

The Addison Amble July 25, 2009





The Plan

For our VTBMWCCA July event we have assembled a Chinese menu of offerings. Most of the choices are in Column A.. You can make a full day of it or choose the segments that work for you. Please **RSVP** to Ron Crawford drqnwhspr@concast.net or 802-877-3542 so we can alert our hosts.

10:00-12:00 An Addison County Drive – About 1 hour 45 minutes

Start off your day with a **DIY SCENIC DRIVE**. Event Meister Ron Crawford has found what may be the most scenic and challenging paved roads in Western Addison County. (The task was simplified by the lack of asphalt on most other scenic byways in the area.)

We will **start and finish** at the Red Mill restaurant, located next to the air strip at Basin Harbor Club. (From Rt.22A in Vergennes take Panton Road and then Basin Harbor Road to the club.) The loop takes you on entertaining but gentle roads down the shoreline of Lake Champlain to Chimney Point. You will pass Arnold Bay, Button Bay and Chimney Point State Parks. You may want to include an excursion across the Lake Champlain Bridge to the 18th Century fortifications and museum at Crown Point. Also just over the bridge on the south side of the road is the location of the only Rodin in the North Country. (The French Rodin sculpture – not the Japanese Flying Monster!). The route loops east on challenging portions of Route 125. You will encounter lots of diving and climbing turns and some interesting decreasing radius curves. Near Middlebury College you will turn north toward Weybridge, and then loop westward on tighter fun stretches on Route 17. A transit run north on Rt.22A will bring you to the outskirts of Vergennes and a final segment along Otter Creek back out to Basin Harbor.

Printed below area **PDF map and route directions**.....

If you wish to start early and extend your drive we recommend two loops.

- A drive from the Lake Champlain Bridge down to Ticonderoga on Rt.22/9N to Rt 74 would take you past old Fort Ticonderoga to the quaint cable ferry at Larrabee point and continuing on Rt.74 to Rt.22A back to Vergennes is historic, scenic, and fun. With allowance for waiting times at the ferry, figure on something over 3 hours.

*A loop north from the bridge on the New York side of Lake Champlain would take you via Routes 9N and 22 through Port Henry, Westport, and the Adirondack State Park to Essex, NY. The roads are curvy and hilly, somewhat faster than in Vermont. In Essex you would take the Essex-Charlotte Ferry back to VT and continue south through Vergennes. This loop will also be three hours plus.

There are **two speed traps** in Vergennes. One is on 22A at the south end of town at Hopkins Road. The second is just east of the BF Goodrich plant.

12:00 – 2:00 Lunch at the Red Mill Restaurant in Basin Harbor

We will meet for lunch at 12:00PM Noon at the Red Mill restaurant. This will be a chance to meet informally and get to know other members. Please park on the grass with the rest of the BMWs. If the setting looks familiar it is because a number of carmakers have used the spot for photo shoots and new model introductions. Many of you have also attended Wings, Wheels, and Keels there. The Red Mill serves what amounts to a tavern luncheon menu at reasonable prices. There is a nice picnic area just on the south side of the Red Barn if you prefer to bring your own lunch. Spread out a blanket and watch the planes come and go from the grass strip.

2:00-4:00 Lake Champlain Maritime Museum (LCCM) Tour

We will reconvene after lunch at 2:00PM in the Gateway entry building at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. LCCM is just across the airstrip from the Red Mill. There will be a couple of other groups on the LCCM grounds, so we will park across the road on the grass area. Again, look for Bimmers.

We will meet in the Gateway because it is covered and air conditioned. It also has a great selection of books, publications, and souvenirs and appealing munchies.

We have negotiated a discounted group rate for admissions. The adult admission will be just \$8.00. To get that rate, by the 24th of July, you will need to give a list of the people you will be bringing to Ron Crawford at 802-877-3542 or drgnwhspr@comcast.net. The admissions folks at the Gateway will give discounted tickets only to people on our list.

LCCM if you have not been there recently, is there to preserve and pass on the history of the region. You will see actual boats and memorabilia, reconstructions of at least three historic boats, and displays and film presentations covering the period from before the European arrival in 1609. Also on site are the archeology and conservation labs and demonstrations of historic skills like boatbuilding and blacksmithing.

