



SOAR THE DUNES WITH THE INDIANA DUNES

North Central Section Fall Meeting

September 30 – October 2, 2022

Porter, Indiana

HOTEL

The meeting hotel is the **Spring House Inn** at 303 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, Indiana 46304. Phone: (219) 929-4600. Fax: (219) 926-8258. The room rate is \$99/night. Room options are 2 queen or 1 King. Our block of rooms will be held until midnight on Thursday September 8, 2022.

* * * The Inn has two floors and no elevator. Please indicate when you make your reservation your preference for first floor room, if needed. There are 20 rooms on the first floor, of which only two rooms with larger bathrooms and grab bars in the tub/shower area. All events are first floor level with the meeting/banquet room in the facility adjacent and just a short walk from the hotel.

AIRPORTS

- **GENERAL AVIATION**

Porter County Regional (VPZ) – 4207 Murvihill Road, Valparaiso, IN 46383 (Ph 800-462-6508; <https://vpz.org/services/>); tie down fees are being waived whether you buy fuel or not.

Michigan City Municipal (MGC) – 1300 IN-212, Michigan City, IN 46360 (Ph 219-872-0121; <https://mgairport.com/>); when purchasing fuel, tell them you are with the Indiana Dunes 99s. You will get the base rate. No tie down fees.

- **COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS**

South Bend Airport (SBN) – 4477 Progress Drive, South Bend, IN 46628 (Ph 574-282-4590; <https://flysbn.com/>); if not renting a car, we encourage you to take a scenic ride on the South Shore train headed west to the closest station to the hotel, Dune Park Station. Tickets can be purchased with a credit card at the east end of the terminal, online, or with cash from the conductor on the train. Call Marcia Forcey, Indiana Dunes 99s' transportation coordinator (219-728-7835), for pick up at Dune Park Station. Please indicate this on your registration. It's a 10-minute ride to the hotel.
<https://www.mysouthshoreline.com/>

*** * * Also, any Chicago Area Chapter (or other) members choosing to arrive by the South Shore train from the west, please indicate on your registration so we can arrange for pick up at Dune Park Station.**

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Option 1: You may print the registration and send paper copy to address listed below

Name: _____ Guest / 49½: _____
 Street: _____ Phone: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____ Chapter: _____
 Email: _____

Check all that apply:

_____ AE Scholarship Awardee	_____ Governor	_____ International Representative *
_____ New 99 (less than 1 yr)	_____ Past Governor	_____ President
_____ First Wings Awardee	_____ NCS Officer *	_____ Past President
_____ Student Pilot	_____ NCS Committee Chair *	_____ International Committee Chair *
_____ First Section Meeting	_____ Chapter Officer *	

* Specify: _____

FULL registration (99/Guest): _____ @ \$ 99.00 each _____
 (Includes: Friday Meet & Greet, Sat Lunch, Sat Banquet, Hospitality Rm)

LATE Registration (after Sept 8) _____ @ \$ 119.00 each _____

A LA CARTE:
 Friday evening Meet/Greet _____ @ \$20.00 each _____
 Saturday Lunch _____ @ \$20.00 each _____
 Saturday Banquet _____ @ \$40.00 each _____
 Hospitality Room _____ @ \$20.00 each _____

SALES TABLE: _____ @ \$10.00 each _____

TOTAL: _____

ARRIVALS: Date _____ ETA _____
 Number of persons: _____

GA Arrival Airport (check one): N number: _____
 _____ Porter Regional (VPZ) _____ Michigan City (MGC)
 Need transportation from GA airport? _____ Y _____ N

Commercial Arrivals – South Bend (SBN)
 Airline: _____ Flight #: _____

Will you have a car? Y / N Can you help drive / share rides? Y / N

Are you arriving via South Shore Train at Dune Park station? Y / N
 Date _____ ETA _____

Indicate banquet meal preference:

- _____ Beef
- _____ Chicken
- _____ Vegetarian
- _____ Dietary Restrictions:
- O Gluten Free
- O Vegetarian
- O Allergies (specify):

Registration Deadline: September 8th

Write check to "Indiana Dunes 99s"

Mail check and registration to: Rose Sirko
 2231 Swanson Rd Portage, IN 46368-1504

See additional online registration information

For questions, contact:

Margaret Wint (616) 540-4113 magwint@hotmail.com
 Diana Austin (219) 241-7865 diana.pilot@gmail.com
 Marcia Forcey (219) 728-7835 marciaforcey@yahoo.com

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OPTION 2: Online Registration for IN PERSON Conference Attendance (Full conference and/or à la carte)

To register online, go to the secure site <https://form.jotform.com/221455092983158>

You can register online and still send a check in the mail to the person named below.

