

**A W INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**26 - 28 August, 2016**  
**Beltsville, Maryland**  
**near Washington, DC**

**I N V I T A T I O N   a n d**  
**G E N E R A L   I N F O R M A T I O N   F O R   P A R T I C I P A N T S**

*Well, it's been 20 years since the first "wash-in", August 1996, with 6 future members of AW in Chatham, Massachusetts. Since then there have been so many wash-ins hosted by so many members of the club it's hard to count them all --as well, there have been three general club-wide "International Conventions". (Catch up on thread #61859, posted 10/10/2015 on the Imperial forum.) Today, there are 2660 A W members world wide. Two of these from Australia will be visiting, and Combo52 is nearing completion of his collection of washers and other major appliances as a museum in Beltsville, MD. SO, it seems to be a good time to check the progress of everything, renew friendships, do some laundry, and to celebrate what brings us all together. In the hope that you will join us, here are a few details that you might find helpful in planning:*

**WHERE:** Beltsville, Maryland (named 150 years ago after early landowner Trueman Belt, not the Washington circumferential highway) is located north of Washington at the US Route 1 exit off the Washington beltway, near where I-95 and I-495 intersect --the prominent landmark is the high IKEA sign. More or less, Beltsville runs along Route 1, or "Baltimore Avenue", north of the beltway. The Town of College Park runs along Baltimore Avenue south of the beltway. The Alco Appliance warehouse is exactly 1 mile north on Route 1 (see below). Cherry Hill Road is the first road heading west off Route 1 south of the beltway --the prominent landmark is the Best Buy / Home Depot College Park Market Center. Most commercial activity is in this area, as well as the Department of Agriculture's Research Campus / farm. John [Combo52], Jeff [Jeff\_adelphi] and Jason [Surgilator68] all live nearby.

**DISTANCE TRAVELERS:** Driving, you want to be on the northern arc of the Washington beltway, near where I-95 (east half circle) and I-495 (west half circle) join. On the north side, the Route 1 exits are well signed to College Park (heading south) and to Laurel / Baltimore (reading north).

"Metro" is the Washington regional transportation system. The Greenbelt station, north terminus of the "green line", is about 3 miles from Beltsville and is most conveniently served by taxi and Uber although there are city buses but routes are not direct and take time.

BWI is the most convenient airport, about 20 miles north off I-95. Driving south on I-95, at the beltway split bear right to "I-495 Silver Spring", but stay in the left lane for the "Park and Ride" ramp to Route 1. If you don't rent a car, Super Shuttle van services to Beltsville hotels are marked "Suburban Washington". There is also a bus shuttle from BWI to the Greenbelt Metro station nearby (about 3 miles), then taxi or Uber.

National Airport is in south DC (Virginia) and is served by the Metro "yellow line" but this requires a transfer to the "green line" for the Greenbelt station (over an hour's ride); then transfer to local taxi (usually a couple standing by) to hotels (about 3 miles). Dulles Airport is NOT convenient unless you are staying in Virginia. (However without a car, you can board the Metro "silver line" about 10 miles east of the airport.)

Amtrak is served by Washington's Union Station on the Metro "red line" requiring transfer to the "green line".

**LODGING:** Beltsville is a suburb of Washington which often hosts family tourists who stay in less expensive outlying areas, and it is adjacent to College Park and the University of Maryland as well as the US Department of Agriculture, all of which are large group users of hotel facilities. Consequently since it is also along a heavily traveled interstate, an early reservation is recommended. There are several national chain hotels near the

corner of Route 1 and Cherry Hill Road. The *Comfort Inn* and *Sheraton "College Park"* are not anywhere near these and are thought to be inconvenient, but use of these may be necessary. Room availability is a changing scene, of course --the current status (end of March) at close by hotels is as follows:

*Holiday Inn*, 10000 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740. 301-345-6700. On the north side of the beltway, this has the best setting and is the most convenient, and our best recommendation. It contains the *Moose Creek Steak House* that could be a good place to meet for breakfast, or a drink, etc. --although the broad menu makes the service much slower than the nearby *IHOP* for example. (Some of you have stayed here before.) It does not have a complimentary breakfast, but does serve a buffet breakfast 7 - 11am. It has an indoor heated pool and exercise facilities. However as of March, it is 70% booked for another group with only 60 rooms open --all "single king bed" and in the same wing. Until the end of June, mention "Automatic Washer Club" to receive a discounted rate of \$99, plus 13% taxes, for double or single occupancy on nights 25 through 28 August (ask to extend this if you're staying longer). Our proposed Sunday morning breakfast is planned here (see Events).

