

SMOFCON 22 PROGRESS REPORT

Things to Do in DC When You're SMOFing

If you can get to DC a few days before SMOFcon 22 or stay a couple more days afterwards, there is lots to see and do in the Baltimore-Washington area. If there is enough interest, we will set up some special SMOFcon tours. Please contact Colleen Cahill at ccah@earthlink.net if you want to put your name in the hat.

Library of Congress

The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution and serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with nearly 128 million items on approximately 530 miles of bookshelves. The collections include more than 29 million books and other printed materials, 2.7 million recordings, 12 million photographs, 4.8 million maps, and 57 million manuscripts.

Across from the Capital on 1st Street NE, Jefferson Building
202-707-8000; www.loc.gov

Monday through Saturday 10:00 to 5:30; tours at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 (no 3:30 tour on Saturdays)

Metro: Capital South (Orange & Blue lines); Admission: free

US Holocaust Memorial Museum

The permanent exhibit collection has more than 900 artifacts, including camp prisoner uniforms, dissecting tables, and a ghetto model by one of its inmates.

100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW
202-488-0400; www.ushmm.org

Daily 10:00 to 5:30; Metro: Smithsonian (Orange & Blue lines)

Admission: free timed passes for the permanent collection and the Anne Frank exhibit; no passes needed for special exhibitions or other museum resources.

National Archives

The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights are on permanent exhibit here. A special exhibits area has records from the earliest Native American treaties to Presidential web sites.

Constitution Avenue between Seventh and Ninth Streets, NW
866-272-6272; www.archives.gov

Daily 10:00 to 5:30

Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial (Green & Yellow lines);

Admission: free

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International Spy Museum

Home to more than 600 "tools of the trade." Learn about Trojan horses and ninjas and see invisible ink, buttonhole cameras, and other spy gadgets.

800 F St., NW; 202-393-7798; www.spymuseum.org

November through March: daily 10:00 to 5:00

Metro: Gallery Place-Chinatown (Green, Red, and Yellow lines)

Admission: \$10 to \$13; under five free

National Cryptologic Museum

Located near the supersecret National Security Agency headquarters. Learn how code breakers influenced US history as far back as the Revolutionary War. There is even an Enigma device to play with!

Colony Seven Road, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

301-688-5849; www.nsa.gov

Monday through Friday 9:00 to 4:00,

first and third Saturday of each month 10:00 to 2:00

Parking and admission: free

National Air & Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center

If you love aviation, this museum will leave you weak in the knees. Among the beauties in this ten-story-high hangar: a coal-black SR-71 Blackbird spy plane, the fastest airplane ever built; a gleaming silver four-propeller Boeing 307 Stratoliner, the first pressurized airliner; an Air France Concorde, the longest bird in the museum; and some rare biplanes and pre-World War I aircraft. Located in Chantilly, Virginia near the intersection of Routes 28 and 50.

202-357-2700; www.nasm.si.edu

Open daily (except Christmas) 10:00 to 5:30

Free guided tours daily at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm

Admission: free; Parking: \$12

Shuttle buses from the original Air and Space museum on the

Mall are \$7 round-trip (\$5 for parties of ten or more)

National Museum of the American Indian

The newest museum on the Mall. Located next to the Air & Space Museum, this museum's grand opening was 21 September 2004.

Fourth Street & Independence Ave., S.W.; 202-633-1000

www.nmai.si.edu/index_nmai.cfm

Hours: 10 am to 5:30 pm daily; closed December 25

Admission: free; advance ticket reservations may be needed

SMOFcon 22

3 – 5 December 2004

Wyndham Washington Hotel
1400 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

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Transportation to Our Hotel

Washington, DC is served by three airports. The Wyndham Washington, D.C. is roughly equidistant from two international airports and a short ride from National Airport for non-international flights. Shuttle vans, taxis, rental cars, trains, and limousines are all available for your trip to the hotel.

In addition, the SMOFcon 22 staff is ready to collect you from any of these points and deliver you to our hotel provided you give us advance warning. Please tell us your travel plans — no later than **21 November!** — and we'll arrange transport for you. Send e-mail to transport@smofcon.org or a (*gasp!*) letter to our postal address.

The closest airport is **Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport** (DCA; www.mwaa.com), which handles domestic flights. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (www.wmata.com) National Airport Metrorail (subway — called "Metro" by DC area natives) station is located a short distance from the terminals. The one-way Metrorail fare to the McPherson Square station (closest station to the hotel) is \$1.70 during regular hours (weekdays from 5:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 2 a.m. to closing) and \$1.30 during reduced fare hours (9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 2 a.m.). SuperShuttle bus service (supershuttle.com; 1-800-BLUE VAN (258-3826) or 703-416-6661) to the hotel is currently \$12 for the first passenger and \$8 for each additional passenger. Taxicabs are \$12 – 15 for up to four passengers. Limousines will be \$30 – 45.

Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI; www.bwiairport.com) is 35 miles away. BWI Airport provides free shuttle bus service to the BWI Rail Station. Amtrak (www.amtrak.com) and Maryland MARC (www.mtmaryland.com) commuter trains stop at the New Carrollton Metrorail station on the Orange Line and Union Station (www.unionstationdc.com) on the Red Line. The current fare to Union Station is \$6 one-way on MARC (please note that MARC trains only operate Monday through Friday). SuperShuttle bus service to the hotel is currently \$25 for the first passenger and \$8 for each additional passenger. Taxicabs and private limousines will be around \$45 – 50. WMATA has also started a new BWI Express Metro bus service between BWI and the Greenbelt Metrorail station on the Green Line.

Dulles International Airport (IAD; www.mwaa.com) is 40 miles away. The Washington Flyer shuttle service (www.washfly.com) has a regularly scheduled bus to the Metrorail West Falls Church station on the Orange Line for \$8 one-way. SuperShuttle bus service to the hotel is currently \$25 for the first passenger and \$8 for each additional passenger. Private limousines and taxi fares start at \$50.

Other Ground Transportation

The closest Metrorail subway stations to our hotel are the McPherson Square station on the Orange Line (approximately 3-1/2 blocks) and Farragut North station on the Red Line (approximately 4 blocks). Visit StationMasters Online at www.stationmasters.com for Metrorail station information. Visit the airport web sites for details on available limousine and rental car services.

Washington, DC is divided into four quadrants: Northeast, Southeast, Southwest, and Northwest. The Wyndham Washington is located in the Northwest (NW) quadrant. If you are taking a taxicab to the hotel, specify 1400 M Street Northwest for the hotel address. Taxicabs within Washington, D.C. do not use meters but rather charge by a zone system. Generally this means that getting to most loca-

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tions within a four-mile radius of the hotel, and within Washington's city limits, will cost approximately \$6.50. A zone chart with all charges is posted in each taxi, and your driver should be able to quote the fare before you start. You can find a fare zone map on the DC Taxicab Commission web site at dctaxi.dc.gov.

Parking Options

For those driving to D.C., parking for SMOFcon 22 members will be discounted 50% off the normal Wyndham Washington rates. At the current parking rate, the discounted charge would be \$13.00/24 hours for hotel guests (includes in & out privileges) and \$6.00 per day (without in & out privileges) for non-guests. There is no self-parking. Call ahead if you're driving a van or SUV — there are space limitations in the garage and the hotel may not be able to accommodate your vehicle. Public parking is available in the immediate area with prices comparable to the hotel guest rate at the Wyndham Washington. Additional information on public parking options will be posted to the SMOFcon 22 web site in November.

Wyndham Washington, D.C. Hotel 1400 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20005

202-429-1700 (direct number to hotel)
877-999-3223 (toll free in the U.S. and Canada)
<http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/DCAHT/main.wnt>

SMOFcon 22 Room Rates

(does not include 14.5% DC hotel room tax)
\$119 USD single/double
\$139 USD triple/quad

SMOFcon Reservation Cut-Off Date: 11 November 2004

If making reservations by telephone, our group name is **SMOFCON**.

The SMOFcon 22 group code for online reservations is **1202648SM**.

Please contact Jan Price (hotel@smofcon22.org) for additional hotel information or help with reservations.

Please note the cut-off date for reservations at the SMOFcon rate is Thursday, **11 November 2004**. We have been guaranteed the lowest room rate available, excluding corporate business and/or government accounts, crew rooms or similar arrangements. Please let us know if you find any lower advertised rate for the Wyndham Washington for early December.

Join the Wyndham ByRequest reward program to receive member benefits such as free high-speed Internet access if available, free local telephone calls, airline mileage points, and many other reward perks. (The Wyndham Washington, D.C. does have wireless Internet access.) Visit www.wyndham.com to join ByRequest before making a reservation to take advantage of any special promotions in effect.

The Wyndham Washington D.C., located on M Street NW near Thomas Circle in the heart of D.C., is a few blocks from the White House and other memorable Washington sights, and a short walk or taxi ride to any of the area's charming and historic neighborhoods. During December, the city as well as our hotel will be ready to welcome you, decked out in the season's finest.

