**VP40 REUNION 2018**

**Sept 5-9, 2018**

Here is some info on the reunion.

1. More info on trips, these trips are voluntary, however the more people we have the cheaper it gets.

**THURS SEPT 6** **EXPLORE MUSIC CITY TOUR 8:30 am-3:30 pm** *(includes stop for lunch on your own)*

*Your knowledgeable and experienced tour guide will guide you on an enlightening & entertaining tour of Nashville to include the downtown area with some of its colorful history & beautiful architecture. Also, drive by world famous Tootsie’s Orchid Lounge on Honky Tonk Row, the original Ernest Tubb Record Shop, Ryman Auditorium, the State Capitol and more.*

*Drive through Music Row where you’ll learn about the recording industry from songwriting to record producers to famous recording studios and the performance rights organizations ASCAP & BMI who monitor airplay of songs all over the world, so that the songwriters get paid. We’ll stop at Historic RCA Studio B where legends such as Dolly Parton, Roy Orbison and Elvis Presley recorded their hits and enjoy a guided tour of the studio.*

*You’ll learn about Tennessee’s rich history with a drive through Bi-Centennial Mall Park and view the World War II Memorial and a drive thru Centennial Park to view The Parthenon.*

*No visit to Nashville would be complete without visiting the Country Music Hall of Fame where you will have ample time to leisurely visit the exhibits and have lunch on your own.*

*Add $18 per person to upgrade to Guided Tour with Recording at Studio B & a souvenir CD of the Recording.*

*Tour includes:*

* Deluxe Transportation
* Step-On Tour Guide
* Historic RCA Studio B Admission (guided tour)
* Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum Admission (self-guided tour)
* All taxes & handling fees

**FRI SEPT 7 GRAND OLE OPRY DINNER Tour 4:45-9:45 pm**

*Begin your evening with fellowship with your reunion attendees with dinner at Santa Fe Cattle Co. Then it’s off to the show that made Nashville famous…since 1925, the longest running radio show in radio history. This night is sure to be full of excitement. Dedicated to honoring country music rich history, the Grand Ole Opry showcases a mix of country legends & the contemporary chart-toppers who have followed in their footsteps.*

*Tour includes:*

* Deluxe Transportation
* Step-On Tour Guide
* Dinner at Santa Fe Cattle Co
* Reserved seat ticket to the Grand Ole Opry (Tier 2 seating)
* All taxes & handling fees

**SAT SEPT 8 GENERAL JACKSON LUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT CRUISE TOUR 11 am- 3:30 pm**

*Your taste buds will delight in the flavors of the South during this midday cruise followed by a*

*country music variety show, Taste of Tennessee! This energetic stage show showcases the*

*many musical songs & stylings that were first made famous in Tennessee.*

*From East Tennessee, the musical appetizer begins with bluegrass & roots music featuring*

*traditional favorites. The main course is a generous helping of contemporary & traditional country*

*music. And the final course serves up the music of Memphis R&B & Blues & puts the icing on the*

*cake with a salute to Elvis Presley.*

*Tour includes:*

* Deluxe Transportation
* Step-On Tour Guide
* General Jackson Midday Cruise *(includes lunch & show)*
* All taxes & handling fees

1. Hotel info

**The Inn at Opryland 2401 Music Valley Drive, Nashville, TN 37214**

[**www.TheInnAtOpryland.com**](http://www.TheInnAtOpryland.com)

A group block is set up in our system and the reservation method is noted as individual call in. Your guests may now call our Reservations Center at **1-855-584-3466** and mention **VP40 Reunion Room Block**to reserve a room at your group rate.

I have also created a reservation link below for you that can be copied and pasted into an email to send out to your Attendees. If they click on it, it will take them to your special group rate on the Inn at Opryland webpage on Marriott.com. The reservation link allows them to book rooms over the dates of **Wednesday, September 5, 2018 thru Saturday, September 8, 2018 ONLY** (check-out on Sunday, September 9 , 2018).

