

USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



Summer 2024 Newsletter

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President's Message Leo Waltsak



Greetings Shipmates,

I wanted to open this newsletter on an upbeat tone. I soon dismissed our weather, our world, our economy, our past and our future. So, what can put a smile on your face? How about a trip to Branson, MO? I understand there will be great people there who are looking forward to seeing you, and your family or friends who want to come along. You'll love the natural beauty of the Ozark Mountains and in mid-October you'll experience the beauty of the fall foliage. You'll have lots of time to shop, snooze or soar over Lake Taneycomo on Parakeet Pete's waterfront zipline! How about rising 188 feet above Branson Landing in the basket of the Steampunk Balloon? I'll be watching others doing it! There is lots of shopping and dining at Branson Landing which is a short distance from our hotel. Of course, Branson is most famous for its shows. As of this month there are over 100 live shows to choose from, including comedy shows, dinner shows, shows

for kids, boat shows, and touring concerts. So, there is plenty to do if you choose. Or relax at the hotel with old friends enjoying a laugh or two over good conversation while catching up on "what's new". At some point we will have a few rounds of Bingo with some "lovely" prizes, and Claire will have a competition of some sort for you. I think it will be a very nice time.

Time is passing quickly, so if you want to be in Branson, MO for our USS Cabildo reunion in October, take time to make your hotel reservation and let Gatherings Plus know which, if any, shows you want tickets to. Until we meet, I wish you fair seas and following winds.

2024 Reunion (Branson)

Vice President's Message
Dale Bittle and Michelle Crisman



Our reunion is scheduled to take place on October 6-10 , 2024 in Branson, Missouri. The Hotel we selected is the Hilton at the Branson Convention Center.

The address is 525 Branson Branson Landing Blvd 65616. The phone Number is 417-335-7000 and the rates are \$169.00 per night plus tax. Parking is \$10.00 per day. Hotel Reservations must be made by, each individual, with the hotel. Hotel rates are good for 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion. Cost of registration for the hospitality suite and gatherings Plus is \$36.70 per person. Hotel breakfast note: The standard cost of the full breakfast buffet at the hotel is \$19.95, They offer it for a discounted rate of \$17 if you select it when you reserve your room. You can have a smaller breakfast off their menu for less than \$19. If you want a big breakfast their \$17 offer is a good deal, however, if you eat a smaller breakfast, you may be better off not paying for the full buffet. See their menu following the Itineray.

See the registration information at the bottom of the following itinerary. If you have problems and need assistance please call Karen Steele at Gatherings Plus. Look forward to seeing you in October.

Editor's addition

Karen Steele just sent us a list of who is signed up:

Deb Fulps

Warren and Carol Gammeter

Becky Lyon and Wanda Owen

Leo and Claire Waltsak

Cabildo Branson, MO 2024 Reunion Itinerary

Sunday	10/6	2:00pm 3:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	G Plus Show option: New Jersey Nights Hospitality Room opens (Snacks – no buffet – drinks form bar) Dinner on your own G Plus show option: Amazing Acrobats G plus show option: Clay Cooper Country Music Express
Monday	10/7	6:30 – 9:30am 2:00pm 4:30 – 7:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm 8:00pm 8:00pm -9:00pm	Breakfast at Hotel Hospitality Room Open Lunch on your own G Plus show option: Amazing Acrobats Dinner on your own Group dinner at College of the Ozarks (Optional) G Plus show option: Amazing Acrobats G Plus show option: Pierce Arrow Decades G Plus show option: SIX Show Zoom Visit with those who can't join us
Tuesday	10/8	6:30 – 9:30am 10:30 – 11:00am 11:00 – 12:00Noon 2:00pm 3:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Breakfast at Hotel Memorial Service in Hospitality Room Annual Business Meeting in Hospitality Room Lunch on your own G Plus show option: Amazing Acrobats G Plus show option: SIX Show Dinner on your own G Plus show option: The Texas Tenors G Plus show option: The Haygoods G Plus show option: Pierce Arrow County
Wednesday	10/9	6:30 – 9:30am 11:00am 4:00 – 7:30pm 8:00 – 11:00pm	Breakfast at Hotel Hospitality Room Open Hospitality Room Zoom with members not there (optional) Lunch on your own Group dinner cruise on the Branson Belle (Included for all) Gift exchange drawing in Hospitality Room
Thursday	10/10	6:30 – 9:30am 10:00am 2:00pm 3:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Breakfast at hotel Farewells and Goodbyes G Plus shows available for those stay over: Clay Cooper Country Music Express Amazing Acrobats SIX Show The Texas Tenors The Haygoods

To register or just look at the Gatherings plus show options go to www.gatheringsplus.com and click in the right most option "register for your reunion here". Scroll down to the Cabildo reunion and click on it. Enter passcode "CAB24". Read the info and click on "continue". Before you can select any of the options on this page you must complete the fields in the box, full name, phone number, email address and select cancelation protection yes or no. Having done that you can look at the itinerary and choose what shows you would like gathering plus to order for you. You can also just leave the page and come back when you are ready to complete your registration. I don't think with all the show options there will be a paper registration form. You can call Gatherings Plus (417) 338-4048 and register over the phone if you wish. Note: the link to "my Event" still shows last year's reunion information, don't use it. The website www.brandonsshows.com has extensive information about all the Branson shows.



