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Welcome to the 2024 APIC National Convention



We were still in the throes of lockdown when Jack first suggested that the next APIC National be held in Pittsburgh. It seemed like a worthy goal to help reclaim some joy and to share my historically rich hometown with you all. And then it began.

No one could have forecasted the economic surges in the recovery years since the pandemic or how it would affect travel, booking venues and all the related customer service industries.

It quickly became obvious that keeping the convention in Pittsburgh was not financially feasible. So, like the Gilded Era elite a hundred years before, we looked to the bucolic mountains of the Laurel Highlands to fix all that ails us.

At a 3200 ft. summit this historic pass through the Alleghenies, part of the Appalachian Mountains, has been geographically pivotal to American settlement from the earliest Native American Nemaquin Trail.

Frontiersman carved the first roads to follow, the same that General Braddock's troops marched down to face the French at Fort Duquesne. And Secretary of Jefferson's Treasury, Albert Gallatin, made history by federally funding this as the first National Road in 1808. Originally designed as a trade route from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh eschewing the traditional Gulf of Mexico route, the road carried into Wheeling West Virginia and Ohio by the 1830s.

George Washington commanded his first battles here at Jumonville and Fort Necessity. This sparked the French & Indian War setting into motion the American Revolution and paving the way to the first American Presidency.

By the late 19th century this unspoiled nature played a new role as a Victorian resort town on the Ligonier Valley Railroad, replete with a trolley park and fox hunt clubs. It was only natural that Pittsburgh's most influential robber barons built their own retreats here, far from the smog of their Industrial Revolution boom.

Though the descendants of the famous Johnstown Flood may likely disagree, names like Carnegie, Frick and Mellon have sheltered this land for over a century. The pristine views, clear rushing water and air so crisp that it demands a leisurely pace are ours to enjoy for the week.

On behalf of our host Jack Dixey, our gracious committee, Andy Pero and in memory of Chris Plummer with the Seven Springs family and myself, we welcome you to a different kind of National.

— **Natalie M. Curley**

Laurel Highlands History

Adolph Dupre, a skilled German-born scientific farmer, immigrated to this area in the early 1920s, possibly at the request of the Mellon family at their nearby Rolling Rock estate.

Dupre and his wife, Helen Kress, lovingly restored a farmhouse and named it the Bavarian Cabin from which they sold timber and maple syrup. Through this living they raised three children, amassing more forest acreage and dreaming BIG all the while.



Photo: Seven Springs

First locals, then tourists, began to ride the mountains on wood planks strapped to their feet with leather straps during the snowy season. By 1937, Adolph Dupre had engineered the first tow rope outside of Vermont, powered by the motor of a 1935 Packard and using the car's wheels as pulleys to ensure a smooth ride. He called the attraction Suicide Hill and in 1938 the Seven Springs Club was officially named.

The Dupres eventually ran 5000 acres as a year-round attraction and self-sustaining farm so successful that Redbook magazine featured the burgeoning resort in 1948.

When their son Herman assumed leadership in 1960, he designed a double chair lift and pioneered one of the first artificial snow making systems in history to extend the ski season. With this revolutionary technology Herman Kress Dupre garnered 34 patents and founded the HKD Snowmakers of North America Company.

Over the decades the Seven Springs Resort has grown to include an elaborate shopping complex with 14 restaurants and taverns, a golf course and jaw-dropping 600 condo village on property.

One thing has remained constant through these periods of change, the sale of the property to the Nutting family (also owners of the Pittsburgh Pirates) and now to Vail Resorts in 2021 - Seven Springs has always been a welcoming escape. ■

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Silver Horse Coffee
Highlands Market



Historic Sites

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Frank Lloyd Wright Architecture

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Provisions



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Saturday Morning
Farmers Market



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A MESSAGE FROM THE APIC PRESIDENT



Welcome to the beautiful Seven Springs Resort and the 2024 American Political Items Collectors (APIC) National Convention.

Get ready for a week of fun, including room hopping, excursions, seminars, speakers, chapter meetings, one-of-a-kind exhibits, and of course the Bourse! But most of all, relish in meeting old friends and hunting for great finds.

My family traveled to the Resort last year, and we found that all the restaurants have great food, and the rooms are well appointed.

