

"Len the rust problem turned out to be a bit more extensive than we expected."

You are cordially invited to the (First Annual?)

# **East Coast Ponton Gathering**

September 18-20, 2009

At the Home & Barn of Kevin & Debbie Kuhn 4162 Whitehorse Road Malvern, PA 19355

Hosted & Sponsored by

Frozen Bob Graham
BT Len Sokoloff (AKA Broken Tool Len)
Kevin Kuhn (fortunately no AKA)

## Ponton Members, Potential Members, Spouses & Significant Others Welcome

Friday Evening Cookout & The Start of the Continuous Weekend Swap Meet

Possible Saturday & Sund  ☐ What to look for in pu ☐ Carburetor Rebuilding ☐ Rear Suspension Refu ☐ Shift Linkage Bushing ☐ Something Diesel (Bo	rchasing a Ponton g rbishing g R & R	<ul> <li>☐ Heater Valve Refurbishing</li> <li>☐ Front &amp; Rear Brake Replacement</li> <li>☐ Basic Tune-up Using a Dwell &amp; Tach Meter</li> <li>☐ MB EPC Free Online Information System</li> <li>☐ Special Tools You Can Make</li> </ul>
□ Ed Ebel The Becker Radio Guy □ Must Have MB Literature  Registration Fee: \$30 Individual & \$40 Couple  This is to cover dinner Friday evening and lunch on Saturday as well as other miscellaneous expenses incurred. Any remaining funds from the event will be donated to the Ponton Website.		
<b>Special Hotel Arrangement:</b> <i>The Desmond Hotel &amp; Conference Center</i> has agreed to offer participants a nightly rate of \$99 which is a 40% discount off their daily room rate. This facility is a five minute drive from the event and the best hotel in the area. The next page has all the details and you should identify yourself as a member of the "Ponton Group" when making reservations. More info on the hotel can be seen at their website at <a href="http://www.desmondgv.com">http://www.desmondgv.com</a>		
Please print and return this registration form with your remittance to Kevin Kuhn PO Box 547 - Devault, PA 19432-0547 Phone: 610-917-9960 Cell: 610-304-5076		
Name:	Email:	Phone:
Spouse or Guest:		Car you expect to bring:



#### **DIRECTIONS:**

ONE LIBERTY BOULEVARD MALVERN, PA 19355 (PHONE) 610-296-9800 (FAX) 610-889-9869 www.desmondgv.com

#### DIRECTIONS FROM PHILADELPHIA

Take the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) West. Follow I-76 West to Route 202 South. Take Rt. 202 South to the Great Valley/Route 29 North Exit. At the end of the ramp, proceed through the light onto Liberty Blvd. The Hotel will be on your right.

#### DIRECTIONS FROM PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT

Take I-95 South to Route 476 North. Follow 476 North to the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) West to Route 202 South. Take Route 202 South to the Great Valley/Route 29 North exit. At the end of the ramp, proceed through the light onto Liberty Blvd. The Hotel will be on your right.

#### **DIRECTIONS FROM SOUTH JERSEY**

Take I-95 South to Route 322 West. Take 322 West to US Route 1 South to Route 202 North. Take 202 North to the Great Valley/Route 29 North Exit. Turn Right onto Route 29 North. Turn Right at 2<sup>nd</sup> light onto Liberty Blvd. Hotel is on the left.

#### DIRECTIONS FROM WILMINGTON AND POINTS SOUTH

(MARYLAND, DELAWARE, WASHINGTON D.C., WEST CHESTER, PA) Take I-95 North to Route 202 North. Follow Rt. 202 North to the Great Valley/Rt. 29 North Exit. Turn right onto Rt. 29 North. Turn right at 2<sup>nd</sup> light onto Liberty Blvd. Hotel will be on the left.

#### DIRECTIONS FROM NEW YORK AND POINTS NORTH

Take NJ Turnpike South to Exit 6-The Pennsylvania Turnpike Extension West. Take Penn. Follow Turnpike West to Exit 326 for Valley Forge. Take Route 202 South to the Great Valley/Rt. 29 North Exit. At the end of the ramp, proceed through the light onto Liberty Blvd. Hotel will be on the right.

#### DIRECTIONS FROM HARRISBURG AND POINTS WEST

Take Pennsylvania Turnpike East to Exit 326 for Valley Forge. Take Route 202 South to the Great Valley/Rt. 29 North Exit. At the end of the ramp, proceed through the light onto Liberty Blvd. Hotel will be on the right.

For guestroom reservations call 1-800-575-1776 between 8:30am and 6:00pm Monday through Friday or you may email your reservation request to: reservations@desmongv.com

Please be advised that your reservation is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation number.

Please be sure to identify yourself with your particular group in order to receive your special rate.

Guest room blocks will be released on Fridays at 8am 4 weeks prior to your scheduled event. Reservations will be accepted after the release date based on standard availability.

## **Non Ponton Sights & Attractions**

#### Longwood Gardens www.longwoodgardens.org

In 1906, Pierre S. du Pont purchased the Peirce Arboretum to save its trees from being cut for lumber. Over the next nearly half century, Mr. du Pont developed Longwood Gardens into what it is today, a magnificent horticultural showplace. We invite you to visit Longwood Gardens, which now encompasses 1,050 acres of gardens, woodlands, and meadows. Enjoy over 11,000 types of plants, more fountains than any other garden in the US, educational and visitor programming, and over 400 performances a year.

