

Mt. Dora 2012

Exciting changes combine with the tried and true as our plans for the 2012 Amphicar Swim-In at Mt. Dora come together. For 2012 we will return to our traditional location at Gilbert Park in bucolic Mt. Dora, FL, where our gatherings took place from 1998 to 2007, proving that sometimes you CAN go home again. This year will be a "pure" swim-in with unlimited ramp access, as we will, for the first time, not be associated with the Sunnyland Antique Boat Festival.

Our swim-in will be the only official event taking place at the Gilbert Park location, and we have secured the parking area adjacent to the boat ramp exclusively for Amphicars on Saturday March the 24th.

On Friday we will continue the tradition of informal land and water cruises around the canal-and-lake-filled Mt. Dora/Tavares area. Our first official gathering of the weekend will be our Friday dinner and movie night at the The Palms. The ever-sacrificing Dave the Wave has selflessly checked out this Tavares night spot and we are assured of great food, wonderful tropical setting, and a fine boat ramp for proper amphibious arrival. (Movie selection to be announced a little later!)

On Saturday we will gather for our Swim-In with no restrictions on ramp access, other than integrating with normal public boat launching, as the huge boat ramp will be open for all uses. Gilbert Park also offers picnic tables, restrooms, children's playground and very likely: alligator sightings! Keep in mind as well that on this Saturday downtown Mt. Dora, just a short few blocks from our Swim-In, will be having the annual Craft and Antique fair, so the city will be full of fun and excitement that day.

Saturday night we return to our traditional fun-and-prize-filled banquet at the Golden Corral Buffet, where our informal plans for Sunday fun can be put together.

We have a block of rooms reserved so we can get the discounted rate of \$79.99 at our annual host hotel, *The Inn on the Green*. Manager Ken has been doing a great job the last few years seeing to our needs at The Inn. *The Inn on the Green* has a large pool and is pet-friendly. Reserve your room as soon as you can (352) 343-6373 or www.innonthegreen.net The address is The Inn on the Green 700 East Burleigh Blvd. Tavares, FL 32778 Keep in mind as well that *The Palms* offers Motor Home parking, contact *The Palms* at (352) 343-2024. The address is The Palms, 11801 North H'way 441, Tavares, FL 32778. Families please note that our Lake County setting offers the true beauty of "Old Florida" while still being a very short drive from the modern Florida of Disney and Universal. So, a great time **WILL** be had by all, and I look forward to seeing our returning regulars and semi-regulars and also say to all of you who have been tempted by our first-swim-in-of-the-year event, well, this is the year to come and have fun!

Contact me by [email](#) or phone (386)- 795-2707 Looking forward to seeing all of you soon,

Peter Fredsall