**\*\*We also honor the group rate if your guests would like to book additional nights, but they will need to call reservations to confirm availability\*\***

Once the cut-off date of **Wednesday, August 8, 2018** has been reached, any unused rooms in the block will be released back into the Hotel’s inventory and further reservations will be based upon availability.

Please note the reservation link will no longer be active after the cut-off date and the Attendees will need to contact the Reservations Center.

 \*\*\*If a Guest receives a sold out message on the link, it is possible that some of the dates are unavailable/sold out.  Please contact us and we can check the system for availability.  The Attendees can also contact the Reservations Department to confirm availability in the Hotel\*\*\*

**Deposit & Cancellation Policy**

A credit card is required at the time of reservation in order to hold the room.  The hotel does NOT charge a deposit.

The cancellation policy is **72 hours prior to arrival**.  Cancellations within 72 hours of arrival will forfeit 1 night Room & Tax ----------------------------------------

**VP40 Reunion**

**Start date:**9/5/18  
**End date:**9/9/18  
**Last day to book:** 8/8/18

Marriott hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

  **The Inn at Opryland, A Gaylord Hotel**  for $139.00 USD  per night plus tax

[Book your group rate for VP40 Reunion](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=VP40%20Reunion%5Ebnagi%60vprvpra%7Cvprvprb%7Cvprvprc%7Cvprvprd%60139.00%60USD%60false%604%609/5/18%609/9/18%608/8/18&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

Thank you,

**Amy Smith |**Manager of Event Planning & Operations

The Inn at Opryland

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1. **ITINERARY:**  
   READY ROOM – Hospitality Room TBD

The room will open **Thursday-Saturday 0800 -2300**   
**Wednesday 1200 - 2300   
Sunday 0800 – 1100**

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| **EVENT AGENDA** |

Adequate space has been reserved for the following agenda:

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| **Date** | **Start Time** | **End Time** | **Function** | **Room** |  |
| Wed. 9/05/18 | 12:00 PM | 11:00 PM | Hospitality | READY ROOM |  |
| Wed 9/05/18 | 5:00 PM | 7:00 PM | Reception | READY ROOM |  |
| Thu.9/06/18 | 8:00 AM | 11:00 PM | Hospitality | READY ROOM |  |
| Fri 9/07/18 | TBD | TBD | P8A Fly-In | AIRPORT | n/a |
| Fri. 9/07/18 | 8:00 AM | 11:00 PM | Hospitality | READY ROOM |  |
| Fri.9/07/18 | 10:00 AM | 11:30 AM | Business Meeting | Ready Room **members only** |  |
| Sat 9/08/18 | 8:00 AM | 11:00 PM | Hospitality | READY ROOM |  |
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There will be an open microphone in the room for anyone who wants to tell a sea story or two..and for anyone that wants to listen and perhaps contribute.

If anyone has **m**emorabilia they want to display please bring it and it will be displayed. We will have cruise books, Seaplane Models, pictures and other memorabilia on display also.

There will be VP40 items: coffee cups, T Shirts, Ball Caps, pins etc. for sale in the ready room every day.

There will be a TV and DVD player for our use. I have some DVD’s of seaplanes, and other videos etc. for viewing.

The Ready room will be locked up at night.

I am planning on a VP31 P8A/P3V tour Friday @ Airport

Sat We will have a photographer available for the evening. Group photos will be tonight during the social hour (5:00-6:00)The photos will be for sale and available after the reunion.

**MISC:**

The Hotel will provide Airport pick-up/deliver service. Call them to arrange It.

For local travel, contact the Ready Room. We will set up trips and times. The hotel will provide some travel to the Mall across the street. They are available for trips downtown , check with the front desk.

***If I can answer any questions or help with reunion problems please contact me***

***Guy Fisk***

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***SEE YOU ALL in Nashville***

***Guy Fisk***