



Newsletter

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MEETS THE 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. IN RACHEL'S KITCHEN

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting
Friday, February 14, 2025
Fox Meadow Vineyard
2:00-4:00 p.m.

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President's Message

Happy February!

I hope everyone survived the double-barrel blizzards of January. My neighbors helped me clear the snow from my driveway and sidewalk . . . Lake Frederick is a very special place. Michelle and I had a chance to meet our new great grandson, Montgomery, on a visit to our daughter in Warrenton just before the second snowstorm.

Our February club meeting is being moved to **Fox Meadow Vineyard on Valentines Day, February 14, from 2 to 4 p.m.** They invited us to have our meeting in the tasting room. No purchase necessary, but they are offering a Valentines Special. See the details in this newsletter and register on MTL. Fox Meadow is about 30 minutes' drive, and you can find directions on Google Maps.

January Recap

We had a large turnout for our Coffee and Cookies club meeting in January. Steve from Shenandoah Tours in Staunton gave us an informative video briefing of the trips they have planned for 2025. Some are sold out already. He noted that their Christmas Season trips are very popular and sell out early. Steve passed out copies of their 2025 catalog and noted that they have another presentation planned for March in the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley.

Our Caverns Trip in January was cancelled and rescheduled for May. Watch this newsletter and MTL Events for information.

February Trips

No trips are planned for February. Join us at Fox Meadow for Valentines Day. Enjoy the Super Bowl and Presidents Day.

March Trips

We have three exciting trips planned for March. On March 3, we are partnering with the Veterans Association to visit the Marine Corps Museum near Quantico. On March 17 we are taking a bus tour of three nearby breweries for St. Patrick's Day, when everyone is Irish. We will wrap up March with a Cherry Blossom lunch cruise on the Potomac. Make reservations by March 1 to ensure a seat.

Schedule of trips updated

See the list of trips planned for 2025. This may change during the year and more details will be added as we get closer to each trip. We usually post our trips on MTL Events at least a month before the trip.

Foreign Travel 2025

We had to cancel our trip to Ireland, but MTL has one scheduled for September if you are interested.

Check out the cruises and land tours that Greg Payonk has scheduled for 2025 and contact him if you need more information. You can find copies in our August Newsletter. You can find our newsletters on our website Lake Frederick Travel Club.

Trip Registration Procedure Clarification

We continue to have trouble with the registration process for our trips. This makes it difficult for our treasurer, Gary McDowell, to sort out who registered and when. Please remember the following.:

1. **TRAVEL CLUB TRIPS ARE NOT ADDED TO MTL EVENTS UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED TO MEMBERS IN A NEWSLETTER. REGISTRATION IS NOT OPEN UNTIL POSTED ON MTL EVENTS.**
2. **REGISTER ON MTL EVENTS FOR TRIPS YOU WANT TO TAKE. THAT GIVES US AN IDEA OF HOW REGISTRATION IS GOING.**
3. **AFTER REGISTERING, WRITE A CHECK MADE OUT TO THE LAKE FREDERICK TRAVEL CLUB AND GIVE IT TO THE CONCIERGE. DO NOT WAIT TO SEE IF THE TRIP IS CONFIRMED. WE WILL DESTROY YOUR CHECK IF THE TRIP IS CANCELLED.**

Stay safe and warm and enjoy our wonderful campus.

