



Marshall Steam Museum

at Auburn Heights Preserve

Operated by the Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve, Inc.

Post Office Box 61, 3000 Creek Road ♦ Yorklyn, DE 19736 ♦ (302) 239-2385

www.AuburnHeights.org ♦ admin@AuburnHeights.org

Dear Steam Car Friends:

The Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve invites you to join volunteers of the Marshall Steam Team for an exciting six days of touring through historic towns and private estates, along the valleys and byways of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. Tour routes vary from less than 50 to more than 80 miles per day, making for a 350-mile tour week. Your steam car will experience the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains as well as the flat Atlantic Coastal Plain. The host hotels are the Fairfield Inn & Suites (Kennett Square) and the Inn at Mendenhall, both in Kennett Township, PA, where the Marshall family set down roots in 1759.

The Tour Committee will ensure ample supplies of water and clear kerosene as well as identify local sources for pilot fuel. Our trouble truck can return drivers to the hotel for their trailer should mechanical difficulties require it, and area commercial repair shops have stepped up to assist, as necessary.

Our week includes:

Sunday, July 8

Sign-in & Registration at the hotels as well as a Warm-Up Tour (optional for early arrivals); approx. 40 miles

Tour volunteers will welcome you and help you settle into the “Mushroom Capital of the World” for the coming week. To ensure your steamer is ready to tour after its trailer ride, an optional drive to the Antique Ice Tool Museum in West Chester, PA, is suggested. You’ll step back in time to explore a circa 1834 barn housing this unique private collection of tools and memorabilia detailing the history of America’s natural ice trade before the invention of refrigeration.



The Firing Up Banquet kicks off the 2018 Eastern Steam Car Tour at 6 pm at the Red Clay Room in historic Kennett Square, PA.

Monday, July 9

Two Great Estates: Granogue & Auburn Heights (followed by an Ice Cream Run to Woodside Farm Creamery); less than 50 miles

Granogue, built in 1923, is the private home of Barbara and Irénée du Pont (a descendant of the DuPont Company founder). Tour participants will be invited to visit the first floor of the grand family home, viewing the ballroom with its original Maxfield Parrish mural and marvelous Aeolian Pipe Organ. Afterward, a picturesque tour through the rolling Brandywine Valley brings drivers to Auburn Heights Preserve, Delaware’s newest State Park site and former home of Ruth and Thomas C. Marshall Jr.



The Steam Team will entertain tour participants with many of the traditional "Steamin' Day" activities, including entry to the Marshall Steam Museum, tours of the 1897 Victorian mansion, fresh-popped popcorn from the museum's steam-powered Cretors popper, and rides on the live steam Auburn Valley Railroad (AVRR). The AVRR team will also demonstrate the firing up of a 1/8-size live-steam locomotive. A gourmet box lunch is offered (see Registration Form to order yours, if desired).



The trails at Auburn Heights Preserve, including a recently installed iron truss bridge originally constructed in the late 1800s and now restored for steam car use, will be available by special arrangement for exclusive use by the tour (steam cars only), for those who wish to further explore the preserve.

Tour cars leaving Auburn Heights can then participate in a well-known Marshall Steam Team tradition: a summer Ice Cream Run to Woodside Farm Creamery, a multi-year winner of TripAdvisor's top-10 ice cream parlors in the USA. We recommend a large cone of Steam Oil ice cream, the signature flavor developed for Auburn Heights events!

Tuesday, July 10

Chester County, PA, Company Towns; approx. 85 miles

The day begins with a scenic tour on the rural roads of Chester County, PA, for a visit to the National Iron & Steel Museum in Coatesville, where a diverse array of exhibits document the beginnings of America's iron and steel industry. Lunch, on your own (either eat-in or take-out), will be your choice of a stop at Just Mom's along Rt 82 or St. Peter's Bakery in St. Peter's Village, a National Register of Historic Places site and one of the country's first company towns. A private visit and "snack stop" at FAHP member Jared Schoenly's house/shop/museum has also been arranged. Leaving the Schoenly residence, you'll enjoy a nice country drive through various covered bridges and the light hills around West Chester.