BREAKFAST BUFFET

Adults* | \$19.95

Kids 5-12* | \$10.95

Includes fresh scrambled eggs, country potatoes, applewood smoked bacon, sausage, fresh baked biscuits, sausage gravy, french toast, pastries, oatmeal, cheese grits, fresh seasonal fruits and yogurt

MAIN PLATES

EGGS YOUR WAY* | \$14.95

Two cage eggs, choice of apple wood smoked bacon, ham, and turkey or pork sausage with breakfast potatoes or cut fresh fruit and toast

EGGS BENEDICT* | \$16.5

Two poached cage eggs on toasted English muffin with Circle B Ranch Berkshire Pork Canadian bacon dressed with hollandaise sauce with breakfast potatoes and fresh fruit

CREATE AN OMELETTE* | \$14.95

Cheddar jack, feta, goat cheese, ham, sausage, bacon, mushrooms, onions, tomatoes, bell peppers, spinach, asparagus, served with choice of breakfast potatoes or cut fresh fruit and toast

THE GRIDDLE | \$12.75

Choice of waffles or pancakes with butter and maple syrup
Add bananas, blueberries, strawberries or chocolate chips for one dollar

GRAINS, FRUITS, & STARTERS

BAKERY BASKET | \$9

A fresh baked danish and today's muffins with butter and jelly

SEASONAL FRUIT | \$ 7.50

STEEL CUT OATMEAL | \$ 8.50

GRANOLA YOGURT PARFAIT | \$ 8.50

Wildflower honey and berry compote

ASSORTED DRY CEREALS | \$6.25

Kellogg's Special K, Raisin Bran, Frosted Flakes, Cheerios, All Bran, Granola, Rice Krispies, and Shredded Wheat with Strawberries & Bananas

SIDES

BISCUITS AND SAUSAGE GRAVY | \$7.50

Fresh baked buttermilk biscuits and sausage gravy

NEW YORK BAGELS | \$6.25

Whipped butter or cream cheese and jelly

BREAKFAST MEATS | \$3

Ham, apple wood smoked bacon, turkey or pork sausage

TOAST \$3.00

Wheat, country white, multigrain, marble rye or Udi's gluten free whole grain

Cabildo Zoom Sessions

Sue Gwin



We will have our next Cabildo ZOOM session from the Brason Reunion Monday 10/7 at 8:00pm Eastern time.

Chaplain's Corner

Ken Bredehoeft



The small category 1 hurricane Beryl that hit close to Houston last month did a number on the Houston area. We lost power for six days, got it back for 2 days, and lost it again for 3 days when a new fuse on a line from the new transformer put up blew out. I ran a generator for 6 hrs. each day to keep food in the freezer and refrigerator from spoiling. Luckily rain was minimal and we did not suffer any wind damage to our house. Our safe harbor for airconditioned sleeping was provided by kinfolks nearby who didn't lose power. In these emergencies power companies from many states come and do what they can to restore power as quickly as possible. Finally, one morning five or six utility vehicles came down the streets of our neighborhood to render assistance. They lined the streets. The sides of the vehicles had Alabama Power on them. Being a native Texan I am usually in all ways a Texas A&M or Univ. of Texas fan. However, for some time now you may hear me utter "Roll Tide," the battle cry of the Univ. of Alabama.

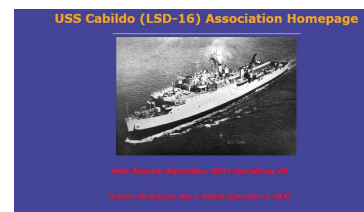
On a sad note Ed Hulsman who visited us at our reunion in Louisville passed away recently. His brother Frank was on the Cabildo and Ed served on the USS Monterey.

Treasurer
Warren Gammeter



Our current association bank account balance is \$8,505.12. We have renewed both our E-Host website hosting and Constant Contact which I use for our Newsletter.

Website and Newsletter
Warren Gammeter



At last E-Host has had our website solidly up and running for two months. Since we are paid up until March of 2025 I will leave the site there for now. If we do again have issues I will begin looking for at alternative hosting services. Whenever you are unable to reach please let me know by e-mail.

Good Books
by Warren and Ken

Ken and Warren are both rather avid readers. Each newsletter will have the link to a good books menu on our website. Ken and I will add a page about our favorite authors and books to that menu. We welcome other members to send their recommendations too. Check out this link [Good Books](#)