



**Spring Tour 2010
The Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center
Southbridge, Massachusetts
May 14-16, 2010**



The 2010 Spring Tour will be based near our region and will allow us to explore some great Porsche roads in Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire.

Located in the peaceful New England town of Southbridge, Massachusetts, The Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center (www.southbridgehotel.com) is an elegantly restored historic property nestled along the scenic Quinebaug River. A magnificent clock tower rises above the 100 year old facade of the American Optical Company, which has been painstakingly preserved, to create a unique focal point. The hotel was built behind the facade and opened in 2002. Visions Restaurant, Shades Lounge, Focus Fitness Center and the Crystal Ballroom have all been affectionately named for the historical connection to the old optical company. Points of interest near the hotel include Old Sturbridge Village (www.osv.org) and Brimfield MA, home of the renowned Brimfield Antique Show. The spring antique show will be occurring May 11-16. (www.brimfieldshow.com).

OVERVIEW

For loyal touring participants you know what to expect in terms of the format, so you can quickly scan this part. The format for the Spring Tour weekend remains the same as in the past. You'll travel to the The Southbridge Hotel on May 14 (Friday) on your own schedule. Dinner will be on your own Friday evening.

Saturday (May 15th) is "tour day". Following breakfast Saturday morning we'll have our orientation meeting with drivers and navigators, after which we'll start the driving part of our tour weekend. Our tour route will take us around the Quabbin reservoir area with a sojourn into Vermont and New Hampshire. Our lunch stop will be at the Deerfield Inn (www.deerfieldinn.com) in historic Deerfield, MA. Articles on the restaurant and recipes have appeared on the Epicurious and Gourmet websites.

The Deerfield Inn is perhaps the most-publicized New England lodging haunt, a gracious, 19th-century hostelry and bustling restaurant. It is located on the Street, the main thoroughfare of Historic Deerfield Village, lined with meticulously preserved, centuries-old museum houses. A pair of resident apparitions, Cora and Herschel, have been sighted in two non-adjointing rooms now bearing their names. The ghost of Cora Carlisle, who owned the inn in the 1930s, is described as roaming the hallways in her nightclothes, tapping her chamber door and calling in a bossy voice, "Let me in." Herschel, on the other hand, slips under the door of room 148, appearing like a blue box of light. Then, witnesses say, blue rays dance around the room, mischievously tugging at the sheets, tossing magazines and moving glasses about.

After lunch you can step into early America as you tour Historic Deerfield's eleven house museums before making your way back to the Southbridge hotel. Explore hundreds of years of history along an original, mile-long street. Two houses, the Stebbins House and Sheldon House, are available for self-guided tours all day. (www.historic-deerfield.org)

Now for the Specifics:

Lodging/Breakfasts/Dinner Package

The package include 2 nights lodging, buffet breakfast Saturday and Sunday, and sit-down dinner Saturday night. Price includes all taxes and gratuities. The hotel will set aside a parking area and car washing station for the club. You are responsible for making reservations by calling **508-765-8000** and identifying yourself as part of the "Connecticut Valley Porsche Club". **The hotel will hold rooms for us up until April 14th, after that there is no guarantee that rooms will be available.** Please note check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out is 11:00 am. The Southbridge Hotel requires all guests to provide first nights room and tax deposit, or a credit card number, to guarantee their rooms, in the event of a late arrival. If no guarantee is received, the hotel may release the room after 4:00 pm.

The package price:

\$426 per couple inclusive of tax and administrative fees

\$350 per individual inclusive of tax and administrative fees

If you choose to arrive early or stay longer, the hotel has given us the rate of \$115 per night plus tax for three days prior and three days after the tour.

Note:

A \$75 cancellation fee will be collected by the hotel for any cancellation made after May 9, 2010.

As a guest of the hotel, you may utilize the Focus Fitness Center on a complimentary basis. The Fitness Center offers: two racquetball courts, a basketball court, strength training equipment, cardiovascular equipment, treadmills, stationary bikes, elliptical cross trainer, and steppers, aerobics classes, indoor, heated pool, whirlpool, men's and ladies' locker rooms, with steam and sauna baths.

Payment of Individual Accounts

All individual accounts must be paid upon check out. A credit card will be required upon check in. Final payments can be made by credit card, check or cash.

Lunch Registration Fee

The cost of the luncheon at the Deerfield Inn and Spring Tour registration fee is **\$64 per couple** (\$32 per person).

Please make your checks out to CVR/PCA and send them along with the registration form below (including dinner selection) to us at the following address by April 21st:

Phil Capella
2380 Mountain Rd
West Suffield, CT 06093

Luncheon and registration fees will be non-refundable after April 30th, two weeks before the start of our touring event.

Participant Information

We will continue the past practice of listing participant information in the handout package, unless you tell us otherwise. However, we will still need either your email address (preferably) or telephone number so that we can contact you in case the need arises. Invariably new friends are made during our touring events and this information helps folks stay in touch with one another.

Please provide the information below when you mail your check to us:

Names: _____

Address: _____

Street _____ Town _____ State ____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone No.: _____

Car: Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

Please place a check here if this your first Tour with CVR: _____

Saturday Evening Dinner Selection:

Prime Rib of Beef Qty: _____

Grilled Fillet of Salmon Qty: _____

Directions to the hotel

**Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center
14 Mechanic Street
Southbridge, MA 01560**

From Hartford, New York and Points South

- I-84 E Take exit 3B onto Rte. 20 West
- Take first Right Exit 3B onto Rte. 20 West
- Turn Left at first stoplight onto Rte. 131
- Follow Rte. 131 for approx. 4 miles into Southbridge
- Continue to rotary halfway around onto Mechanic Street
- The entrance to the Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center is less than 100 yards on your Right

Check-in

You will receive a package of information from us when you check in at the hotel. Contained in this package will be a complete agenda for the weekend, info on local restaurants and detailed driving directions for Saturday's tour. It will also tell you the exact time and location of the orientation meeting to be held Saturday morning. As in the recent past (to save time) we will also have CVR's "Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement" forms at the front desk for you to sign when you check in; all participants must sign this form.

If you have any questions please email us at tourmeister@cvrpca.org. We are looking forward to seeing you in Southbridge in May!

Maria and Phil Capella