*Hampton Inn*, 9670 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740. 301-345-2200. Just as convenient south of the beltway next to *IHOP* at Cherry Hill Road. A full service 80 room hotel with complimentary continental breakfast but has no rooms available at present. Inquire if interested.

*Econo Lodge*, 9624 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740. 301-474-0894 / 800-553-2666, next to the Hampton Inn. A 30-room motel, it is the least recommended due to maintenance issues.

*Super 8*, 9150 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740. 301-474-0894, a motel format with complimentary continental breakfast a little further south has 15 rooms available at this time.

*Red Roof Inn*, 9137 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740. 301-345-5000, a 68 room motel with complimentary breakfast has 60 rooms in various configurations available. Recommended.

*Days Inn / Howard Johnson's*, 9113 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740, 301-345-3017. A motel format with continental breakfast has 57 rooms available. Manager suggested that if several members could unite, a group rate for a specified number of rooms could be negotiated on [www.daysinn.com](http://www.daysinn.com)

Also, there are a *Holiday Inn Express*, a *Clarion*, a *Best Western* and others, as well as fast food and gasoline, closer to the university, about 3 miles south. The *Clarion* has an indoor pool and facilities.

If you are an RV'er, there is a full service park (the sign also reads "campsites") on Cherry Hill Road 3/4 mile west of Route 1, with bus connections to the Greenbelt Metro for those going into Washington. *Cherry Hill Park* ([cherryhillpark.com](http://cherryhillpark.com)), 9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park 20740. 301-937-7116.

**FOOD:** In addition to the *IHOP* and *Moose Creek* mentioned above, there are a variety of food places in the Camden Center adjacent to the *Holiday Inn*, and a couple around the corner in the College Park Market Center at Cherry Hill Road --where the *Starbucks* (w/drive thru) is located. *Dunkin' Donuts* is across Baltimore Avenue as well as in the Camden Center. National chain fast food and several gas stations are farther north near the Alco Appliance warehouse, as well as farther south near the university. "Fine dining" or ethnic fare, even good pizza, is scarce but tucked away here and there, ask Cal.

***That's more than you want to know***, but if we've overlooked anything, please ask on the Registration form. We hope this helps, and that you have an easy trip and a great visit!

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### **P L A N N E D   E V E N T S   a n d   R E G I S T R A T I O N**

**Registration:** Pre-registration is necessary so that adequate accommodations, food, etc. can be planned for events. A sign-up form is attached as a PDF to be printed, legibly completed (use margin space if necessary), and mailed to:

Cal Corell, registrar  
11104 Cherry Hill Road  
Adelphi, MD 20783-1014

A registration fee is requested for all participants, including guests, as a personal firm commitment, as well as a contribution to help defray any unusual costs for entertainment and/or food at each event, and to support the AW website. AW Members are requested to be vested in "Upgraded Subscriber" status so an opportunity to join is included on the Registration Form if needed. The amount is fixed and cannot be prorated according to event attendance, and will not be refunded after mid-July. International travelers will be exempt. Early registration is encouraged as accommodations limit attendance to around 100 participants, more or less. The costs of personal travel, hotel, local transportation, a group Sunday breakfast, and a good quality commemorative T-shirt(s) are not included. Confirmation and any other relevant information will be returned by e-mail (or USPS if requested) within two weeks of receipt. Name tags and a list of those registered (club and personal names only) by mid-July are to be picked-up at your first event. Please coordinate with John {Combo52} if you plan to bring a machine requiring space and hook up as there is limited space..

**"Meet and Greet" wash-in, Friday evening, 26 August, 6 pm - on through the evening:** Jeff [Jeff\_adelphi] and partner, Cal, are hosting a social evening and front loader wash-in. Laundry is welcome if you plan to use the machines –tough stains a plus. In deference to those who like to watch their laundry from above, there will be a collection of classic agitators and/or other parts to identify. Beer, sodas and mixers (b.y.o.b. if you wish). Barbeque.

**11104 Cherry Hill Road, Adelphi, 20783** --about 2 miles west of Route 1.

PLEASE PARK ALONG COLLIER ROAD (At the end of block before you arrive at 11104).

Jeff's cell: 240-472-1836

Land line message: 301-937-3251

Cal's cell: 240-501-0925

**Washington Excursion, Saturday morning, 27 August, 9 am for much of the day** (*Individually optional, of course*): A group(s) excursion(s) via Metro from the Greenbelt station to the Smithsonian Museums along the National Mall. Choose from popular museums: American History (science and technology), Air and Space, Arts and Industry, Natural History, American Indian, African American History and Culture (new), National Gallery (fine arts), etc. --12 in all. All museums have fairly good food for lunch, but will be full of tourists and children at this time of year. Museums are free (except the National Building Museum, \$10). If you haven't been to Washington, the National Mall (a park, not shopping emporium) itself, monuments and memorials, the Capitol building, etc. may be of interest. Upon sufficient demand, we could repeat this on Sunday afternoon –or you can do it on your own any time of course. Metro round trip ticket, Greenbelt to the Archives station, is less than \$10. A day pass for unlimited trips and destinations is around \$15.

**Wash-in and Museum Party, Saturday evening, 27 August, 4 pm - on through the evening:** John [Combo52] and Jason [Surgilator68] are hosting a wash-in and preview of the developing appliance museum in Alco Appliance's warehouse. Plenty of vintage appliances to investigate, and several interesting washers to play with including John's newly hooked-up line of combos. Laundry welcome. Beer, sodas and mixers

(b.y.o.b. if you wish), and food cooked on the new mezzanine (over looking the museum) by several of our A W members who are known for their culinary skills.

**10101F Bacon Drive, Beltsville 20705.** Exactly 1 mile north on Rt.1 (at the confluence of Montgomery Road and Rhode Island Avenue), turn right on to Ewing Road at the *Sunoco* station. Bacon Drive is the first left turn off Ewing. The warehouse is on the right. Park along the streets observing parking signs which are sometimes monitored (but maybe not on Saturday night, don't know).

John's cell: 240-304-8471      Land line at house: 301-937-2364  
Jason's cell: 240-304-8468

**Sunday morning, 28 August:** The *Holiday Inn* has a buffet breakfast in the *Moose Creek* restaurant from 7 to 11 am. On Sunday morning they will provide the attractive "Adirondack" side room for the group with a guaranteed minimum number of guests (headcount planning is another reason to register early). Hang out, or just stop in and say good-bye before you head out. The buffet is \$15 with taxes (gratuity covered in fee), but one can order from an a la cart menu, cost variable.

**Sunday afternoon, 28 August:** For those staying later, several smaller group activities are being researched and have not been formalized at this point because interest, and/or capacity of the venues, is unknown. Except for a return to the Smithsonian Museums or other Washington points of interest which are accessible by Metro, all other locations will require car pooling. Possible venues are the Washington Street Car Museum, the Bowie Radio Museum, both approximately 15 miles, and visits to other individual collections which may limit group size are about an hour away. Or, simply a shopping trip to *IKEA* for their classic Swedish meat ball / lingon berry lunch is a short walk from the *Holiday Inn*. You may express interest in a Sunday afternoon group event or make suggestions on the Registration Form.

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**R E G I S T R A T I O N**

Please print, complete and return by mail to:

Cal Corell, Registrar  
11104 Cherry Hill Road  
Adelphi, MD 20783-1014

1. **AW Club name:** \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. **Tag Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **and home city / location:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(The name you would like on your name tag along with your club handle)
  
3. **Real Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**and Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
4. **E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(For return of registration confirmation, updated information, etc.)
  
5. **Emergency contact:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Whom to contact –name, 'phone, e-mail, etc.– in case of an emergency)
  
6. **Guest name(s) (if any) / Name(s) desired on name tag (s):** \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. **Lodging Location:** \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. **Participation: Arrival / departure dates:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Events (and how many persons, including self?)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Friday evening Meet and Greet Wash-in	(____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Morning Excursion to DC	(____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Museum Party Wash-in	(____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Morning Breakfast (see below)	(____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday afternoon event	(____)

**Comment / question? (If any)** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 9.. **Registration Fee:** (International travelers exempt. NOT included are personal travel, hotel, local transportation, and Sunday morning breakfast.) **\$35 / person** X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
  
**{ A W Member requesting "Upgraded membership" + \$12.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ }**  
  
**Commemorative 2016 (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) T-shirt,** (sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL)  
How many? \_\_\_\_\_ Size(s) \_\_\_\_\_ **\$ 20 each** X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
10. **TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment should be made by check (or money order, we're not set up for credit cards, Pay Pal, etc., please enter member name in the memo field ) to: **Calvin Corell**. Please send your fully completed Registration and full payment as early as you are able because registration must be limited to around 100 participants. T-shirt orders must be placed by mid-July. Confirmation and any other relevant information (answer to comments #8, above) will be returned by e-mail (or US Mail if requested) within two weeks of receipt. Name tags and list of those registered (names only) by mid-July are to be picked-up at your first event. We really look forward to washing with you at this infrequent club-wide event.