



# 25th Annual Stanley Family Reunion

It's hard to believe that it's already been almost a year since we last gathered in Hancock for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Stanley Reunion. Because it's taken so long to get this note out, it really is almost a year already. Word on the street is that Emmy is quite concerned about the tardiness ...

It's also hard to believe that this year will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> time that we get together for a weekend of fun. What started out as an idea in Emmy's head and then grew with support from Mary Jane, Bill and Jim, has grown into quite an event.

## TIMES SURE HAVE CHANGED IN 25 YEARS:



### Then (1985):

Ronald Reagan, the politically conservative former actor was our President. The Soviets were our biggest threat and David Stockman, Reagan's budget director, tried to convince us that ketchup was a vegetable.

### Now:

We have our first African-American President in Barack Obama. Religious extremists and Michael Moore are our biggest threats. Obama's VP says lots of stupid things.



### Then:

Gasoline cost about \$1.19 per gallon.



### Now:

Gasoline costs about \$2.40 per gallon unless you buy it in Hancock and then it's about 20 cents more.

### Then:

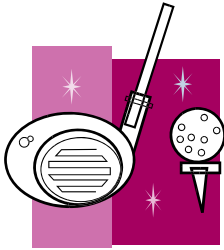
The Detroit Tigers were baseball's World Champions (from 1984). The Baltimore Orioles were only one year removed from their World Championship season of 1983. The Yankees were only about 7 years removed from their second consecutive championship with Reggie Jackson and Co. in 1978. The Red Sox were in the 67<sup>th</sup> year without a World Series Championship in a stretch that would reach 86 years before ending in 2004.



### Now:

The Orioles glory years are now a distant memory as the once proud franchise now dwells mostly in the cellar. The Yankees, after a great run of championships in the heart of the reunion years, have now gone without a championship since signing former Orioles' pitcher Mike "Moose" Mussina. Could a "curse of the Moose" end now that he's retired? The Red Sox has now won 2 of the last 5 World Series titles. Who could have imagined that? Oh, plenty of Sox' fans, that's for sure.

Well, now it's time to move out of nostalgia and move into action. The reunion is scheduled for July 10-12 at the usual location. Check out your shopping list and load up with stuff over the next few weeks – or else Emmy will take over this whole thing again! (*Did she ever really give it up? ... and would it be so bad if she took it back over?*)



## Don't forget:

We'll again play a 9 hole golf tourney on Friday morning July 10<sup>th</sup> for early arrivers and golfers. Then, the rest of Friday is a "work day".

Everyone should bring some nice prizes for the prize boards and some candy (not the big multi-assorted ones from BJ's or else Emmy will have a fit!) for the ball-n-cup game.

Bring your food items down to the pantry so the pantry workers can get it put away and organized.

*Well, hope that's it. If not, we'll get the real directions from Emmy soon!  
Joel, Jim, and Mary Catherine*

