

# **RVAA HQ BULLETIN**

Bulletin # 8 – August 5, 2008

*For Members of the Recreational Vehicle Aftermarket Association*

## **OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION TIME CHANGE YIELDS DINING OPPORTUNITIES**

RVAA has amended its schedule for its opening night reception moving the closing time of the event back one hour to 6:30 pm to allow members better ability to explore dinner opportunities with their friends and fellow RVAA members. The reception on Tuesday August 5 will begin at 5:30 and end at 6:30 p.m. The reception on Wednesday, August 6 begins at 6:30 and ends at 7:30 p.m. Both evening events allow the ability to explore the local area for any of many excellent restaurant options - the Central. You'll find many different restaurants, taverns, shops and you might even bump into Cardinals Manager Tony LaRussa who makes his home in the neighborhood. For a list of restaurants within the Central West End area as well as phone numbers for making reservations and in many cases websites for viewing menus and other information, click <http://www.rvaahq.com/conf/aroundcorn.pdf>

Of course the city of St. Louis itself has much to offer beyond the Central West End if you feel like venturing a bit further than on foot. There are the popular downtown locations such as Laclede's Landing and the famous Gateway Arch area, but one of the more interesting areas in the city is only a 10-minute cab ride (should be no more than \$15) from the entrance to the Chase Park Plaza. Called "The Hill," it is centerpiece of Italian culture in the city. The birthplace of Yogi Berra and Joe Garagiola, the area features several of the finest restaurants in the city. Go to <http://www.rvaahq.com/conf/hill.pdf> – you will find a feature about the Hill complete with over 100 listings of telephone numbers for restaurants, shops and specialty markets.

## **RVAA REGISTRATION DESK HOURS**

RVAA's registration desk will be located in the main lobby of the Chase Park Plaza near the hotel check-in. The Conference registration desk will be open Tuesday, August 5 from 6AM through 6PM for registration of conference

attendees. The desk will remain open from 7am through 5pm on August 6 and August 7, and 7am through 2pm on August 8.

## **ESPECIALLY FOR GOLFERS**

We are looking forward to another tremendous golf outing this year during RVAA's 2008 Executive Conference. For our registered golfers, please note:

- (1) Directions to the golf course can be picked up at the RVAA Registration desk any time after 9am Monday August 4, 2008 (the desk does not open for general conference registration until Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at 6am, however directions to the golf outing will be at the desk on Monday for those golfers who come in for the outing);
- (2) Use the RVAA Registration Desk in the main lobby of the Chase Park Plaza as your meeting area prior to leaving for the tournament on August 5. Golfers should begin meeting in this area around 7am. If you have a rental vehicle and have room for additional golfers, please let us know at the registration desk and we will match you up with RVAA golfers who need rides!
- (3) An awards luncheon for the outing will be held immediately following the conclusion of the tournament at the course.

Good luck in this year's event and enjoy your 2008 RVAA Golf Outing experience! For more information about this year's event, click on <http://www.rvaahq.com/conf/08golf.pdf>

## **WHEN YOU NEED SOME SUPPLIES FOR YOUR ROOM...**

Yet another positive feature of the Chase Park Plaza is its location next to one of St. Louis' landmark grocery store chains, Straub's Fine Grocers. The Straub's Market is located at 302 Northkingshighway Boulevard – walk out the front door of the Chase Park Plaza and take a right and it is one block in front of you. Straub's has a full deli, full grocery store, a complete selection of beers, wines and liquors, a bakery, deli – everything you need to make your stay at RVAA's Conference 2008 as comfortable as possible. Be advised, hotels don't always appreciate seeing bags of groceries coming through the front door when these

items could also be ordered through room service, so try to be as tactful as possible! For more information about the Central West End Straub's Grocer, click [http://www.straubs.com/in\\_store/store\\_centralwestend.html](http://www.straubs.com/in_store/store_centralwestend.html)

## **RVAA BUSINESS LUNCH FEATURES PACKED AGENDA**

RVAA's Business Lunch on August 7 will feature another fully packed agenda complete with committee and task force reports as well as an introduction of RVAA's newest members, information about new programs and our latest slate of Board nominees for 2008/09. RVAA's slate of nominees and information about the association and the efforts of our committees can be found at <http://www.rvaahq.com/news.html>

## **HAVE TIME FOR A MOVIE?**

The Chase Park Plaza has one of the finest and cleanest cinema complexes right inside the hotel, and with a variety of showtimes throughout the day or night, it is the perfect way to spend a couple of hours in air conditioned comfort. Currently playing films include: "The Dark Knight", "Hancock", "Wall E", "Mama Mia" and "Step Brothers." It is expected that these films will remain at the theatres during RVAA's conference, however for the latest updates on movies playing and starting times, simply click on <http://chase.stlouiscinemas.com>

## **RVAA's 2008 CONFERENCE SPONSORS**

*RVAA wishes to thank the following companies for helping to sponsor RVAA's 2008 Executive Conference and Golf Outing.:*

### **Diamond Sponsors**

Blue Ox

Cequent Performance Products

Demco-Dethmers Mfg.

**Platinum Sponsors**

Colibert Enterprises, Inc.

Stag-Parkway, Inc.

**Gold Sponsors**

Atwood Mobile Products

Camco Manufacturing

Coast Distribution System

Danzy Distributors Ltd.

Dicor Corporation

Hayes Brake Controller Company

Marshall Products

NTP Distribution

Thetford/Norcold

Woodalls

**Silver Sponsors**

Cequent Towing Products

Parallax Power Supply

Phoenix Products, Inc.

Prime Products

RVLI

Sigma Wire Products

Thule Towing Systems

Valterra Products, Inc.

Winegard Company

**Bronze Sponsors**

Aim Wholesale, Inc.

BAL RV Products

Classic Accessories, Inc.

Leisure Time Marketing – Electronics

Long & Tullier, Inc.

MaxxAir Vent Corporation

Progressive Dynamics

Prest-O-Fit

Teknor Apex Company

Trailer Life Directory & Books

Walex Products Company, Inc.

**Golf Sponsorship**

---

**Tournament Co-Sponsor**

Atlas Trailer Coach Products

**Gift Sponsor**

Dicor Products

**Beat the Pro Sponsor**

Hayes Brake Controller Company

**Putting Contest**

Kwikkee Products

**Hole Sponsors**

Aim Wholesale, Inc.

Atwood Mobile Products

Bell Industries

Carter Distributing, Inc.

Central Trailer Supply

Kwikkee Products

Marshall Products

Parallax Power Supply

Sigma Wire Products

Winegard Company

**Thank You for reading the RVAHQ BULLETIN and for your membership in the Recreational Vehicle Aftermarket Association!**