But not all the action is at the Resort. Southwestern Pennsylvania is known for its natural beauty and variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, biking, golfing, and lift rides. I hope you have fun exploring the area and enjoy the bounty it has to offer.

Also, if you enjoy viewing bold architecture, I hope you signed up for one of the APIC excursions. Nearby are three Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece structures, the nearest of which is 20 miles from the Resort. The crown jewel of the legendary architect is the world-famous Fallingwater residence with its breath-taking nearby scenery. Also, don't miss the second excursion to the haunting Flight 93 National Memorial. The crash site and museum honor the bravery and sacrifice of a group of Americans on that ill-fated flight on September 11, 2001.

This year's gathering would not have been possible without the hard work of Convention Chair Jack Dixey and the entire Seven Springs Convention Committee. Please thank all of them and their families when you see them. I also want to extend appreciation to the staff of the Seven Springs Resort for working with us to ensure the Convention is a success.

On a bittersweet note, this is my third and final National Convention as President of the APIC. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you over the past four years. Now as I pass the baton to the new leadership, please join me in welcoming Tony Lee as your incoming APIC President.

Have a great convention week. Stay safe and well.

Cary Jung

*President, American Political Items Collectors
2020-2024*



2024 APIC National Convention at Seven Springs Pennsylvania Committee



Jack Dixey (Host)

As a child Jack's Grandma Scott, a retired teacher and clothing button collector, would gift him political buttons for Christmas, birthdays and even if he cleaned out the lawnmower without being asked. He met his membership sponsor, Ted Hake, at a collectibles show in Youngstown. His parents drove him to his first APIC show in Elmira New York - the same weekend as Woodstock!

Jack has been an active collector and dealer ever since. In 1985 he became co-organizer of the Columbus Ohio regional show. When the long-time venue closed in 2008 Mark Evans suggested that he look to Canton Ohio, home to the McKinley Memorial & First Ladies Museum. The McKinley Grand and town were welcoming. The Canton Ohio show has been an annual regional fixture ever since.

Dixey also created the online bi-weekly event JIF night on Facebook, which has run consistently since 2015. He was inducted into the APIC HOF for his work on the 2012 Columbus National & we are happy to help him present the 2024 Seven Springs National.

His energy is limitless and his events are *always fun*. The trick, he says is *to make it look easy*.



Natalie M. Curley (Local Coordinator) calls herself an activist archivist. Sourcing original historic photographs, her finds illustrate American Social History from the perspective of Industrial Revolution Working Class and marginalized populations. Her works are used extensively by private and institutional archives in publication and exhibition. A lifelong Pennsylvania antique dealer, she is our local coordinator for this years convention at Seven Springs.



Mike Gruber (Treasurer) remembers antiquing with his mother as a child, his first button a Harry Truman pin. A lifelong activist, his collection took off when he worked on Mo Udall's campaign in 1976 and since he has collected peace, justice and environmental cause buttons acquired at rallies. Michael long sold and even designed buttons at the Community Festival in Columbus to benefit local peace and anti-nuclear groups. An active show attendee and participant in JIF night on PME, Michael says 'his involvement has led to many new friendships and lots of fun experiences.'

**Lon Ellis (Online Registration/Technical Support)**

began collecting in 1967 by riding his bicycle to Missouri campaign headquarters picking up anything that he could get his hands on. Dick Bristow's sales list led him to the APIC and he attended the 1972 Milwaukee Convention with his father. After 57 years of collecting, Lon has amassed a fine collection of Missouri locals, governors, senators and Presidential coattails and a large collection of non political buttons including early advertising, comic, Worlds Fair, Lindberg, Prohibition, Womens Suffrage and other causes.

**Becky Peeling (On Site Registration)**

is a Pennsylvania native and Penn State University graduate with a degree in journalism. She is associate editor of the Keynoter Magazine and together with her husband Tom have hosted the South Florida Show for 32 years. She collects pins and ephemera from the popes of the Catholic Church. Recently retired from a 20 year PR career, she now lives in North Carolina where she bakes, preserves jams and pickles sold as Walnut Ridge Gardens.