George Darnell, President

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Trip Ideas for 2025, V5

- Jan 20—Luray, & Shenandoah Caverns Tour (Rescheduled to May 12)
- Feb 14—Valentines Meeting at Fox Meadow
- Mar 3—Marine Corps Museum Tour
- Mar 10—Travel Club Mardi Gras Meeting
- Mar 17—St. Patrick's Brewery Tour
- Mar 31—Cherry Blossom Lunch Cruise on the Potomac (confirmed)
- Apr 20—Easter
- Apr 28—Battle of Balls Bluff w/Lunch & Wine
- May 2-11—Globus Land Tour: Budapest to Prague with Greg Payonk
- May 12—Luray & Shenandoah Caverns Tour
- Jun 5-6—Fredericksburg Area Civil War Battlefields Tour
- Jun 16—Monticello & Wine Tour
- Jul 14—Fauquier County Wine Tour
- Aug 7-21—Norwegian Fjords & Artic Circle Cruise w/Greg Payonk
- Aug—Wine & Beer Tours
- Sep—Lexington Upper Valey Tour
- Sep 29—Oktoberfest Bridges & Breweries Tour
- Oct 15-16—Pennsylvania Disasters &Trains Tour
- Oct 23—Fall Colors Lunch Cruise on Smith Mountain Lake
- Nov—Outlet Mall Shopping Spree & Wine Tour
- Dec 3-5—Christmas in Williamsburg VA
- Dec 4-18—Seaboard Antarctica Exploration with Greg Payonk
- Dec 13—Wreaths Across America in Winchester
- Dec 15—Christmas at Mount Vernon

Check out Shenandoah Tours at [Shenandoah Tours](#).

Early registration is recommended. They sell out quickly.

Lake Frederick Travel Club Valentines Day Meeting



We are moving our February meeting to Valentines Day, Friday, February 14, 2025, and celebrate it at Fox Meadow Vineyard at 3310 Freezeland Road, in Linden, Virginia. They offered to let us hold our meeting in their tasting room from 2 to 4 p.m. No transportation is being provided, but you are welcome to carpool. Fox Meadow is about a 30 minute drive from Lake Frederick. You can find directions on Goggle Maps.

Treat yourself to a cozy, romantic winter afternoon at Fox Meadow! Sip on glasses of wine, or non-alcoholic drinks, and a variety of treats. Fox Meadow is offering a special Valentine's charcuterie board, two glasses of wine, and mouthwatering chocolates from the Conche for \$75.

Ticket price includes two glasses, two chocolates, and a heart shaped charcuterie board. Two can share this special offer. Advance reservations are required at [Fox Meadow Winery](#). Or call them Thursday through Monday at 540-636-6777. No outside food or drinks, please.

Please indicate the number of guests in your party, and that you are attending the Lake Frederick Travel Club meeting when you make a reservation.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please register on MTL Events by February 9, so we can give Fox Meadow a head count.

The Lake Frederick Travel Club is a Trilogy club for adventurers who share an interest in travel and a thirst for continually learning about the world we live in. The members believe that travel enriches our lives, fuels our imagination and provides an opportunity to share fun travel experiences with our friends and neighbors.

To become a member, email lakefredtravelclub@gmail.com with your name, address, mobile phone, emergency contact information, and email address or sign up at the meeting. We hope to hear from you.

Quantico Marine Corps Museum Tour March 3, 2025



The Lake Frederick Travel Club is joining with the Lake Frederick Veterans Association to arrange a tour of the National Marine Corps Museum near Quantico, Virginia. It is a great place for people of all ages, but especially for folks with an interest in history and the role of our veterans in American history. It takes at least four hours for a basic self-guided tour. Groups must make a reservation, but there is no fee. We will arrange round-trip transportation from the Lodge for 14 to 25 people for \$60 each, plus driver tip (5.00 cash suggested). Travel time with loading and unloading is about two hours. Food is available at the museum for lunch. Visitors may not bring anything into the museum that would not be allowed on a commercial air flight. Wheelchairs are available onsite.

They do not schedule docent-led “guided tours” of the Museum for groups. The exhibits have been designed as immersive experiences involving sights, sounds, motion and temperature changes and other interactive surprises that are revealed as the visitor proceeds on a self-paced journey of discovery.

There are trained volunteers stationed at posts throughout the Museum to answer questions and provide additional information about their area.

