



## PROPOSED SITES FOR REUNION 2017

### PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

Just ninety miles north of Phoenix, mile high Prescott(pronounced Preskitt) is set against the Prescott National Forest. With four lakes and 450 miles of groomed trails. Prescott is the original territorial capital and so has a unique place in Arizona history. The center of activity is the Courthouse Square with Whiskey Row along one side. Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday and "Big Nose Kate" once called this home. Keeping with the frontier village theme, every July 4 is the "Worlds Oldest Rodeo." During this time, there are fine arts and crafts shows followed by the Frontier Days Rodeo Parade. Great Lakes Airline provides service to Prescott Love Field, with connections from Denver and Orange County in California. The closest large airport is Phoenix Sky Harbor, with connection to the world. There are shuttles that run every hour to Prescott.

From Prescott:

Jerome – 15 minutes

Sedona – 45 minutes

Phoenix – 1 1/2 hour

Flagstaff – 1 3/4 hour

South Rim of Grand Canyon – 2 hours

Prescott's location at a mile high elevation provides it with a perfect, mild four season climate. Summer temperatures remain moderate, with daytime highs averaging in the 80s and nighttime lows ranging in the 50s. While the area's spring season may be a bit breezy at times, its autumns are beautiful.

Jerome is an old ghost town that has been found by the arts people and is showing a strong comeback with shops and restaurants. Sedona is a town with a strong arts and crafts community, along with being in the Red Rocks area, a new age mecca. Verde Valley has the Verde River flowing through it and in the spring is home to canoeing, kayaking, and tubing. A nice variety of lodging facilities are available, from bed and breakfasts to full service hotels. RV camping is available at RV parks, national forest campgrounds, and boondocking in the national forest remote sites.

Websites with items of interest for Northern Arizona:

Webcam of Prescott [http://](http://prescottaz.tv/)

[prescottaz.tv/](http://prescottaz.tv/)

Prescott Chamber of Commerce [https://](https://prescott.org/)

[prescott.org/](https://prescott.org/)

Sedona [http://](http://visitsedona.com/)

[visitsedona.com/](http://visitsedona.com/)

Prescott National Forest [http://](http://www.fs.usda.gov/prescott/)

[www.fs.usda.gov/prescott/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/prescott/)

Grand Canyon National Park [http://](http://www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm)

[www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm)

Verde Valley [http://](http://www.sedonaverdevalley.org/)

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Jerome [http://](http://www.azjerome.com/jerome/)

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Check out the websites. They can better show the beauty of the area and things to do, than I.

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## **TWIN CITIES: MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL**

Why Minneapolis-St Paul for Our Next Reunion:

Minneapolis-St Paul are beautiful cities with a lot of amenities. These include The Mall of America <https://www.mallofamerica.com/> which is the largest shopping mall in the U.S. and is a lot more than just shops. An added bonus, there is no sales tax on clothing in Minnesota. The Twin Cities are centrally located and have a major hub Airport.

Here is a list of potential tours:

- Historic Fort Snelling <http://www.historicfortsnelling.org/> located at the junction of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers:
- A city tour: <http://twincitiestours.com/> that would include historic buildings, houses, lakes, rivers, streams and Minnehaha Falls
- Gangster Tour <http://www.wabashastreetcaves.com/gangster.html> The area was a center for bootleggers and organized crime during Prohibition:

Museums, <http://www.citypages.com/arts/top-10-museums-in-the-twin-cities-6580806> there are many science, history and art museums scattered through the metro area.

Music Venues. There are many places to enjoy live music from bars to concert halls:

River boat rides <http://www.riverrides.com/> see St Paul from the Mississippi River.

Multiple breweries and brew pubs <http://www.vita.mn/best-of/298466541.html?page=all>

Two zoos <http://mnzoo.org/> <http://www.comozooconservatory.org/> :

There are more biking and hiking trails than you could take in a year: lakes, rivers and streams everywhere. Minneapolis means "City Of Lakes" and Minnesota Land of "Sky Blue Waters." There are many more options.