That evening, tour participants are invited to the Marshall Steam Museum for its monthly Evening at the Museum program to hear Terry Amsley (son of steam car enthusiast Carl Amsley) & Mike May share stories of Carl Amsley's tour exploits and enjoy casual dinner fare available for purchase on-site.

Wednesday, July 11

Historic Port Towns; approx. 77 miles

The Dutch West India Company settled Fort Casimir on the Delaware River in 1651. By 1680, the town (now named New Castle) had been conveyed to William Penn and became the capital of three lower counties of Pennsylvania and ultimately the first capital of Delaware. Several historic buildings will be open for tours, and visitors are encouraged to explore the cobbled streets and shops, with the opportunity to enjoy lunch on their own at a variety of local shops.



In the afternoon, the tour travels to Chesapeake City, MD, with a short stop at the C&D Canal Museum with historical displays and equipment housed in the original pump house serving the canal when it included locks. Originally named *Bohemia*, historic Chesapeake City offers a number of shops and restaurants to visit, or you can relax and watch the pleasure crafts sailing the Chesapeake Bay and C&D Canal.



That evening, the Stanley Museum will host its Annual Meeting, and all are welcome!

Thursday, July 12

Discover Lancaster County, PA; approx. 80 miles

Once part of Chester County, PA, Lancaster County is perhaps best known for its Mennonite and Amish communities. Today's tour offers several water and refreshment stops on the way to Strasburg, PA, home of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, the Strasburg Rail Road, and the National Toy Train Museum, among other attractions. Take a 45-min train ride, explore the adjacent railroad museums or enjoy a relaxing lunch – the choice is yours.



As an optional Thursday evening excursion, tour participants may order tickets to Longwood Gardens (only 2 miles from each host hotel) for its breathtaking Fountain Show, which features 1,700 water jets shooting as high as 175 feet, accompanied by vibrant light shows and music. Timed tickets are required and the shows often sell out in advance, so for those wishing to take advantage of this opportunity, tickets will be pre-purchased for those interested in attending the 9 pm show (see Registration Form to pre-order).



Friday, July 13

Gunpowder and Stars; less than 50 miles

Featuring restored gunpowder mills, a worker's community, and the ancestral home and gardens of the du Pont family, Hagley Museum and Library offers our tour group special demonstrations of their functioning water turbine as well as a visit to the line-shaft-powered machine shop.



Lunch will be on-your-own while touring the Brandywine Valley before a visit to Mt. Cuba Astronomical Observatory, which is open by special arrangement especially for the tour. Completed in 1963, the observatory features a 24-inch Cassegrain Reflector as well as the 4.5-inch Francis G. du Pont (inventor of smokeless gunpowder) refracting telescope, a Spitz Planetarium and other astronomical artifacts.



The 2018 Eastern Steam Car Tour concludes with the Blow-Down Dinner, to be held at Mendenhall Inn at 6 pm, when it will be time to reflect on the past week's tour while enjoying fine cuisine and camaraderie.

We hope you will register to join the tour and are happy to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to email 2018Tour@auburnheights.org or call the FAHP office at (302) 239-2385.

2018 Tour Committee

Thomas C. Marshall Jr., Chair

Mark Bodenstab
Steve Bryce
John Hopkins
Carla & Jerry Lucas
Jerry Novak
Susan Randolph

Rob Reilly
Bill Rule
Jared Schoenly
Tim Ward
Bob Wilhelm
Kelly Williams

TOUR REGISTRATION | *Return to Auburn Heights 2018*

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION

Check ONLY if **NOT OK** to list in tour book

NAME (Driver or primary registrant) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE (Day/Eve) _____ Cell Phone(s) _____

PASSENGERS or ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS

NUMBER: _____ (List names as you want them to appear on badges and in tour book below)

STEAM CAR INFORMATION

Check if NOT bringing a steam car; otherwise, please complete info below:

YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

MAIN FUEL Kerosene Diesel Gasoline Other: _____

I will bring all of my fuel needs I wish to purchase clear Kerosene at the tour

LODGING

STAYING AT Fairfield Inn & Suites Inn at Mendenhall Hilton Garden Inn Other _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

NOTE: You must reserve hotel rooms by May 24, 2018, to get special tour rates!

