



# 4 Seasons Rambler Club

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## AMCRC 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention hosted by the 4 Seasons Rambler Club

**July 23-25** — Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main St, Sturbridge, MA 01566

(junction of Rtes 90, 84, & 20) Phone: 800-582-3232 or 508-347-7393.

Website [www.sturbridgehosthotel.com](http://www.sturbridgehosthotel.com)

**A block of rooms is available - mention the 4 Seasons Rambler Club for the \$96 rate Flying in to the area? We suggest Bradley Int'l Airport (BDL) in Windsor Locks, CT. Only 50 miles from the Sturbridge Host Hotel. (see BradleyAirport.com)**

### Alternate area lodging (and distance to Sturbridge Host Hotel):

Super 8, 358 Main St, Sturbridge, MA (adjoins showfield) 508-347-9000, email [KozloAnt@wynhq.com](mailto:KozloAnt@wynhq.com)

Hampton Inn, 328 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 508-347-6466, [www.myhamptoninn.com](http://www.myhamptoninn.com) (3.3 mi)

Comfort Inn, 215 Charlton Rd (Route 20), Sturbridge, MA 508-347-3306, [www.sturbridgecomfortinn.com](http://www.sturbridgecomfortinn.com) (1.4 mi)

### Bed & Breakfast (and distance to Sturbridge Host Hotel):

Vienna Restaurant & Historic Inn, 14 South St, Southbridge, MA 508-764-0700, [www.TheVienna.com](http://www.TheVienna.com) (3.8 mi)

Heritage Hill B&B, 110 E Brimfield Rd, Holland, MA 413-245-4141, [www.HeritageHillBandB.com](http://www.HeritageHillBandB.com) (5.5 mi)

The Inn at Restful Paws (pet-friendly), 70 Allen Hill Rd, Holland, MA 888-430-7297, [www.RestfulPaws.com](http://www.RestfulPaws.com) (5.8 mi)

Hisgen House, 78 Hisgen Rd, Holland, MA 413-245-6267, [www.HisgenHouse.com](http://www.HisgenHouse.com) (6.7 mi)

### Other attractions (and distance to Sturbridge Host Hotel):

At hotel: paddle boats, mini golf, and family beach + indoor pool.

Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd, Sturbridge, MA 508-347-3362, [www.OSV.org](http://www.OSV.org) (.3 mi)

Hyland Orchard and Brewery, 195 Arnold Rd, Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA, 508-347-7500, [www.hylandbrew.com](http://www.hylandbrew.com) (2.6)

Hemlock Ridge Golf (9 holes), 220 Holland Rd, Fiskdale, MA 508-347-9935, [www.HemlockRidgeGolfCourse.com](http://www.HemlockRidgeGolfCourse.com) (3.3)

Heritage Country Club (18 holes), 1 Sampson Rd, Charlton, MA 508-238-5111, [www.HeritageCountryClub.com](http://www.HeritageCountryClub.com) (4)

American Bowling (candlepin), 123 North St, Southbridge, MA 508-764-6004 (4.7 mi)

Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary, 56 Capen Rd, Charlton, MA 508-248-5516 or [www.capenhill.org](http://www.capenhill.org) (5 mi)

Brimfield Antique Show, Rte 20, Brimfield, MA [www.brimfieldshow.com](http://www.brimfieldshow.com) (Jul 14-19 - largest U.S. outdoor show) (6.5)

Clara Barton Birthplace Museum, 68 Clara Barton Rd, N Oxford, MA 508-987-5375, [www.ClaraBartonBirthplace.org](http://www.ClaraBartonBirthplace.org) (13)

Higgins Armory Museum, 100 Barber Ave, Worcester, MA 508-853-6015, [www.Higgins.org](http://www.Higgins.org) (24 mi)

Quabbin Reservoir, 485 Ware Rd, Belchertown, MA 413-323-7221, [www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/quabbin.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/quabbin.htm) (33)

One of the largest man-made reservoirs supplies the city of Boston. Hiking, fishing, picnicking, observation tower

Southwick's Zoo, 2 Southwick St (off Rte 16), Mendon, MA 800-258-9182, [www.SouthwicksZoo.com](http://www.SouthwicksZoo.com) (36)

Basketball Hall of fame, 1000 West Columbus Ave, Springfield, MA 413-781-6500 or [www.hoophall.com](http://www.hoophall.com) (36)

Six Flags New England, 1623 Main St (Rte 159), Agawam, MA 413-786-9300, [www.sixflags.com/newEngland](http://www.sixflags.com/newEngland) (41)

If you're planning your vacation, historic Boston is 1 hour away, Cape Cod is 2 hours away.

