

Autumn Adventure '09



2009 ACA Fall National Rally

September 10 - 15

Your ACA Board and the Great Lakes Chapter cordially invite you to the Fall National Rally in Columbus, Ohio!

COLUMBUS - The City

Columbus has breathtaking natural beauty in the fall with the sound of rustling leaves, just the start of changing colors in the trees, bushels of mums, and the cheers from a nearby football stadium. It promises to be beautiful weather with an average low of 54 and high of 77 degrees.

There truly is so much to discover, and it's all within your reach. Surrounding downtown Columbus are the city's top entertainment areas. The newest is the Arena District, which is loaded with restaurants and entertainment spots. Just north of the city is the Short North Arts District with galleries, boutiques, and some of the best restaurants in the city. Many of these have outdoor patios - which you can still enjoy in September. South of downtown is the historic German Village and the adjacent Brewery District. You can stroll down brick streets which still contain most of the original 19th century German architecture listed in the National Registry of historic places. Learn about the best golfer in history at the Jack Nicklaus Museum, located near the rally site. And of course, there's the spectacularly designed Ohio State stadium, which is the second largest stadium in the Big Ten and the third largest college stadium in America.

COLUMBUS - The Rally

Our rally will be held at the Ohio Expo Center, which has easy access from I-71 and is only seven minutes from downtown Columbus. All meals, seminars, vendors and entertainment will be in one climate-controlled building with 52,000 square feet of open floor space. All of our sites have water and electric; many have sewers. Those without a sewer will have one free honeywagon visit. All sites are within walking distance of the building, with handicapped sites just outside the front door. The caterer we have chosen serves all homemade foods and desserts! We will have a deli serving lunch near the vendor area.

The list of vendors is constantly growing. Seminars will be both technical and non-technical. We've booked different seminars - like Mac McCoy, "The Fire Guy", identity theft, and genealogy. There will even be a charm school and several craft seminars just for the ladies!

We will have exciting entertainment - great dancing, comedy and favorite tunes from the past. The usual golf outing is planned. Start each morning with a morning exercise session. And we'll have a non-denominational "gospel hour" after breakfast on Sunday.

The corporate headquarters for Longaberger baskets is close by. We are planning a daylong outing to its Homestead area for tours, lunch and shopping. There will also be City Tours which highlight the historic German Village area and the local chocolate factory. There might be some samples along the way too!

Randy, his crew and the other service reps will be onsite to repair those nagging little problems we all develop while driving down the road. Read the schedule for the details on that!

Whether it's gourmet or casual dining, high-end or bargain shopping, golfing or professional sporting events, there's so much to experience in Columbus. This rally is only a few months away! By now everyone is anxious to get back on the road and catch up with old friends. Having fun and spending time with your friends is an important part of an ACA rally - especially this one!

Hope to see you there!