Wes Berger (Members Auction) credits meeting our host Jack Dixey at a farm auction 20 years ago with his passion for collecting. He'd always been fascinated by presidential items but never a political button collector until then! He has amassed an impressive pre-1940s collection w/ a focus on Teddy Roosevelt & Lincoln and has assisted with the APIC Members Auction 14 years. Always enthusiastic, Berger calls 'every APIC show a museum!'



Hal Ottaway (Members Auction) is a lifelong collector of campaign items, postcards and Americana. He joined APIC in the late 1950s as a child and twenty years later he started his Americana mail auction business. Since 2000 he has been collecting WWII Home Front material, attending APIC Nationals regularly since 2006 and assisting since 2014.



Winston Blair (Chapter Meetings) is passionate about bringing together like minded collectors. He was responsible for the Chapter Meetings at the 2021 Nashville Convention and is happy to welcome you all to the 2024 Seven Springs National line up of the Obama, Locals, Suffrage, Pop Culture, RPIC, Kennedy, Biden & Carter/Clinton Chapter Meetings on Tuesday August 6th.



Tony Lee (Seminars) began coordinating and moderating seminars at APIC National Conventions in the early 1990s using his journalistic experience to keep discussions lively and interesting. We look forward to the program he's compiled on Collecting Trends, Selling on PME & Ebay, Estate Planning & Pittsburgh's Labor Movement with James Kunz, Tuesday August 6th.



Tom Peeling (Display Coordinator) retired as managing editor of his hometown newspaper The Palm Beach Post after thirty years, using his degree in journalism from Penn State University. He became interested in political campaign buttons after finding his grandfather's early 1900s collection in the attic. He has been President of the Teddy Roosevelt Chapter since the 1990s, Chairman of the 2003 Orlando National and now Editor of the APIC

Keynoter Magazine. He and his wife Becky are retired to the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina.



Drew Hecht (Display Coordinator), also a Penn State University graduate, retired in 2000 from the private practice he began in Bucks County 37 years earlier. He began collecting at age 10 when his father bought him a Goldwater button. He has been collecting seriously since he joined the APIC in 1970. Concentrating on Presidential Campaign items, Labor and Civil Rights he now has items on display at the FDR Library in Hyde Park.



Mike Dunham (Fundraising) began attending the Mid Atlantic Chapter shows in New Jersey in the 1970s and since moving to Massachusetts 45 years ago has been active in the New England Chapter, currently APIC Region 1 VP. His collection focuses on Robert Kennedy, Eugene McCarthy, James Curley, Third Party, Presidential Hopefuls and MA locals and has only missed two Nationals since 1993!

Special thanks to:

Ted Hake (2016 Harrisburg National Convention Emeritus) & **Jonelle Hake** for their consultation in planning this event; **Dawn Sagert** (Photographer & Videographer), **Scott Mussell** (Videographer & Editing), **Sherri Steele** (Display Cases), **Cary Jung** (Website), **Darla Gonzalez** (Website), **Tom Morton** (Coupon Book), **Caleb Yonker** (Graphic Design), **Matt Dole** (Logo), **Brandon Saxton** (Graphic Design) & **Christen Carter** (Buttons!) & Harvey Goldberg.

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Early Nixon / Ford - Peter Briggs

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Reagan - Winston Blair

Pennsylvania Presidentials - Steve Mihaly

Pennsylvania Labor - Jim Kunz

Buchanan - Mark / Kim Gelke

1924 - Drew Hecht

Train Campaigns - John Vargo

Teddy Roosevelt - Tom Peeling

2024 - Mike Dunham

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jim Lowe will present on his World Wars Homefront collection during our Members Banquet Thursday. He is author of several books, countless articles and his collection featured in many reference books on the subject.

An award-winning American History teacher at Altoona Area high schools for 34 years, Lowe continues his civic engagement in retirement. He now serves as President of Blair County Historical Society charged with the care of iron maker Elias Baker's 1840s Greek Revival Mansion.



We are proud to welcome a speaker of his caliber whose work advances a too often overlooked subject in our field.

SEMINAR

James Kunz Jr. will present *Pittsburgh, Politics & the Labor Movement in Seasons 1* at 1pm August 6th.

Kunz is a Retired Business Manager International Union of Operating Engineers Local 66 Pittsburgh PA and retired International Union Vice President. Kunz has been collecting all things labor union for over 40 years as well as political cause, radical and left wing third party items. We look forward to hearing from a local expert!