Also check [www.sturbridgehosthotel.com](http://www.sturbridgehosthotel.com) or [www.Sturbridge.org](http://www.Sturbridge.org) for more area attractions

## ITINERARY (subject to change)

**Wednesday, 7/22:** Coming in to town early? Club members will be on-site to organize for the show and to greet early arrivals. Maps & directions will be available to help find area activities. An easel in the lobby will post contact info and itineraries to let arrivals know where we are. Around 5:00 we will have an optional gathering to have a group supper.

**Thursday, 7/23:** Join us for our "Thursday Ramble" leaving the Sturbridge Host Hotel at **12:30**, we will travel Route 20 west to Route 148, going through the beautiful Common of Brookfield then on to Route 9. We will be going through the center of West Brookfield and Ware, and stopping (**about 1:00**) in Ware at Snow's Ice Cream. Those who wish to will continue to the Hardwick Winery where (**at about 1:30**) the staff will greet you and will open the doors to their winery so we can drive our cars into the building on a red carpet. Great photo opportunity inside & out. Once inside, we can enjoy cheese, crackers, & fruit (\$6 / person) while sampling wines for free. Those who do not go to the winery can stay at Snow's and the winery group will pick them up on the way back (**about 2:30**). We will then travel back to route 9, heading toward Quabbin Park and Reservoir (**about 3:00**). Great photo ops at Enfield Look Out and Visitor's Center. From there we will end the day at Steamy Tenders for dinner in an old train dinner car (**about 5:00**). The total trip is about 50 miles. We will have a schedule posted in the lobby, along with cell phone numbers in case you arrive late and want to meet up with us. *We have to know if you're interested in the cheese, crackers, & fruit and / or dinner at Steamy Tenders so we can give an approximate head count. (Please reserve using contact information at the top of the page)*

### **Friday, 7/24:**

- 9am-12pm **Early registration** and check-in
  - all day **parts vendors** will be set up
  - 9am - 1pm "**Chapter Show**" on the showfield
- Plan to meet other chapters (including the Marlin Auto Club Chapter) as you park next to your own chapter members and compete for prizes in our not-yet-famous "Chapter Challenge"
- ~2:00-5:00 **Afternoon activity** options include a cruise to: a local brewery, a local state park, Old Sturbridge Village, or a burger "joint".  
AMCRC members will probably eat before the 5:30 AMCRC meeting
  - 5:30pm – 7pm **AMCRC membership meeting** at the Host Hotel  
*AMCRC members only* please plan to attend - meet the AMCRC "family", get involved in your club! Ask questions, make suggestions, comment on the present and help decide the future of AMCRC
  - 5:30pm – 7pm Activity for non-AMCRC members (in lieu of Membership Meeting)
  - 7:00 pm **Ice Cream Social (Colonel Custard frozen dessert buffet) - \$5 / person**  
*(Please reserve using contact info at the top of the page)*

### **Saturday, 7/25:**

- 8:00am - 12:00pm **Show registration**
- 8:00am - ?? **Shirt sales** (quantities permitting)
- **Show car photos** immediately following registration (on the way to the field)
  - 9am - 4pm **Car Show**
  - 9am – 1:30pm **Outside food vending**
  - all day **Parts vending and 4 Seasons' "trunk swap"**
    - all day **DJ**, trivia questions, prizes, raffles
  - 12pm - 2pm "**Peer Choice**" ballots – distribute, fill out, & turn in
- 12pm **Pre-registration Drawing** for \$20 and free entry to the 2010 Rambler Regional
  - 12:30pm - 1:30pm "**Kids' Choice**" voting and kids' activities
  - 2:00pm – 3:00pm **Prize drawings and 50/50 drawing**
- 3pm **Outside Awards** (for those not attending the awards banquet)

### **Saturday night: *Banquet & Awards ceremony (at hotel)***

- 6pm - 7pm **Happy Hour** in foyer outside the dinner hall
  - 7pm - 9:30pm **Awards Banquet**
- Including: < Trophy & award presentations > < 11<sup>th</sup> Annual 4 Seasons Banquet Auction > < "Rambler Kids" prizes >

## SHOW UPDATES: 2009 30th Annual AMCRC Convention

We now have over 60 cars registered for the show and the banquet.

