

# VERMONT 2016

## MAY 31ST TO JUNE 5TH, 2016

Do you fantasize about long, smooth ribbons of pavement? Roads with broad sweeping turns in undulating countryside which pass through sleepy towns? Routes that take you from warm sunlight to cool forest shadows? Mountain passes with twists and turns that challenge both you and your machine? Then this week is for you...

The journey begins Tuesday morning as you leave behind everyday pressures and wander towards the New England countryside. Vermont's Green Mountains will crowd the horizon as you travel roads whose characteristics are dictated by the terrain they permit you to visit. Your destination is the Short Hills Ski Club's Lodge nestled in a quiet agricultural valley along Vermont's famous Route 100. There your bike will peacefully tick and cool in the chill of evening shadows as you sit beside a crackling fireplace (yes, it will probably still be that cool at night) making new friends, exchanging stories, and contemplating the curves ahead.

Can't get away until Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday? No problem... Just rendezvous with us at the Lodge when you can!

Friday evening will feature a home cooked meal prepared at the Lodge. Saturday morning you will awake to the aroma of freshly brewed coffee and a hearty breakfast. Your days will be tailored the designs of you and your companions. The region is saturated with roads representing brilliant examples of civil engineering. Any of them will usher you into the glens, forests, and hamlets that exemplify the essence of Vermont and New England. You could make a run for the Canadian border, wander over into the White Mountains of New Hampshire, traverse numerous mountain passes, or chase a friend's taillight on twisting valley roads. You will not be distracted by the thought of stopping for lunch until your bike is well into its second tank of fuel or your weak bladder commands attention. The only specific items on the agenda are Friday and Saturday evening dinners where we can all share the day's experiences and Saturday and Sunday breakfasts where you can plan for the day ahead.

Arrangements for this tour will be relaxed and informal. Although trip sheets suggesting various local routes will be available, individuals will be responsible for choosing their traveling companions, selecting roads to be traveled, and making weather related decisions. I will be happy to place solo riders in touch with other participants in advance of the weekend. However, it is up to each individual rider to travel at his or her own pace in a safe, responsible manner.

The Ski Club's Lodge is located on an old dairy farm in central Vermont. It sleeps forty-six people in bunk-bed style accommodations primarily in two and four person rooms. Sleeping quarters are simple (see "Frequently Asked Questions"), there are four generously sized bathrooms with an abundance of hot water, and a large living room with the requisite fireplace. As a member of the Club, I have reserved the Lodge for the weekend and will be your host. The Lodge has rustic charm and there is always a tremendous supply of firewood.

The cost of this escape is \$200 per person, which includes Friday dinner, Friday night lodging, Saturday breakfast, Saturday dinner, Saturday night lodging, Sunday breakfast, door prizes, and AMA related fees. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night lodging (without food) is \$27 per person, per night.

Interested? Contact me at [frederick@larcombe.us](mailto:frederick@larcombe.us) with any questions. As indicated above, space is limited so **RESERVATIONS ARE STRICTLY ON A FIRST-PAID BASIS**. Upon receipt of your check, I will email you a confirmation, directions to the Lodge, and other pertinent details. Additional information can be found below along with a registration form.

See you in Vermont!

Fred Larcombe

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**WHAT SHOULD I PACK?** Bring along two sheets or a sleeping bag, a pillowcase, a washcloth, a towel, and personal toiletries. The Lodge is adequately supplied with old blankets and smelly pillows. Be sure to pack your iPod or favorite CDs. The Lodge has a sound system and, decidedly, no television.

**HOW WILL ROOMS BE ASSIGNED?** Couples will be given preference for the two person rooms on a "first-paid" basis. The remainder of the rooms will be assigned based upon the information provided on the reservation form, rumors regarding how much you snore, or how much noise you and your significant other make together.

**IF THE LODGE IS FULL CAN I STAY AT A LOCAL INN OR CAMPGROUND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MEALS AT THE LODGE?** Sorry, our cook will only prepare meals for the capacity of the Lodge. However, that does not preclude you from staying at a nearby hostelry, eating breakfast at McDonalds, riding with us during the day and eating lunch at McDonalds, eating dinner at McDonalds, and then relaxing with us in the evenings while you burp and enjoy your McDonalds delights the second time around. So mail your check early.

**IS THERE A RAINDATE?** Fuhgidabowdit

**WHAT TIME CAN I ARRIVE ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, OR FRIDAY?** You can arrive anytime beginning Tuesday afternoon. The Lodge will remain unlocked during the balance of the week and the Granville Moose will be standing guard.

**ARE THERE RESTAURANTS NEARBY?** Yes, many! Such information will be available at the Lodge.

**HOW ABOUT REFUNDS IF I CANNOT MAKE IT?** Sorry, no refunds for the base package after May 1st. Please understand that this event requires substantial advance planning, commitments with the cook, purchase of food and door prizes, and other cash disbursements in advance of the event to ensure your pleasure. However, you are not entirely SOL if circumstances prevent you from attending at the last minute. You may send a friend who tells better jokes, smells less, or is more handsome than you to take your place.

**WHAT DO THE MEALS AT THE LODGE CONSIST OF?** Breakfast typically includes scrambled eggs, bacon sausage, home fries, freshly baked muffins, juice, coffee, tea, and an array of fresh fruit. French toast, pancakes, a cheese strata, or some other surprise may be included depending upon our cook's whims. Dinner always includes a fresh garden salad, a main course accompanied by potatoes and vegetables, and a homemade dessert. The main course could be something such as roast turkey with all the trimmings, roast beef, stuffed pork roast, or anything else that fits into the ovens. A sommelier will be available to help you with your selection of the appropriate wine.

**HOW DO I SIGN UP?** Complete the reservation form and mail it along with a check payable to "Fred Larcombe" in the appropriate amount (that means round it up to the next thousand if you want the room with the jacuzzi). Then mail it to Fred Larcombe / VT 2016, 107 Mill Pond Road, Belle Mead, NJ 08502.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Count me (us) in!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my (our) check payable to Fred Larcombe in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ The basic package from Friday, June 3rd to Sunday, June 5th (this includes Friday night dinner, Friday night lodging, Saturday breakfast and dinner, eligibility for Saturday night door prizes, Saturday night lodging, Sunday breakfast, and AMA registration fees) at \$200 per person

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday night, May 31st, lodging at \$27 per person

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday night, June 1st, lodging at \$27 per person

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday night, June 2nd, lodging at \$27 per person

Please handle my (our) room assignment to the best of your ability in the following manner:

( ) I (we) wish to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_

( ) We wish to have a two-person room. If one is not available, group us with another couple in a four-person room.

( ) We wish to have a two-person room. If one is not available, we do not wish to attend and return our check to us. (If you select this option, you do not know what a great time you will be missing!)

In exchange for the privilege of participating in VERMONT 2016 and using the facilities of the Short Hills Ski Club, I relieve the organizer of this event and the Short Hills Ski Club and its officers and members of any and all liability for any injuries and/or losses, regardless of fault, that I may experience either on Club property or at any other location in connection with this event or any related activities. Additionally, I understand and acknowledge that this is will be an American Motorcycle Association (AMA) sanctioned event and that I will sign the standard AMA liability waiver and complete any other AMA required paperwork upon check-in. I certify that I am at least twenty-one years of age.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

On a scale of one to ten, my snoring is a \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

On a scale of one to ten, my snoring is a \_\_\_\_\_.

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All checks should be made payable to "Fred Larcombe" and  
mailed along with the completed reservation form to:

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