If the Twin Cities are chosen for the reunion, I will be the organizer. I have already done a lot of groundwork including getting (free) help from the local tourism council to set up bids for hotels and tours. My plan is to have the specific hotel, most of the tours and sign up ready this summer.

For more info on the Twin Cities see <http://www.visit-twincities.com/>

Treasurer Thomas C Hart Association Randy Groen (Stg2 1973-1976)

## CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (from Wikipedia)

Charlotte is the largest city in North Carolina. It is the seat of Mecklenburg County and the second largest city in the southeastern United States, just behind Jacksonville, Florida. Charlotte is the third fastest growing major city in the United States. In 2014, the estimated population of Charlotte according to the U.S. Census Bureau was 809,958, making it the 17th largest city in the United States based on population. The Charlotte metropolitan area ranks 22nd largest in the US and had a 2014 population of 2,380,314. The Charlotte metropolitan area is part of a sixteen-county market region or combined statistical area with a 2014 U.S. Census population estimate of 2,537,990. It is listed as a "gamma-plus" global city by the Globalization and World Cities Research Network.

Charlotte is home to the corporate headquarters of Bank of America and the east coast operations of Wells Fargo, which among other financial operations makes it the second largest banking center in the United States. Among Charlotte's many notable attractions, some of the most popular include the Carolina Panthers of the National Football League (NFL), the Charlotte Hornets of the National Basketball Association (NBA), 2 NASCAR Sprint Cup races and the NASCAR All-Star Race, the Wells Fargo Championship, the NASCAR Hall of Fame, Carowinds amusement park, and the U.S. National Whitewater Center. Charlotte Douglas International Airport is a major international hub, and was ranked the 23rd busiest airport in the world by passenger traffic in 2013.

The Charlotte region is home to many annual festivals and special events. Carolina Renaissance Festival, operates Saturdays and Sundays, October and November. The Carolina Renaissance Festival is one of the largest renaissance themed events in the country and features 11-stages of outdoor variety entertainment, a 22-acre village marketplace, an interactive circus, an arts and crafts fair, a jousting tournament and a feast—all rolled into one non-stop, day-long family adventure. Charlotte is also served by the Sea Life Charlotte-Concord Aquarium, in the nearby city of Concord. The aquarium is 30,000-square-foot in size, and is part of the Concord Mills mall.

Charlotte has a humid subtropical climate, with four distinct seasons. Winters are short and generally cool, with a January daily average of 40.1 °F (4.5 °C). On average, there are 59 nights per year that drop to or below freezing, and only 1.5 days that fail to rise above freezing. April is the driest month, with an average of 3.04 inches (7.7 cm) of precipitation. Summers are hot and humid, with a daily average in July of 78.5 °F (25.8 °C). There is an average 44 days per year with highs at or above 90 °F (32 °C). Charlotte is directly in the path of subtropical moisture from the Gulf of Mexico as it heads up the eastern seaboard, thus the city receives ample precipitation throughout the year but also many clear, sunny days; precipitation is generally less frequent in autumn than spring. On average, Charlotte receives 41.6 inches (1,060 mm) of precipitation annually, which is somewhat evenly distributed throughout the year, although summer is slightly wetter.

Charlotte is home to two major professional sports franchises: the Carolina Panthers of the National Football league (NFL) and the Charlotte Hornets of the National Basketball Association (NBA). The Panthers have been located in Charlotte since their creation in 1995 and the current Hornets franchise have been located in Charlotte since their creation in 2004. The Panthers play their home games in Bank of America Stadium, while the Hornets play in the Time Warner Cable Arena. Charlotte is represented in ice hockey and baseball at the 'AAA' professional level by the Charlotte Checkers and the Charlotte Knights, and in professional ultimate by the Charlotte Express of the American Ultimate Disc League.

More info at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mMrAkV3S1Vc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfI521BV2ek>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvTdUrHSyHs>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AK2Nlaiv3\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AK2Nlaiv3_o)

<http://www.charlottesgotalot.com/great-venues-live-music>

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