

Dear Fellow RROC Members,

I am sending this message to the Allegheny, Chesapeake, Headquarters, and Keystone Regions. As our RROC President Sue Brooks announced in the last "Flying Lady," the 2020 National Meet will be held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Renee' and I live in Gettysburg and have volunteered to be the co-hosts of the event. Gettysburg, home of the largest battle and major turning point in the Civil War, is a perfect area for motoring well maintained backroads through beautiful countryside, small historic towns, and interesting places to visit. If you haven't been to Gettysburg in some time or ever, there are changes that enhance the experience. There is a new Visitor's Center and the Cyclorama painting has been restored. Schmucker Hall is now open as a museum, where visitors can stand in the restored cupola. That is where Union General Buford viewed the advancing Confederates on the first day of the battle. General Lee's headquarters has been restored to its original appearance. Gettysburg National Military Park is one of the best maintained Civil War Battlefields and National Parks in the country, with support from the Park Service and numerous nonprofit historical preservation groups. The park is also home of the Eisenhower Farm, where President Eisenhower and Mamie enjoyed retirement; the National Cemetery and site where President Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address; the Wills House where President Lincoln stayed and the train station, where he arrived. The town and countryside have many of the original buildings and homes that witnessed the battle.

Although Gettysburg is still a small town, there are numerous activities, good places to eat, and shop since tourism is a major source of income in the area.

For the history buffs, the Antietam Battlefield, Harpers Ferry, Monocacy Battlefield, Fort McHenry, and many other historical sites are within easy driving range.

There are other great places to visit, like the terrific train museum in Strasbourg, the Harley Davidson factory in York, the RROC Headquarters and Rolls-Royce Foundation in Mechanicsburg, The Hershey Chocolate World in Hershey and many more.

Renee' and I are researching all of these possibilities, including restaurants and local opportunities for the event. We are studying other automobile clubs' national meet activities that occur regularly here in Gettysburg, and we are learning from their experiences. We are collecting contacts for all of these.

Working with RROC headquarters nearby is already exceptionally helpful. The venue for the event has been chosen and will be the Wyndham Hotel and complex, and thanks to Headquarters those arrangements are well underway. This venue is the best in the area and offers facilities and a campus that will accommodate RROC needs.

We would like to invite members of the nearby RROC regions to work with us and volunteer to make this meet fun and a great success.

The RROC Meet Manual (on the RROC Site) talks about the following Coordinators that would be on the Meet Committee. There may be additional responsibilities that will have to be coordinated:

Registration Coordinator  
Meet Judging Coordinator  
Meet Vendor Coordinator  
Technical Session Coordinator

Social Events Coordinator- Dinners  
Social Events Coordinator- Activities  
Security Coordinator  
Meet Promotion and Advertising Sales Coordinator  
Communications Coordinator  
Registration Book and Meet Book Coordinator  
Goody Bag Commissar and Meet Gift Bearer

The description of these responsibilities from the Meet Manual are as follows:

**Registration Coordinator** – This person is the Pit Boss who oversees the Registration Desk at the Host Hotel. He will need to recruit from within the Club Membership 30 to 40 volunteers who will work the Registration Desk for 4 or more days - 8AM to 5 PM. These volunteers need not be local Members. It has become popular among veteran Meet Attendees to volunteer. Put the word out via Club email blast and recruit Members from across the country.

**Meet Judging Coordinator** – This person is the Chief Judge's primary person to ensure that local needs and requirements are in place come judging day. He will be a key player on Judging Day to ensure things flow well between the Judging Team and local support. Details can be found below in the Judging Paragraph in the Meet Manual. Paragraph No. 10

**Meet Vendor Coordinator** - This person will be responsible for managing the wide variety of Vendors that want to be present during the Meet to sell products, parts and services. RROC HQ can furnish a list of prior Vendors. Recruitment and encouragement of old and new vendors to attend your Meet is necessary. Vendors are a nice source of revenue that goes to Meet Budget. This person will need to coordinate with the Host Hotel for appropriate chairs, tables and security to be in place in the Ballroom where the Vendors will set up their wares. Access to the internet has become a prime Vendor need. This aspect needs to be worked out with the Host Hotel IT staff. The Vendor Coordinator will also be responsible for setting up, equipping, and managing the Registration Area, the Members' Lounge and the Vendors' sales areas.

**Technical Session Coordinator** - This person needs to become the Professor Emeritus of RR & B Tech. This is a demanding and time consuming job. May require a two person team approach. See the Paragraph in the Meet Manual addressing Technical Sessions.

**Social Events Coordinator - Dinners** - This person coordinates the social activities related to the various dinner events taking place during the Meet. From Opening Banquet / Welcome Dinner to Awards Banquet including the Affiliate Dinners and lunches. Interfaces with owner of the dinner event and the establishment hosting the dinner. Manages Host Hotel activity when they are providing the meals that are part of the commercial commitment in the contract with the Club. Often the affiliates have their dinners outside the Hotel. This may require separate meal contracts. The Affiliates own these contracts.

**Social Events Coordinator – Activities** - This person coordinates the social activities related to non-dining events. Examples. Bus tours, Driving Tours, Non-Car related events at the Hotel, Youth-related events, and Shuttle buses.

**Security Coordinator** – This person is dedicated to establishing security for Members' cars during the Meet. See the Paragraph on Security below. If this Committee Member has a close relationship with the local Gendarmes it will be helpful.

**Meet Promotion and Advertising Sales Coordinator** - This person is responsible to see that the Meet is advertised as much as possible in Club Publications, develop Meet Logos, and Meet Car Badge. Chase down potential advertisers as defined in the Meet Manual on Advertising.

**Communications Coordinator** – This person creates the list of all principals involved in creating the meet. Club Officers, Affiliate Leaders, Meet Committees Members, Hotel Management, Fire, Police, Ambulance, Security, AAA, Tow truck operators, caterers, vendors, etc. Publish the list for those responsible for Club Function during the Meet and including their cell phone numbers and email addresses.

**Registration Book and Meet Book Coordinator** – This is the person who is responsible for collecting the photos, images, schedule info, venue descriptions, event descriptions, host hotel info, meet information, ad copy, dignitary letters, sponsor's letters, and sending to RROC HQ for the publisher to have his graphic designer assemble. Follow up with the graphic designer to ensure the Meet Message and Meet Essence is included in both books.

**Goody Bag Commissar and Meet Gift Bearer** - Someone on the Meet Committee who enjoys collecting sponsors' trinket gifts, vendors' trinkets with logos, local maps, attraction brochures and knickknacks of interest. But most important this person decides on the Meet Gift. Something in the \$20 or less cost category. Please don't reinvent the wheel. And do not encourage starving artists. Also please consider that many Members fly to the Meet. The gift should not be something bulky or easily breakable. A tote bag with RROC / Meet Logo have been well received gifts.

Renee and I, along with the leadership of the RROC will very much appreciate your willingness to help.

All the best,

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