineries and sunsets, too, along with just the right summer breeze. Arriving by boat? Dock within the safety of the harbor at nearby Geneva State Park.

"Geneva-on-the-Lake, in Ashtabula County, Ohio, is an old-fashioned lakefront getaway that has something for everyone."





Sunrise over Lake Erie behind The Lodge at Geneva and its gazebo.

Convention 1 Day Shorter Not Arriving by Boat?

To reduce the cost of attending the convention, one day has been clipped off.

In recent years our business has been accomplished in only two days anyway, so we plan the closing banquet at the end of the second day. The third and final session will be held on the morning of the third day, and probably will only consist of Call to Order, Roll Call, and Adjournment. (Unfinished and New Business will be in order if needed.) This session will be held ad hoc, perhaps in the breakfast cafe or just gathered in any convenient seating area so that we do not need to rent the meeting room for a third day. Attendees can then check out immediately after. In this way, the Convention still meets our constitutional requirement of meeting on “three consecutive days in July.”

But any of us are welcome to stay up to *three* additional nights at the convention rate if we would care to explore this popular vacation and winery area further.

The room rate will be \$169 a night for Standard Double rooms (two queen beds, NO lake view). \$179 a night for Deluxe Double and Sofa (two queen beds and pull-out sofa, with partial lake view). To these add 14.75% taxes and an \$11 daily resort fee. That adds up to \$204 a night for Standard Double rooms; \$216 a night for Deluxe Double and Sofa rooms.

By eliminating that fourth night which many of us spent at previous conventions, plus the large discount The Lodge is giving us (about a third off their normal prices), we anticipate that a person’s room expense will be about the same as last year’s convention in California.

The Convention room rates will also apply to the night *before* the first session, when most of us arrive, share supper together, socialize, and get ready for the first day’s session.

Probably not a single one of us will need that boat-docking information on page 1, so here are the other ways to get there.

BY CAR

Interstate 90 runs right through the area. Exit 218 (Geneva) is the closest exit. Follow Ohio state route 534 north for 6 ½ miles and you are there.

BY AIR

The nearest major airport is Cleveland Hopkins International, 65 miles to the southwest, and served by many airlines. Car rental service is available until 2 a.m.

Erie, Pennsylvania, is a regional airport 63 miles to the northeast. It is served by United, Delta, and American. Car rental service is available until 10:30 p.m.

BY RAIL (AMTRAK)

Amtrak serves Cleveland by two routes, the Capitol Limited and the Lake Shore Limited; Erie by the Lake Shore Limited only. However, arrival and departures are all at night in both cities. (Alas, the tracks the Lake Shore Limited uses go right through Ashtabula and Geneva but it doesn’t stop.)

The Lakeshore Limited arrives at 3:27 a.m. from the east, 5:35 a.m. from the west.

The Capitol Limited arrives at 2:53 a.m. from the east, 1:45 a.m. from the west.

The station is only open from midnight to 7:30 a.m. and no car rental service is available there, nor in the downtown area at that hour. The only option would be to take a taxi to a downtown hotel and wait around till the car rental agencies open at 8 a.m.

BY BUS

Greyhound Express serves Geneva with a bus stop at the McDonald’s Restaurant near Austinburg, at Exit 223 on I-90, 11 miles to the southeast of The Lodge. However, the only bus from Cleveland leaves at 4:40 a.m.

All times mentioned are subject to change, of course.

Information on making room and banquet reservations, other events, and such details will follow as they firm up.

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