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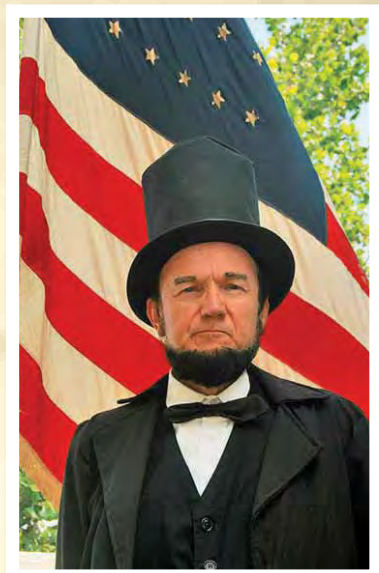
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Seminar & Chapter Meetings

Seasons Board Rooms | Tuesday August 6th

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Seminars (Seasons 1)

- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. ***What's Hot & What's Not in Collecting***
w/Scott Mussell, David Lindeman & Paul Bengston
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. ***PME & Ebay: Tactics & Strategies for Selling Effectively*** w/ Tom Peeling, Jack Dixey & Winston Blair
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ***Estate Planning: Should You Sell, Donate or Bequest Your Collection*** w/ Carl Krasik, Ted Hake & Ray Farina
- 1 – 2 p.m. ***Pittsburgh, Politics & the Labor Movement***
w/Jim Kunz
-

Chapter Meetings

- 12:30 p.m. **Republican Collectors (RPIC) // Seasons 3**
Obama Chapter // Seasons 2
- 1:15 p.m. **Biden Chapter // Seasons 2**
Kennedy Chapter (KPIC) // Seasons 3
- 2 p.m. **Board Meeting // Seasons 2**
- 3:30 p.m. **Suffrage Chapter // Seasons 1**
Carter/Clinton Chapters // Seasons 2
- 4:15 p.m. **Locals Chapter // Seasons 3**
Pop Culture Chapter // Seasons 2



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Seven Springs Resort in Pennsylvania

August 5 – 10 Schedule of Events

Sunday, August 5

3 p.m. Registration opens in lobby. Room hopping begins and continues until the bourse opens Wednesday morning.

Monday, August 6

Registration in lobby.

830 a.m. Fallingwater House Tour gathers in lobby, bus departs at 9 a.m.

1:30 p.m. Flight 93 Excursion gathers in lobby, bus departs at 2 p.m.

6 – 10 p.m. Welcome Reception in the Matterhorn Lounge w/ hors d'oeuvres & cashless bar

Tuesday, August 7

Registration in lobby.

8 – 10 a.m. Chalk & Awe Outdoor Art Event on front sidewalk. Everyone is invited to participate. Cashless Bloody Mary Bar is open!

9:30 a.m. Seminars & Chapter Meetings in Seasons board rooms by Tony Lee & Winston Blair

2 – 5 p.m. Collectors Display Set Up in Wintergreen, by Tom Peeling & Drew Hecht

7 – 9 p.m. Collectors Display Opens.

7 p.m. Anderson Americana World Series Trivia hosted by Anderson Auctions with convention cash prizes in the Matterhorn Lounge.

9 – 10 p.m. Members Memorial Service to follow in Matterhorn led by Bob Fratkan

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August 5 – 10 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 8

	Registration open at event.
7 – 10 a.m.	Bourse Set Up. Only dealers and early buyers (sponsors at or above the \$100 level) admitted at this time.
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Open to the Public w/ \$10 admission good all three days
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Displays open in Wintergreen
6 p.m.	Members Auction Preview in Grand Ballroom
7:30 p.m.	Pre Auction Announcements
8 p.m.	Members Auction arranged by Wes Berger & Hal Ottaway

Thursday, August 9

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Bourse open to members & the public w/ \$10 admission.
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Displays open in Wintergreen
6 p.m.	Members Banquet in Grand Ballroom
7 p.m.	Keynote Speaker w/ Jim Lowe Homefront Collectibles Presentation
8 p.m.	Awards Ceremony

Friday, August 10

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Bourse floor is open.
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Displays open in Wintergreen.
12 – 2 p.m.	Collectors Displays dismantled.
6 – 10 p.m.	Food, Friends & Fun Celebration in the Matterhorn Lounge