## Valley Forge National Park <a href="www.nps.gov/vafo">www.nps.gov/vafo</a>

Valley Forge National Historical Park commemorates more than the sacrifices and perseverance of the Revolutionary War generation; it honors the ability of citizens and their leaders to pull together and overcome adversity during extraordinary times.

#### Philadelphia Art Museum www.philamuseum.org

Overlooking one of the nation's most culturally vibrant cities, the Philadelphia Museum of Art welcomes nearly a million visitors each year, encouraging them to embark upon a walk through time that extends across two millennia and six continents. Whether it's the first visit to the new <u>Perelman Building</u> or the hundredth to the <u>main building</u>, there is always something new to delight, surprise, enlighten, excite, and inspire.

#### Philadelphia Zoo www.philadelphiazoo.org

America's First Zoo the Philadelphia Zoo's 42-acre Victorian garden is home to more than 1,300 animals, many of them rare and endangered. The Zoo, fulfilling its mission of conservation, science, education and recreation, supports and engages in conservation efforts to protect endangered species around the world. Cheetahs, hippos, giraffes and much more make the Zoo Philadelphia's leading family attraction with over 1.2 million visitors last year. In its first year of operation, the Philadelphia Zoo had 813 animals and received well over 228,000 visitors. Today, the Zoo has more than 1,300 rare and endangered animals, and its attendance is approximately 1.1 million visitors a year.

#### Philadelphia Premium Outlets <u>www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=75</u>

150 Outlet Stores where you'll find impressive savings at Adidas, Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, BCBG Max Azria, Brooks Brothers, Calvin Klein, Coach, Cole Haan, DKNY, Gap Outlet, Guess, J.Crew, Michael Kors, Neiman Marcus Last Call, Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, Puma, Sony, Tommy Hilfiger and more.

## Brandywine River Museum www.brandywinemuseum.org

Exhibiting American art in a 19th-century grist mill, the Brandywine River Museum is internationally known for its unparalleled collection of works by three generations of Wyeth's and its fine collection of American illustration, still life and landscape painting.

### King of Prussia Mall www.kingofprussiamall.com

The upscale mall, anchored by Bloomingdale's, Lord & Taylor, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, JCPenney, Macy's, and Strawbridge's, and has over 400 stores and restaurants. It is also the sole outpost in Philadelphia for a number of high-end stores including Stuart Weitzman, Hugo Boss, Betsey Johnson, Movado, Kate Spade, Furla, Molton Brown, DKNY, Louis Vuitton, Cartier, Anne Fontaine, and Hermès.

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#### Winterthur Museum www.winterthur.org

Winterthur, an American country estate, is the former home of Henry Francis du Pont (1880-1969), an avid antiques collector and horticulturist. In the early 20th century, H. F. du Pont and his father, Henry Algernon du Pont, designed Winterthur in the spirit of 18th and 19th-century European country houses. A visit to Winterthur will immerse you in another time and place. Rediscover America's heritage through its unparalleled collections of antiques and Americana. Wander the breathtaking beauty of the 60-acre naturalistic Winterthur Garden.

## American Helicopter Museum www.helicoptermuseum.org

The American Helicopter Museum and Education Center is the nation's premier aviation museum devoted exclusively to helicopters. We collect, restore and display historic aircraft and chronicle the origin and development of rotary wing aircraft. Currently, the Museum displays over 35 civilian and military helicopters, autogiros and convertaplanes. The exhibits span the history of rotary wing aircraft from the earliest helicopters to the latest addition to our nation's defense, the V-22 Osprey.

#### **QVC Studio Park** www.qvc.com

QVC, Inc., one of the largest multimedia retailers in the world, broadcasts live 24 hours a day, 364 days a year. The QVC Studio Tour is a one-of-a-kind guided walking tour through the fantastic world of electronic retailing. At this state-of-the-art broadcasting facility, guests will see and experience how QVC products are sourced, tested, brought to life on air, and delivered to millions of QVC customers. There are views into the studio through the tour, including a spectacular view from the Observation Deck. Standing 50 feet above the 20,000-square-foot broadcast area, guests may be able to watch QVC programs in progress and may even catch a glimpse of a favorite host or guest!

### Independence Hall <a href="www.nps.gov/inde/independence-hall-1.htm">www.nps.gov/inde/independence-hall-1.htm</a>

Constructed between 1732 and 1756 as the State House of the Province of Pennsylvania, it is considered a fine example of Georgian architecture. From 1775 to 1783 (except for the winter of 1777 - 1778 when Philadelphia was occupied by the British Army) this was the meeting place for the Second Continental Congress. It was in the Assembly Room of this building that George Washington was appointed commander in chief of the Continental Army in 1775 and the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776.

### National Constitution Center <a href="http://constitutioncenter.org">http://constitutioncenter.org</a>

The National Constitution Center in historic Philadelphia is America's most interactive history museum. Located just two blocks from the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, it is the only museum devoted to the U.S. Constitution and the story of We, the people.

### Brandywine Battlefield www.ushistory.org/Brandywine

The Brandywine Battlefield Historic Site brings to life the largest engagement of the Revolutionary War, fought on September 11, 1777, between the Continental Army led by General George Washington and the British forces headed by General William Howe.

#### Academy of Natural Sciences www.ansp.org

The Academy of Natural Sciences is Philadelphia's Natural History Museum. The Academy is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas.