

# 16th East Coast Collectors Weekend An ECC Beagle Party Convention

August 4th thru 7th, 2016 King of Prussia, PA

Presidential elections can bring out the best, as well as the worst in people in addition to being a little tiring. This year East Coast Collectors thinks they should also bring out a little joy. We are proud to announce our 16<sup>th</sup> ECC weekend and invite you to the Beagle Party Convention taking place August 4<sup>rd</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>. Yes, here at ECC we believe we should be electing the one person (well, dog really) who can make a difference. We say Snoopy for President!!

Our Beagle Party Convention will return us to Pennsylvania for the first time since 2012. We will once again be visiting King of Prussia, PA, a place that has been popular with attendees in the past. Located just off the PA turnpike, the hotel is easily accessible by air and auto. The area has an abundance of great activities. It is home to one of the largest malls in the United States. There are also multiple historic sites to visit. Valley Forge National Historic Park and the downtown Philadelphia historic district are both a short drive away. The downtown historic district includes such great sights as Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and many other great things to do.

Our host hotel will be the <u>DoubleTree Hotel Philadelphia - Valley Forge</u>. This is a beautiful property that we visited once before in 2010. We had a lot of great feedback from attendees about this hotel and it looks like they have made improvements since. Attendees can enjoy a rate of \$109 (plus tax, double occupancy) which is good from August 3rd through August 8th. To make reservations you can call the hotel directly at (800) 879-8372 or use this link, <u>DoubleTree ECC reservations</u>. For better service please call the hotel directly instead of the national number. Remember to mention "East Coast Snoopy Collectors" to make sure you get the event rate. Rooms do tend to fill up fast so don't wait too long.

The last two events have included a fabulous "pre-event" Thursday outing. This year will be no different. We have found a hidden gem just minutes away from the hotel that we think will speak to the collector in all of us, The American Treasure Tour (ATT). ATT is a collection of collections belonging to a single, secret private collector. You will see Americana from antiques to kitsch to pop culture. Located in a pristine, former tire factory the myriad nostalgia-inducing items number in the tens of thousands (including some Snoopy's) and are separated into related groups across the 100,000 square foot facility. In addition to the 90 minute tour by tram will also be a meal for our attendees. If you thought your collection was big, you need to see this. You will be amazed!

All of the favorite activities people have come to know and love will be taking place over the weekend. We will be bringing back the ever popular SPIKE bingo (where you can win some cool Peanuts prizes), the raffle and bake sale during registration, all benefiting CCI. The Scavenger Hunt and other fun contests will be returning during the meals. Don't forget the door prizes either. There will also be some great items during our silent auction on Friday and our voice auction on Saturday. If you haven't been to one of our voice auctions you are missing an incredible time. (We have had a fuzzy toilet seat cover go hundreds of dollars!!) All of this plus the market and room sales where you can find those items you didn't realize you can't live without.

The successes of our events have always relied on you, our attendees. All of attendees always bring an energy and enthusiasm to our events. Many have helped in the past by volunteering, which is great way to meet other collectors. There is a form on the side opposite the registration form for those of you interested in volunteering this year. It can be filled out when you send back your registration or you can let us know if you would like to help out and what you are willing to do by email.

Donations for silent or voice auctions and door prizes are currently being accepted also. ALL donations must be mailed ahead of time or arranged before the event. We ask that you refrain from donating very small type items such as Whitman's plush or PVC's, books or other very low value items. To donate, please email snoopyeastcoast@aol.com or call Susan Van Slyke at (315) 708-2255. Please leave a message. The donation deadline is July 1st.

### Tentative Schedule of Events

# Thursday, August 4, 2016

- Welcome outing to American Treasure Tour (will need to be at tour location by 4:00)
- Room Sales throughout hotel

# Friday, August 5, 2016

- Registration
  - SPIKE Party for CCI (ECC Version of BINGO)
  - o Bake Sale
  - Raffle for CCI
- Snoopy's Whistle Stop Pasta Party
  - Door Prizes
  - Scavenger Hunt Results
  - o Trivia Contest
  - Silent Auction for CCI (Crafts and Vintage)
- Room Sales

# Saturday, August 6, 2016

- Collectors Market Extravaganza
  - Voting for creative contest
- Snoopy's Inaugural Dinner
  - Creative Contests Results
  - Door prizes
- Voice Auction for CCI

### Sunday, August 7, 2016

- Farewell Breakfast
  - o Door Prizes

#### Menus

### Thursday, August 4, 2016

American Treasure Tour meal includes: Pita Wraps (Ham & Cheese & Turkey & Cheese), Soup (Italian Wedding and Cream of Broccoli, potato salad, macaroni salad, potato chips, assorted desserts and assorted fountain beverages, hot coffee & tea.

### Friday, August 5, 2016

Snoopy's Whistle Stop Pasta Party includes: Caesar salad, Penne, Tortellini and Bow Tie pasta with meat sauce, blush sauce and Alfredo sauce, chef's selection of fresh seasonal vegetables, garlic bread sticks, chocolate chip cookies, brownies, iced tea, hot tea and coffee, and water.

# Saturday, August 6, 2016

Snoopy's Inaugural Dinner includes: garden salad with dressing choices, sliced roast sirloin of beef au jus, chicken marsala, vegetarian lasagna with red sauce, roasted red bliss potatoes, mixed seasonal vegetables, rolls and butter, assorted cakes and pies, hot and iced tea, coffee and water.

### Sunday, August 7, 2016

Farewell Breakfast buffet will scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, french toast sticks with maple syrup, fresh fruits, assorted pastries and breads with butter and jellies, regular and lite yogurt with granola, assorted juices, coffee and tea.

# Registration Details

<u>Collector Registration Includes:</u> Admission to extravaganza, auctions, and exclusive ECC 16th Edition gift bag with goodies.

**Guest Registration Includes:** Admission to extravaganza and auctions.

<u>Rebate:</u> A rebate on the registration package is being offered again on "collector level" registration received before **May 15 2016**. Only 1 rebate for a \$5 total will be honored.

<u>T-shirts</u>: T-shirts must be ordered and paid for in full with submission of registration forms. There will not be extra shirts at the event for purchase.

<u>Cancellations</u>: Cancellations must be received by **June 27**, **2016**, and are subject to a \$25 processing fee. No cancellations will be honored after the cancellation date.

<u>Registration Deadline</u>: To gauge our space needs, your completed registration form with full payment must be received no later than **June 27**, **2016**. Checks may be made payable to "East Coast Collectors". Please indicate on the form if you wish to receive your registration confirmation via email or U.S. Mail. Those choosing to receive confirmation via U.S. Mail should enclose a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) with proper postage. No confirmations will be mailed if a SASE is not enclosed and you elect U.S Mail confirmation.

For any questions regarding this year's ECC event, please email snoopyeastcoast@aol.com or call Brian and Carol Boeke at (815) 232-6640 after 2pm central time.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!