Saturday, August 11

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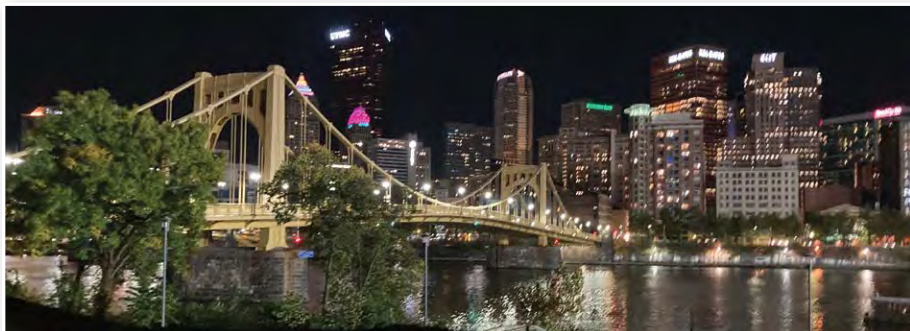
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Enjoy the famous Three Rivers confluence from Point State Park, via a boat tour, along the North Shore Riverfront Park & Trail (accessible by crossing the Clemente bridge or by riding the 150-year-old Duquesne Incline to the top of Mount Washington for photographs.



Easily walkable, Market Square is one of the city's oldest districts full of lively restaurants and shops - like Nicholas Brothers coffee roasters, open since 1919. The Cultural District's lights and Gilded Age glamour is magical, anchored by the Benedum Center, Heinz Hall and Byham Theatre. Take in a show or enjoy

one of the top-notch restaurants: Con Alma is our favorite with live jazz performed most nights.

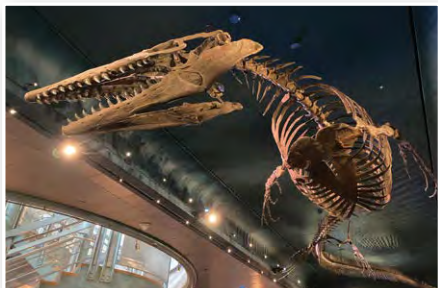
A further walk or short ride from Downtown, the Strip District is over 1/2 mile of independent specialty grocery, restaurant supply

FUN THINGS TO DO IN PITTSBURGH

and warehouse-style import shops. Eat bit-by-bit or enjoy a glorious homemade breakfast at Delucas Diner or lunch at the original Primanti Bros., serving their ubiquitous sandwiches since 1933. On Saturday mornings the sidewalks are literally full of local vendors!



Pittsburgh's North Side (originally Allegheny City) is a gorgeous walk through canal houses and cobblestone streets with a national reputation as a modern art center, where you can visit the Andy Warhol Museum, Mattress Factory galleries and Randyland public art installations. Along the river sits PNC Park, whose views during a Pittsburgh Pirates game cannot be beat. And the Friday afternoon farmer's market is not to be missed.



With time and a car, we'd recommend exploring the National Aviary, Phipps Conservatory, H.C. Frick's Clayton home and car museum, Carnegie Museum of Art & Natural History and the Nationality Rooms at the Cathedral of Learning on the University of Pittsburgh's campus.

For those in the know, two local churches offer unforgettable experiences.

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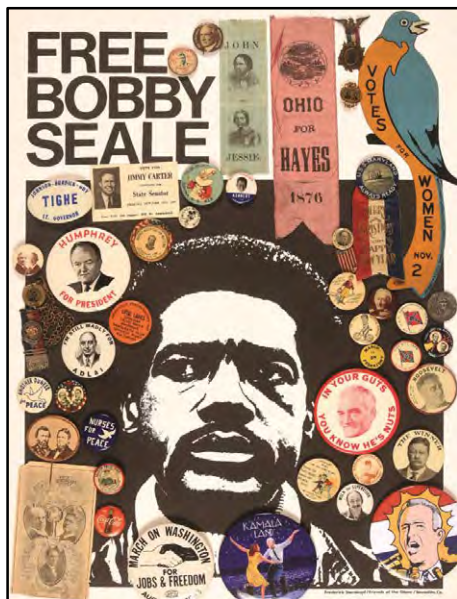
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