So far convertibles have the most per-class entries.

Caravans: Harley Smith of the Potomac chapter is working to organize a caravan from the MD area. If you're coming from a long distance, contact us if you're interested in caravans heading this way.

Howard & Rebecca Malarkey reported that we have about 14 parts vendors confirmed so far, while others are still deciding. There are many more to be heard from as the show date gets closer. We should have a good turnout, so bring your AMC / Rambler savings account!



## FOR MEMBERS ONLY -- AMCRC 2009 Membership Meeting at the Convention

Do you have something to say about our worldwide club (good things, I hope)? Are you concerned about our AMCRC future, our direction, or whether we are affected by too much economic stimulus? Would you like to meet other members, other chapter members, Founder Frank, President / Editor Brian, Webmaster / Treasurer Brad, Database / Member Admin Sandy, or maybe PSG Dan? Would you like to jump into a rewarding career in non-profit, thankless club volunteerism? Then join us for our Friday AMCRC membership meeting beginning at about 5:30 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel!

By the way, if you'd like to contribute an agenda suggestion, send it me (Brian).

## AMCRC Membership Meeting Agenda – July 24, 2009, 5:30pm

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
- II. AMCRC short history, 1980 - present
- III. AMCRC NATIONAL HEALTH (how are we doing?)
- IV. INDIVIDUAL CHAPTER HEALTH: Chapter list • \$\$ to chapters based on chapter size & AMCRC member ratio • dual (AMCRC / AMO) chapters • potential chapters
- V. AMCRC FINANCIAL STATUS
- VI. DUES
- VII. NATIONAL CONVENTION
  - A. AMCRC nationals - general
  - B. Purpose / goals for a national convention
  - C. What do we (members) want in a national show / convention?
  - D. AMCRC expectations of the host chapter
  - E. Chapter get-togethers during convention (the MAC, for example)
  - F. Benefits to the host chapter:
    - Host club keeps all of its proceeds
    - Host club attracts new members
    - A larger show will attract vendors to your area
  - G. Benefits to the AMCRC:
    - AMCRC attracts new members
    - A larger show will attract vendors to support the club members
  - H. National Convention Chairman – maybe later in 2009?
- VIII. AMCRC CHAPTER SUPPORT
- IX. COMMUNICATION: General • chapter-to-chapter • chapter-to-AMCRC
- X. AMCRC CLUB STORE & ONLINE ITEMS
- XI. AMCRC direction

# You Can See It All From Sturbridge!

Sturbridge is right in the middle of New England, just 60 miles from Boston, 45 miles from Hartford, 50 miles from Providence and 100 miles from Albany. With easy access to the Massachusetts Turnpike and Interstate 84, you're just a stone's throw from many more New England treasures. Make Sturbridge your base, then venture out in all directions for day trips – but be back in time for some Indian pudding!

Brochures and detailed information can be found at our very accommodating Information Center located just opposite the entrance road to Old Sturbridge Village, at 380 Main Street, Route 20, Sturbridge. We would be delighted to help make your stay here a most enjoyable one.

508-347-7594 or 800-628-8379

[www.sturbridge.org](http://www.sturbridge.org)



## Summer activities at Sturbridge Host Hotel

Sturbridge Host Hotel  
& Conference Center      \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$  
[www.sturbridgehosthotel.com](http://www.sturbridgehosthotel.com)  
366 Main Street - Route 20  
Sturbridge, MA 01566  
508-347-7393  
Fax: 508-347-3824  
Located across from Old Sturbridge Village on nine acres of landscaped grounds on Cedar Lake, this hotel features 233 Early American décor rooms and 33,000 square feet of meeting space.

- Paddle Boats for rent
- Miniature Golf (Miniature golf clubs are available at the Boat House)
- Horseshoes
- Beach volleyball
- Swimming (private beach)

No charge for use of the horseshoes or the beach.  
All activities are “weather permitting”

### Local eating in adjoining parking lots (no driving):

- Ox Head Tavern (part of Host Hotel) – includes outside deck
- Picadilly Pub
- McDonald’s
- Burger King
- BT’s Smokehouse
- George’s Pizza & Colonel Custard frozen dessert

Use the contact information at the top of page 1 to let me know if you’d like to reserve for **(1) cheese & crackers at the winery (Thu)** **(2) dinner at Steamy Tenders (Thu)** **(3) the ice cream social (Fri)**