This is the schedule for this trip:

- 0745 Check in at Lodge
- 0800 Bus departs
- 1000 Arrive Museum and begin tour
- 1200 Lunch at Museum
- 1300 Resume tour
- 1500 Conclude tour and board bus
- 1700 Arrive Lodge

The minimum for this trip is 14 and maximum is 25.

Registration is \$60 for transportation. Lunch and driver tip are not included.

Please register on MTL Events and drop off your registration check, made payable to “Lake Frederick Travel Club” with your contact information and the date of the trip at the lodge concierge desk no later than Feb 18, 2025.

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St. Patrick's Day Brewery Tour, March 17, 2025

What better way to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day than by visiting a local modern-day brew pub. Our area is home to many popular breweries. For this trip we have selected three not far from Lake Frederick.



Our first stop will be [Chilley Hollow Brewing Company](#), a new craft brewery located on the rolling hills of an operating cattle farm near Berryville, Virginia. It offers beer crafted on site by an award-winning brewmaster as well as local wine, cider, bar food, and grass-fed beef raised right in the brewhouse's backyard.

Our second stop, Bluemont Station Brewery & Winery, offers craft beer, local wine, and a variety of food in a colonial mansion setting near Bluemont, Virginia, on the east side of the Blue Ridge. Visit their Facebook page for more information.



[Lost Barrel Brewing](#), a favorite of the Middleburg crowd is our third stop. It is a large facility with a variety of food and drink with indoor and outdoor seating.

If we have time we may revisit [Twisted Oak Brewery](#) in nearby White Post. This is a recent startup with a limited selection of beers to try. Who knows, it might become

our local favorite.



Schedule:

- 11:15 Leave Lodge.
- 12:00 Chilly Hollow Brewing Company
- 1:15 Leave
- 1:30 `
- 2:45 Leave
- 3:00 Lost Barrel Brewing
- 4:15 Leave
- 5:00 Twisted Oak Brewery
- 5:45 Leave
- 6:00 Arrive Lodge

Minimum for this trip is 14 and maximum is 24.

Registration is \$60 for transportation. Food, drinks, and driver tip are not included.

Please register on MTL Events and drop off your registration check, made payable to

“**Lake Frederick Travel Club**” with your contact information and the date of the trip at the lodge concierge desk no later than **March 3, 2025**

Cherry Blossom Lunch Cruise, March 31, 2025



This year we will view the marvelous DC Cherry Blossoms from the comfort of a Potomac lunch cruise. The Odyssey lets you experience D.C. landmarks from a whole new perspective. Enjoy an upscale lunch cruise on the Potomac as you drift past iconic views like the Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, Cherry Blossoms, Kennedy Center, Georgetown waterfront and Lincoln Memorial. On the way to board our cruise we will make a rest stop at the World War II Memorial for restrooms and photos. Then, we will drive by the Tidal Basin for a close view of the Cherry Blossoms.

- 2-hour cruise departing from Pier 4 | cruising 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. | General Boarding begins at 11:15 a.m.
- Delicious plated lunch with freshly prepared lunch and dessert dishes
- Cash Bar
- Unlimited coffee, hot tea, iced tea and water
- Onboard DJ Entertainment

Please note the early deadline for registration to meet the cruise deadline for payment.

Schedule:

- 8:30 p.m. Leave Lodge
- 10:45 a.m. Rest stops at WWII Memorial
- 11:30 a.m. Arrive at dock for boarding
- 12:00 p.m. cruise begins
- 2:30 p.m. Deboard ship and head home
- 5:30 p.m. Arrive Lodge

The **minimum** for this trip is **12** and maximum is 24.

Registration is **\$160** for transportation and lunch cruise.

Alcoholic beverages, server's and driver's tips are not included.

Menu selections can be made once on board.

Please register early on MTL Events and drop off your registration check, payable to "Lake Frederick Travel Club,"

with your contact information and the date of the trip,

with the lodge concierge **no later than March 1, 2025**