

To committee members and guests,

Once again, we look forward to having you all visit Vermont for this year's meeting. We are thrilled at the opportunity to have you here and visit our way of life, not to mention our business and all that goes into making our Squirter DTIs. We do appreciate the effort it takes to get here so we are doing our best to put on the best event we can. Thursday's dinner should be a great event with us at Applied Bolting picking up the tab.

-For those arriving later Wednesday night, dinner at the Old Tavern is from 5-9pm. After that, you are on your own. In case you are coming in after that, there is in Saxton's River the Pleasant Valley Brew Pub which is on route after you get off I-91 and the Saxtons River Inn, both serve until 8 or 9, but are that much closer in case you are running late.

Thursday morning Applied Bolting is hosting a cheese tour of the Grafton Cheese facility, bagged lunch, and then a stop at the Vermont Country Store for spouses/ guests and kids with a complimentary shuttle bus.

<http://www.graftonvillagecheese.com/>

<http://www.vermontcountrystore.com/Shop>

-Friday, the guests and spouses are on their own, but enjoying some of the peace and tranquility that Grafton has to offer is a good idea. Walking around town is idyllic. If the urge to wander is too great, Walpole, NH (where I live) is a quaint New England village only 20 minutes away with Burdick's Café/Restaurant and Chocolate shop (these people have been on Oprah). There is outlet shopping in Manchester, VT 30 minutes away. More importantly, there is the Equinox Inn and Orvis' Flagship store. Lastly, Woodstock and Quechee, VT are worth the drive. It's an hour's drive, but it is beautiful. There you will find the Woodstock Inn, Woodstock Farmers Market, Billings Farm, Gillingham's General Store, Rockefeller's Country Home, and Simon Pearce Glass Blowing and Restaurant.

<http://www.burdickchocolate.com/>

<http://www.manchesterdesigneroutlets.com/>

<http://www.equinoxresort.com/>

<http://www.orvis.com/manchester>

<http://www.woodstockvt.com/>

<http://www.woodstockinn.com/>

<http://www.nps.gov/mabi/index.htm>

<http://www.billingsfarm.org/>

<http://www.simonpearce.com/category/restaurants/quechee.do>

For those staying the weekend, my suggestions are as follows.

-Quechee Balloon Festival – Grab a picnic and watch the balloons launch at dinner or go with a cup of coffee for the pre-breakfast launch. When we used to go, we would do sandwiches and sit on the local golf course's fairway. Sandwiches could be had at the Old Tavern or on the way in Woodstock, VT at Woodstock Farmer's Market (a store), or the Village Butcher.

<http://www.quecheeballoonfestival.com/>

-In Woodstock, you can check out Billings Farm, the Woodstock Inn, Woodstock Farmer's Market or Gillingham's General Store. In Quechee, there is Simon Pearce Glass Blowing and Restaurant (for lunch or dinner), a fantastic spot. However, it will be busy as it is Father's Day.

<http://www.woodstockvt.com/>

<http://www.woodstockinn.com/>

<http://www.nps.gov/mabi/index.htm>

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-The drive up rt 100 to Warren is just spectacular. Hit the Warren Country Store for sandwiches, baked goods, and wine. Eat on their patio next to the river. On Saturday, cruise up a little further to the Waitsfield Farmer's Market, great spread. This is a 90 mile drive thru God's Country. Ben & Jerry's is also in this area.

<http://www.warrenstore.com/>

<http://www.waitsfieldfarmersmarket.com/>

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?1c=Grafton&1s=VT&1y=US&1l=43.1717&1g=-72.606697&1v=CITY&2c=Waitsfield&2s=VT&2y=US&2l=44.189999&2g=-72.825302&2v=CITY>

For the kids:

There is the Bromely Thrill Zone for the kids, not sure of the age restrictions. Only 30 minutes away.

<http://www.bromley.com/>

The Old Tavern's recommendations for kids:

<http://graftonponds.com/>

<http://www.nature-museum.org/>

<http://www.montshire.org/>

<http://www.billingsfarm.org/>

Our own mountain bike/hiking center

Amazing nature museum in Grafton

Incredible science museum in Norwich

Fun farm museum in Woodstock

Please contact myself or the Inn with any travel questions.

See you soon,

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