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## **29<sup>th</sup> Annual NCVA Reunion**

### **2007 - Saratoga Springs, New York**

Monday 10 September through Thursday 13 September 2007

Host - **Al St. Onge**

Sponsoring Group - [NCVA New England](#)

## **Tours**

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### **Saratoga Local Tour: A GLIMPSE OF SARATOGA**

This tour is offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

A step on guide will join you and your group to catch a glimpse of Saratoga Springs. Hear about Health, History and Horses.

Welcome to Saratoga Springs, New York

Our tour guide will escort you through Saratoga Springs and tell you about the spring waters and how people believe the mineral baths or drinking the spring water have healing powers. Learn about Diamond Jim Brady and the casinos that were part of the early history of Saratoga Springs. Although Saratoga Springs is home to many horse events throughout the year, during the six weeks that the thoroughbreds are here, our town swells to over capacity. Hear about Funny Cide's home, Saratoga Springs "The Summer Place to Be", the history of the Harness track, Oklahoma training track, Yaddo Gardens, Canfield Casino and many of the exquisite mansions here in Saratoga.

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## **Saratoga Battlefield Tour (With boxed lunch)**

This tour is offered on Monday and Tuesday.

Site of the first significant American military victory during the Revolution, the Battles of Saratoga rank among the fifteen most decisive battles in world history. Here in 1777 American forces met, defeated and forced a major British army to surrender, an event which led France to recognize the independence of the United States and enter the war as a decisive military ally of the struggling Americans.

First authorized as a New York state site in 1927 on the sesquicentennial of the Battles, the Battlefield was made part of the National Park System in 1938 when Saratoga National Historical Park was authorized by the United States Congress.

Boxed lunch will consist of a sandwich, chips and drink.

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## **Lake George Steamboat/lunch/outlet shopping**

This tour is offered on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

LAC du SAINT SACREMENT. In May of 2006, the Saint Sacrement began her seventeenth consecutive year of service. There is no finer Adirondack experience than a luncheon, brunch or dinner cruise aboard the "Saint". You will be served excellent food in the most pleasant setting on the lake, all the while enjoying live entertainment, a full narration and sites of interest along the way.

When you come to the area known as The Factory Outlets of Lake George, you will find four major shopping centers - shop till you drop.

Adirondack Outlet Mall Corning/ Big Dog/ Dress Barn/ Dress Barn Woman/ Eddie Bauer/ Factory Brand Shoe/ L' Eggs/ Hanes/ Bali/ The Paper Factory/ Welcome Home Mountain View Outlets Foreside/ Levi's/ Carter's/ Orvis/ Sportshoe Center/ Adirondack Woodworks/ Seasons in the Adirondacks

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French Mountain Commons Nine West/ Tommy Hilfiger/ Gap/ OshKosh  
B'Gosh/ Pfaltzgraff/ Fieldcrest Cannon Lake George Plaza Polo Ralph  
Lauren/ Timberland/ Maidenform/ Nautica/ Jones NY/ Coach

This is only a sampling of the stores you find at each center!

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## **Fort Ticonderoga & Home of the Navy in Whitehall** (With boxed lunch)

This tour is offered on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **Fort Ticonderoga:**

Visit the Fort Ticonderoga National Historic Landmark and come away with a deeper understanding of American history from the French and Indian War and Revolutionary War periods of the 18th century. You will experience the meaning of freedom, personal sacrifice and public responsibility as the stories of the men, women and children whose lives became entwined in the colonial wars unfold through the Forts collections, educational programs and reenactments.

### **Whitehall, New York "Birthplace of the US Navy":**

Whitehall, New York, steeped in Revolutionary War history, is still the link between America and Canada through Lake Champlain and it's highway and rail links. This is where the first fleet of ships was built to battle the British in the Battle of Valcour, 1776.

Whitehall was settled in 1759 at the southern end of Lake Champlain. Founded as the colonial town of Skenesboro by British Army Captain Philip Skene, this community became the first permanent settlement on Lake Champlain. An important center of maritime trade, Skene developed lake travel north to reach the West Indies via Quebec.

On May 9, 1775, Skenesboro was captured by American forces in the first aggressive revolutionary war action in New York State. Skene's trading schooner became the first ship of the US Navy when it was taken to Crown

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Point armed and used under the leadership of Col. Benedict Arnold to capture a British ship renamed Enterprise on May 18, 1775.

In 1776, Congress ordered General Philip Schuyler to construct a fleet of ships capable of countering an expected British invasion. This first US Naval fleet of thirteen ships added to the four already patrolling Lake Champlain was constructed during the summer of 1776. Led by Benedict Arnold, the action of this fleet at the battle of Valcour in October of that year caused a delaying action that ultimately saved the American Forces at Saratoga. This naval fleet was the only one to see active service in the Revolutionary War.

Boxed lunch will consist of a sandwich, chips and drink.

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## Baseball Hall of Fame and Lunch at the Otesaga

This tour is offered on Wednesday only.

Cooperstown is truly a fascinating place. Located at the south end of Otsego Lake in Central New York State, it is at the heart of a splendid four-season recreational area. All the hospitality of the Lake, nearby skiing, an endless array of cultural activities, distinctive architecture, and tightly-knit but friendly villages, coexist here in a natural setting of exceptional beauty. The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is the most revered Hall of Fame in sports. The Museum contains thousands of artifacts skillfully displayed for your enjoyment.

The 2007 Hall of Fame ballot was released recently and a record number of buses will be ready to roll into Cooperstown, N.Y., on July 29 for what's expected to be one of the biggest induction ceremonies of this generation. Heading a list of 17 first-timers are "Iron Man" Cal Ripken Jr., eight-time National League batting champion Tony Gwynn, and Mark McGwire, the first player in history to hit 70 homers during a single season.

After the tour, we will go to the Otesaga and enjoy lunch. (There is not a formal dress code but they frown on jeans and very casual dress). The Otesaga is a magnificent, Federal-style structure with an imposing front

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portico supported by massive 30-foot columns, The Otesaga occupies 700 feet of lakefront on the southern shore of Lake Otsego, the famed "Glimmerglass" of James Fenimore Cooper's novels.

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