The museum is beautifully arranged for exploring on your own. Everything is clearly explained with placards. The staff are friendly and brimming with amazing details. Ron Crawford from our club is an interpreter at LCCM and a former military historian at organizations like HERO and SNC. He will tour with us and try to answer any questions.

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Campus



4:00 – approx. 5:30 Underwater Archeology Boat Tour

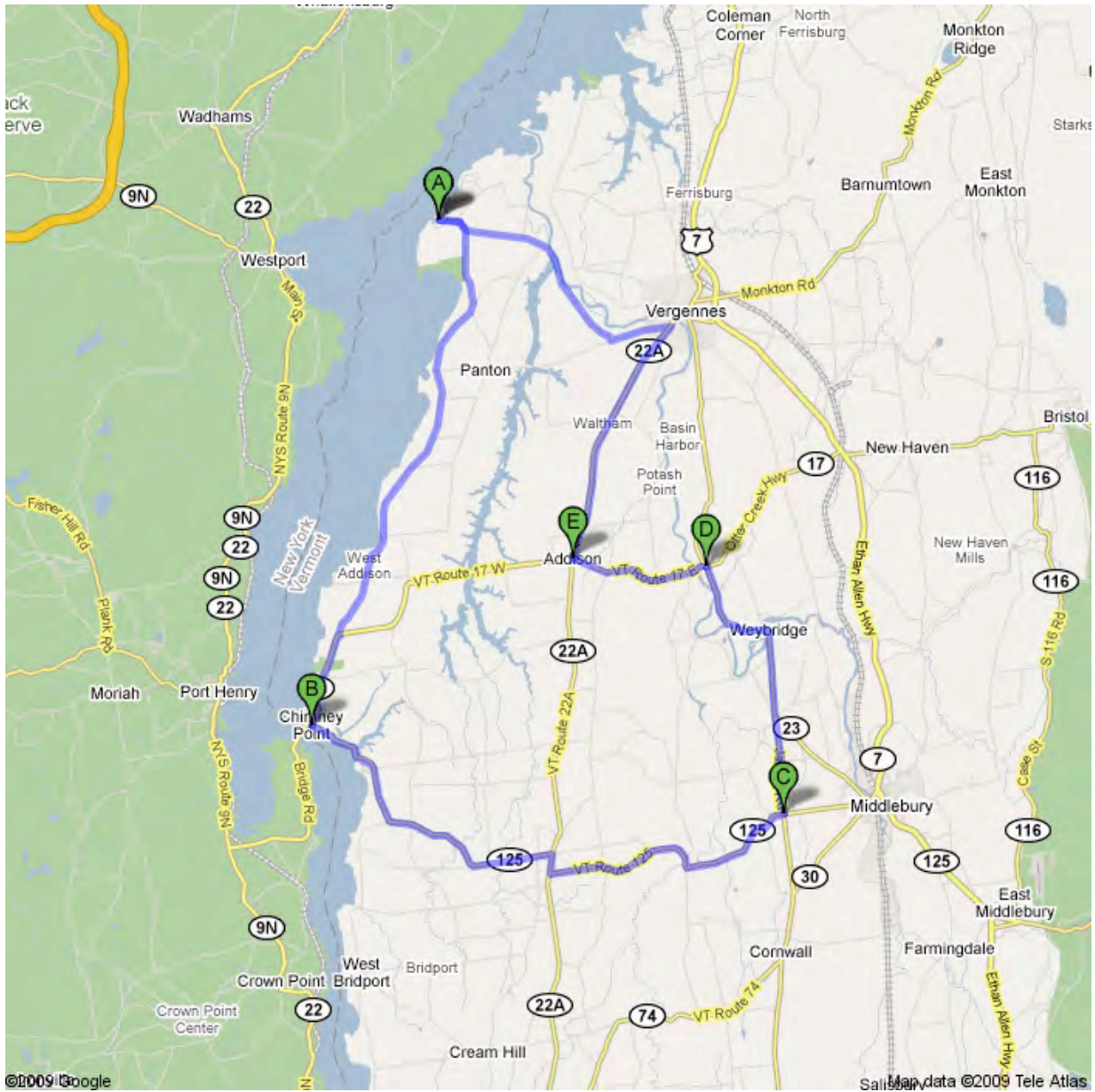
At 4:00 we have made reservations for a special treat at LCCM. Most of what we know about the maritime history of Lake Champlain has come from finding and exploring sunken ships on the bottom of the lake. Seeing the exploration in action and visiting ancient shipwrecks has hitherto been the province of

