

# On the way...

## *SPOTS OF INTEREST if you're DRIVING to the 2019 CSAA conference*

Venue: **Claggett Center** (For GPS, use 3035 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown, MD 21710)

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### Civil War sites all around

- **Gettysburg (PA) National Battlefield** – a turning point and inspiration for Abraham Lincoln's oft-quoted Gettysburg Address; visitors center features not-to-be-missed cyclorama. [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett)
- **Antietam (MD) National Battlefield** – single bloodiest day in American history and led to Lincoln issuing the Emancipation Proclamation. [www.nps.gov/anti](http://www.nps.gov/anti)
- **Harpers Ferry (WV)** – quaint, completely restored Civil War-era hillside town fronting on two rivers that was the site of John Brown's raid, heightening tensions before the war's outbreak. [www.nps.gov/hafe](http://www.nps.gov/hafe)

### Two very different homes ... and an early schoolhouse

Outside Pittsburgh not far off I-70 is **Fallingwater**, one of the most acclaimed houses by the famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright, and **Meadowcroft Rockshelter**, one of the oldest documented sites of human habitation in North America (in a massive, 16,000-year-old rock overhang); **Meadowcroft Historic Village** also on-site includes a magnificently-restored 1834 one-room schoolhouse. [www.fallingwater.com](http://www.fallingwater.com) and [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft)

### Birthplace of parochial education

Between Gettysburg and the Claggett Center along US Rt. 15 is **Seton Shrine**, commemorating the little-known first American-born Catholic saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, who also founded on this site the first parochial school in the U.S. [www.setonshrine.org](http://www.setonshrine.org)

### For chocolate-lovers

**Chocolate World** (in – where else? – Hershey, PA) features a free tour and sweet samples. [www.hersheys.com/chocolateworld](http://www.hersheys.com/chocolateworld)

### Amish and Mennonite communities

Depending on the direction you're coming from, Amish communities can be found in various spots, notably **Lancaster, PA**, about 60 miles west of Philadelphia, and **Holmes County, OH**, south of Cleveland and west of Pittsburgh. In Virginia, Mennonites are more numerous, mainly in the **Shenandoah Valley** (along I-81).

### Presidential homes

Virginia is home to George Washington's **Mount Vernon** (Alexandria); Thomas Jefferson's **Monticello** (Charlottesville); and James Madison's **Montpelier** (Orange). All 3 sites have recently added exhibits on the role of slavery. [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org); [www.monticello.org](http://www.monticello.org); and [www.montpelier.org](http://www.montpelier.org)

### Unusual natural formations

Also in Virginia: **Luray Caverns**, "geology's hall of fame" – the largest and most spectacular caverns on the east coast (and naturally air conditioned to boot!) and **Natural Bridge**, a 215-foot tall limestone gorge carved out by a small creek; both off I-81 from the south. [www.luraycaverns.com](http://www.luraycaverns.com) and [www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/natural-bridge#general\\_information](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/natural-bridge#general_information)

### Not to mention Washington DC

*Extend your stay in the area and reserve several days to sightsee in our nation's capital!*