WAIVER

INSURANCE, VEHICLE SAFETY & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY (Required)

I, and all members of my party, agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve, Inc. and its members, agents or employees for any injury, casualty, loss or damage resulting from our participation in this tour. I confirm that the vehicle listed above and participating in the tour is road-worthy, registered and insured. I attest that I carry proof of road and liability insurance and a fire extinguisher in the vehicle at all times.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Questions? Contact Susan Randolph at srandolph@auburnheights.org (302-239-2385)

Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve Inc.
AuburnHeights.org

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 7, 2018

REGISTRATION, MEAL & OPTIONAL ACTIVITY FEES

	QTY		PRICE	=	TOTAL
FULL REGISTRATION	<input type="text"/>	@	\$125	=	<input type="text"/>
<i>Covers car & driver; includes tour banner, tour book & tour cap, plus all Monday & Friday activities (Monday box lunch may be ordered below; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday admissions & activities at your discretion)</i>					
PASSENGER/PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION	<input type="text"/>	@	\$45	=	<input type="text"/>
<i>Includes all Monday & Friday activities (Monday box lunch may be ordered below; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday admissions & activities at your discretion)</i>					
EXTRA TOUR BOOK	<input type="text"/>	@	\$20	=	<input type="text"/>
EXTRA TOUR BANNER	<input type="text"/>	@	\$20	=	<input type="text"/>
EXTRA TOUR CAP	<input type="text"/>	@	\$25	=	<input type="text"/>
TOUR T-SHIRT (SIZE: <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL, add \$2)	<input type="text"/>	@	\$20	=	<input type="text"/>

SUNDAY: JULY 8, FIRING UP BANQUET *(Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, followed by a buffet dinner)*

Adult Meal	<input type="text"/>	@	\$50	=	<input type="text"/>
Children's Meal (age 12 & under)	<input type="text"/>	@	\$25	=	<input type="text"/>

MONDAY: JULY 9, BOX LUNCH

Includes gourmet sandwich from Country Butcher Market, w/ chips, a side dish, cookie & drink. Indicate # & sandwich choice(s):

Roast Beef Turkey Ham Grilled Mixed Veggies (Sandwich)

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY: Activities & Meals on Your Own *(See Tour Overview for details)*

Check here if planning to attend the Stanley Museum Annual Meeting Wednesday evening

THURSDAY: STRASBURG RAILROAD: Activities & Meals on Your Own *(See Tour Overview for details)*

OPTIONAL EVENING TICKETS TO LONGWOOD GARDENS

Tickets are nonrefundable for 7:30 or 8:00pm (based on availability) and good for arrival 30 min. prior to and after listed time; after arrival, you may stay as long as you wish until site closing. Evening Fountain Show is at 9pm. Transportation will be on your own.

Adult Ticket	<input type="text"/>	@	\$19	=	<input type="text"/>
Senior/Student Ticket (ID req'd)	<input type="text"/>	@	\$17	=	<input type="text"/>
Youth Ticket (age 5-18)	<input type="text"/>	@	\$7	=	<input type="text"/>

FRIDAY: JULY 13, BLOW-DOWN DINNER *(Cash bar, followed by seated dinner)*

Adult Meal	<input type="text"/>	@	\$60	=	<input type="text"/>
<i>Dinner Choices (indicate number of each):</i>					
<input type="text"/> Prime Rib	<input type="text"/> Chicken Piccata	<input type="text"/> Garden Vegetable Wellington (vegetarian)			
Children's Meal (age 12 & under)	<input type="text"/>	@	\$28	=	<input type="text"/>
<i>Chicken Fingers & French Fries</i>					

TOTAL DUE

PAYMENT

I enclose my check (made payable to **FAHP – Steam Car Tour**)

Please return your completed Registration Form with payment to:
2018 Steam Car Tour, c/o FAHP P. O. Box 61
Yorklyn DE 19736

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 7, 2018