archeologists and divers. Now, however, LCCM can offer us the next best thing. Our tour will take us out in a motorboat that holds 35 passengers. We will visit various wreck sites. At the shipwrecks the LCCM guide will deploy Bob, an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) that carries a video camera right down to the sunken boat. The video is displayed on TV monitors right on the tour boat. For a video preview, go to http://www.lcmm.org/museum_info/shipwreck_tours.html.

Our club has reserved the boat for a special tour just for VTBMWCCA. We need to sell enough seats to cover the cost. And we need to collect enough payments by the beginning of that week to honor our agreement with LCCM. We reserve the right to cancel for insufficient numbers. However, we anticipate the tour actually being oversubscribed, with lots of members bringing significant others and guests. We may be able to arrange a second tour earlier in the day if there is sufficient demand.

Reserved seats are \$20 per person. Seats are first-come-first-served. Your check must reach our treasurer, Dana Cole, at PO Box 771, Arlington, VT 05250-0771, no later than Noon on Monday, July 20. No exceptions!

Scenic Drive Route Map



Tour Directions from Start-Finish at Basin Harbor Club

(48.2 mi – about 1 hour 44 minutes)

Start – Red Mill Restaurant

Basin Harbor Club
4800 Basin Harbor Rd, Vergennes, VT 05491

1. Head **east** on **Basin Harbor Rd** toward **Cemetery Ln**

About 2 mins

go 0.7 mi

total 0.7 mi

2. Slight **right** at **Button Bay Rd**

About 5 mins

go 1.8 mi

total 2.5 mi

3. Slight **right** at **Arnold Bay Rd**

About 6 mins

go 2.3 mi

total 4.8 mi

4. Continue on **Lake Rd**

About 14 mins

go 5.8 mi

total 10.6 mi

5. Turn **left** at **Lake St** go 240 ft

total 10.7 mi

6. Turn **right** at **VT-17/VT Route 17 W**

About 4 mins

go 2.1 mi

total 12.7 mi

7. Slight **left** to stay on **VT-17/VT Route 17 W** go 233 ft

total 12.8 mi

Chimney Point, Vermont total 0.0 mi

8. Head **southeast** on **VT-125/VT Route 125** toward **Ten Acre Dr**

About 14 mins

go 7.0 mi

total 7.0 mi

9. Turn **right** at **VT-125/VT-22A/VT Route 22A**

About 1 min

go 0.5 mi

total 7.5 mi

10. Turn **left** at **VT-125/VT Route 125**

Continue to follow VT-125

About 13 mins

go 6.2 mi

total 13.7 mi

Rte-125 & James Rd, Middlebury, VT 05753 total 0.0 mi

11. Head **north** on **James Rd** toward **Cow Hill Rd**

About 4 mins

go 2.2 mi

total 2.2 mi

12. Continue on **Quaker Village Rd**

About 9 mins

go 4.2 mi

total 6.4 mi

VT-17 & Hallock Rd, VT total 0.0 mi

13. Head **west** on **Otter Creek Hwy/VT-17** toward **VT-23/Weybridge Rd**

Continue to follow VT-17

About 6 mins

go 3.1 mi

total 3.1 mi

VT Route 22A & VT Route 17, Vergennes, Addison, Vermont 05491 total 0.0 mi

Total: **12.2 mi** – about **25 mins**

14. Head **north** on **VT-22A/VT Route 22A** toward **Carr Rd**

Continue to follow VT-22A

About 9 mins

go 5.7 mi

total 5.7 mi

15. Turn **left** at **Panton Rd**

About 4 mins

go 1.4 mi

total 7.1 mi

16. Turn **right** at **Basin Harbor Rd**

About 13 mins

go 5.1 mi

total 12.2 mi

17. **enter Basin Harbor Club grounds**

18. Turn **left** after air strip and park by Red Mill Restaurant