SMOFcon 22 Members as of 5 October 2004 (100 attending and 1 supporting)

Adina Adler	Cambridge, MA USA	Pat McMurray	Bromley, UK
Bobbi Armbruster	Venice, CA USA	G. Patrick Molloy	Huntsville, AL USA
B. Shirley Avery	Columbia, MD USA	Mary Morman	Colorado Springs, CO USA
Chaz Boston Baden	Anaheim, CA USA	Liz Mortensen	San Fernando, CA USA
Margene S. Bahm	Kansas City, MO USA	James J. Murray	Kansas City, MO USA
Judith C. Bemis	Wake Forest, NC USA	Paula H. Murray	Kansas City, MO USA
Gary S. Blog	Edison, NJ USA	Michael Nelson	Oakton, VA USA
Kent Bloom	Colorado Springs, CO USA	Barry Newton	Sandy Springs, MD USA
Stephen Boucher	South Yarra, Victoria Australia	Mark Olson	Framingham, MA USA
Seth Breidbart	Minneapolis, MN USA	Priscilla Olson	Framingham, MA USA
Elaine Brennan	Washington, DC USA	Paul O'Sullivan	Washington, DC USA
James M. Briggs	San Diego, CA USA	Bill Parker	Houston, TX USA
Colleen R. Cahill	College Park, MD USA	Tony E. Parker	Wake Forest, NC USA
Sandra Childress	San Diego, CA USA	Michael T. Pins	Boulder, CO USA
Nancy L. Cobb	Schenectady, NY USA	Gary L. Plumlee	Indianapolis, IN USA
Tammy Coxen	Ann Arbor, MI USA	Jan Price	Silver Spring, MD USA
Raymond Cyrus	Chicago, IL USA	Larry van der Putte	Amstelveen, Netherlands
Joni Dashoff	Philadelphia, PA USA	Ann Marie Rudolph	Lebanon, PA USA
Todd Dashoff	Philadelphia, PA USA	Ruth Sachter	Portland, OR USA
James S. Daugherty	Henderson, NV USA	Larry Sanderson	Minneapolis, MN USA
Kathryn Daugherty	Henderson, NV USA	John T. Sapienza	Silver Spring, MD USA
Gay Ellen Dennett	Natick, MA USA	Peggy Rae Sapienza	Silver Spring, MD USA
Jane Dennis	Lexington, KY USA	Sharon L. Sbarsky	Needham, MA USA
Scott Dennis	Lexington, KY USA	Joyce K. Scrivner	Minneapolis, MN USA
Martin E. Deutsch	Columbia, MD USA	Marah Searle-Kovacevic	Mississauga, ON Canada
Vincent J. Docherty	Den Haag, Netherlands	Kurt C. Siegel	Schenectady, NY USA
Naomi C. Fisher	Huntsville, AL USA	Michael Siladi	Mountain View, CA USA
Deb Geisler	Middleton, MA USA	T. R. Smith	College Park, MD USA
Janice Gelb	Los Alto, CA USA	Kevin Standlee	Sunnyvale, CA USA
Glenn M. Glazer	Long Beach, CA USA	Ian E. Stockdale	Palo Alto, CA USA
Marc E. Gordon	Washington, DC USA	Gudrun Stockman	Chicago, IL USA
Ed Green	Long Beach, CA USA	Joseph R. Stockman	Chicago, IL USA
Halmer D. Haag	Columbia, MD USA	Tomoko Shintani Stocksiek	San Jose, CA USA
Shouichi Hachiya	Minato, Tokyo Japan	Geri F. Sullivan	Wales, MA USA
Mark Herrup	Chicago, IL USA	Bjorn Tore Sund	Eidsvagneset, Norway
Lisa Hertel	Andover, MA USA	Barbara J. Van Tilburg	Sandwich, IL USA
Inge Heyer	Towson, MD USA	Tom Veal	Chicago, IL USA
Craige K. Howlett	Santa Clara, CA USA	Alex von Thorn	Toronto, ON Canada
Hiroaki Inoue	Mitaka, Tokyo Japan	Frank Wu	Palo Alto CA USA
Tamie Inoue	Mitaka, Tokyo Japan	Ben Yalow	Bronx, NY USA
Athena L. Jarvis	Hamilton, ON Canada	Yukie Yasui	Yokohama, Kanagawa Japan
Peter R. Jarvis	Hamilton, ON Canada	Beth Zipser	Vienna, VA USA
Judith E. Kindell	Arlington, VA USA	Michael Zipser	Vienna, VA USA
Rick Kovalcik	Newton Center, MA USA		
Elsbeth Kovar	Laurel, MD USA		
Dina S. Krause	Skokie, IL USA		
Grant P. Kruger	Brandon, MS USA		
Ruth Leibig	Palo Alto, CA USA		
John Lorentz	Portland, OR USA		
Samuel J. Lubell	Rockville, MD USA		
Perrianne Lurie	Harrisburg, PA USA		
Nicki Lynch	Gaithersburg, MD USA		
Richard Lynch	Gaithersburg, MD USA		
Robert J. MacIntosh	Annandale, VA USA		
Laurie Mann (<i>Supporting</i>)	Pittsburgh, PA USA		
Eloise Mason	Chicago, IL USA		
Michael Mason	North Hollywood, CA USA		
Christian B. McGuire	N. Hollywood, CA USA		

