

Resurrection: Our 75th Birthday Celebration

In the 1986 movie “Short Circuit,” the robot struck by lightning announces, “Five’s alive!” In a similar vein, our diamond jubilee birthday celebration echoes that sentiment with “Seventy-five’s alive!”

Having been so rudely interrupted by a viral pandemic, our recurring birthday tradition is back on track. We’re now rescheduled for the Greenbrier Resort, White Sulphur Springs, WV, for September 18-21, 2022. If you’ve been to the Greenbrier before, what better time to return than with your classmates and lifelong friends? And if you’ve not been, 75 years is long enough to wait – the Greenbrier is a not-to-be-missed bucket list item.

If you’re inclined to pass on this because you think the Greenbrier is only a golf resort – don’t. Yes, it is a world-class golfing mecca, but a look at the resort website – Google “Greenbrier Resort” or the link www.greenbrier.com – will show you it’s so much more. One can’t-miss item: a tour of the Cold War era subterranean bunker designed to house the U.S. government in the event of the unthinkable. Another – for the thinkable! – will be Roger Witten’s discussion of leadership and Garry Wills’ masterwork “Lincoln at Gettysburg.” In between, the Greenbrier offers 55 activities: several classmates have already told us they’ve been stunned to see so many alternatives, and have changed their minds about their “golf-only” suspicions. If you spot an activity you’d like to see organized, please speak up – while you may be offered a leadership role to make sure it happens, you will not be stuck with the job! We promise.

If you have any other questions or comments, please contact either one of us. (Ed Heald: esheald@aol.com Gerry Bell: skiboy1968@comcast.net) We’ll be in touch with more information, projected costs, and dress code guidance in subsequent newsletters and emails. Look for our next communication – an email blast – in mid-summer. In the meantime, please mark your calendars, block out the time, and have fun browsing the website and all the Greenbrier activities. Seventy-five’s alive – let’s make it happen!