Beer Hunter

by Michael Nelson

Unfortunately our favorite brew pub, the Old Dominion Pub, is way out in the wilds of Ashburn, Virginia. But we will assist Craige in procuring a good selection of Old Dominion beers for the consuite. Other interesting local microbrewers and brew pubs outside of DC include the Baltimore Brewing Company, Sweetwater Tavern, Native Brewing, and Fordham Brewing.

If people are interested, we can plan a pub crawl via DC's Metrorail system. Some possible stops would be the the District Chop House & Brewery near the MCI Center, the Brickskeller with the largest beer list outside of Belgium, D.A.'s R.F.D. Washington with the largest tap list in DC (40 beer taps), Capitol City Brew Pub, and the Fadó Irish Pub and Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant chains.

The Consuite

by Craig Howlett

Hours of Staffed Operations:

Thursday: 2:00 pm – midnight

Friday: 7:00 am – midnight

Saturday & Sunday: Friday midnight – Sunday midnight

Monday: Sunday midnight – 10:00 am

Disclaimer – Hours are subject to change. While the Consuite will be open continually from midnight to 6:00 am each day; no staff will be working and only nonperishable food will be available.

If you have food suggestions or theme ideas you would like to see in the Consuite, now is the time to start making those requests (Craig@Craig.com) and remember to be specific. Also, you should consider contacting us if you have any severe food allergies or are going to be bringing something special that requires refrigerator space (always at a premium), cooking utensils, counter space to display it, or just to want to let us know what it is that you are bringing.

The Consuite staff plans on offering regional specialty dishes, along with numerous special treats. However, the Consuite staff is limited in its number of personnel and how many that can squeeze into the kitchen at one time.

While food allergies are common among us, the Consuite staff cannot possibly list all the ingredients in the foods that we will be serving. Many of them will be coming from foreign lands and may not be coming in their original packaging. If you have questions about any item, the Consuite staff will make every effort to assist you.

Restaurant Guide

Colleen Cahill is preparing a local area restaurant guide. Please send favorite D.C. area restaurant suggestions to ccach@earthlink.net.

SMOFcon 22 Program Ideas

Please send suggestions for SMOFcon 22 program item topics to program@smofcon22.org.

SMOFcon 22 Swap Meet

Do you have lots of widgets or whatnots, left over from a convention, stored in your house, garage, or apartment? Share the wealth!

Bring no more than thirty (30) of these Cool Things with you to SMOFcon — or ship them to the SMOFcon 22 postal address — and we'll hold a Swap Meet. All SMOFcon 22 members are eligible to take home one (or possibly two) of each Cool Thing. In cases where there aren't enough, people who brought Cool Stuff for the Swap Meet will have precedence over the folks who didn't.

SMOFcon 22 Workbook

There will be an updated Smofcon Workbook for Smofcon 22. The material from some of the previous Workbooks will be updated (new material is also welcome). The information should be easy to carry and searchable. Send e-mail to workbook@smofcon22.org to contribute new material or to offer to update the information about budgets, exhibits, registration, art show, etc. We will be posting items on the SMOFcon 22 web site as they are scanned and formatted.

National Christmas Tree

The Opening Night for the 2004 Christmas Pageant of Peace in President's Park will be Thursday, 2 December 2004. Beginning on Friday, 3 December, the pageant site will be open from 11 am to 11 pm until 1 January 2005. Depending on the weather, you can walk from our hotel to President's Park after dinner to see the National Christmas Tree and other holiday displays from around the USA.

SMOFCON 22 MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME #1: _____
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

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Membership Rates:

Up to October 31, 2004: \$60.00 USD
At-the-Door Rate: \$70.00 USD
Supporting Membership: \$25.00 USD

- Do you want to be on the program?
- Would you like to update a portion of the convention management workbook?
- Please check here if we do not have permission to publish your name (and location, e.g., state and country) and URL for SMOFcon 22 membership lists in official publications and on the web site.

Checks or money orders should be payable
in US funds to **WSFA, Inc.**

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