OR

For online payment instructions, go to: <http://indianadunes.ncs99s.org/zelle-payment-instructions/>

Zelle is a free, secure app that you can use if your bank has access. There are no extra user fees.

For online registration and payment questions:

Contact Jessica Richardson jessicaerichardson@yahoo.com 574-551-7035

OPTION 3: BUSINESS MEETING ONLY – ZOOM (Virtual) – Saturday, October 1, 2022 (9:00 am to noon, Central)

The NCS Fall Business Meeting will be streamed via Zoom for those NCS members who are unable to attend in person at Spring House Inn (Porter, IN). *There is NO COST to attend the Business Meeting ONLY.*

ONLINE ONLY attendees MUST register by Friday September 30, 5:00 pm Central!

If you wish to attend the NCS Fall Business Meeting *virtually*:

STEP ONE: You **MUST** register online using the link provided here (**deadline: Fri Sep 30, 5pm Central**)

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqd-2qqT8sEtyrli-J19FkceL_fCc7FBAK

- After registering online, you will receive a confirmation email with information and a link to log in and join the NCS Business Meeting – save this and do NOT share your LOG-IN link with others.

STEP TWO: Use your LOG-IN link to join the Business Meeting on Sat Oct 1. Online attendees will enter the “Waiting Room” upon initial log-in. After members are confirmed, they will be entered into the Zoom meeting.

- We recommend that you log in at least 15-30 minutes early to ensure that the organizers can review and admit members attending online.

For questions, contact Erin Thompson (Kentucky Bluegrass) or Jenny Myren (Iowa) at NCSZoom@ncs99s.org.

We look forward to seeing everyone for our NCS Fall Meeting.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, September 30

8:00 – 5:00 pm	Registration
4:00 – 5:30 pm	NCS Board Meeting
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Meet and Greet (“heavy hors d’oeuvres”)
8:00 – 10:00 pm	Hospitality and Fly Market open Dinner on your own. Speakeasy Bar/Pizzeria Uno

Saturday, October 1

7:00 – 9:00 am	Registration
7:00 – 10:00 am	Continental Breakfast
7:30 – 8:30 am	Chapter Chairs and Treasurers Breakfast Meetings
9:00 – 11:30 am	NCS Business Meeting
9:00 – Noon	Guests / 49½ – see Things to Do in the Area / Restaurants
Noon – 1:00 pm	Boxed lunch
1:00 – 5:30 pm	Hospitality / Fly Market open
1:30 – 3:00 pm	Simine Short – IN Dunes ranger and author of “ <i>Locomotive to Aeromotive. Octave Chanute and the Transportation Revolution</i> ” (Visitors Center)
3:30 – 4:45 pm	Dr. Kenneth Brock – birder and author of “ <i>Birds of the Indiana Dunes</i> ” and “ <i>Compact Guide to Indiana Birds</i> ” (Banquet room)
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Social Hour – Cash Bar
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Banquet Toni K. Ferrel – Air Traffic Control Manager at SBN Facility
9:00 – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Room / Fly Market

Sunday, October 2

7:00 – 10:00 am	Continental Breakfast
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(Subject to change – all times are Central time)

THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

Note: Chicago and NW IN over to LaPorte on CDT; South Bend is EDT!

IN Dunes National Park stretches 15 miles along the southern shore of Lake Michigan with 15,000 acres. Access to trails, beaches, homesteads, the Dunes with wetlands, prairies, meandering rivers, and peaceful forests. <https://www.nps.gov/indu/index.htm>

Information at the **IN Dunes Visitor Center**. Early replica of Chanute's 'wing' here, too.

1215 State Road 49, Porter, IN 46304 (5 miles SE of the hotel)

<https://www.nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/idnlvc.htm>

Hours: Daily 9 am – 4 pm. Phone 219-395-1882

Pass for 1-7 days \$25 (includes passengers). **National** passes can be purchased at the Visitor Center, Paul H. Douglas Center, at the West Beach entrance (kiosk), or online at www.recreation.gov. (National passes will **not** work at IN Dunes State Park)

For **National Park**, display your Pass on the car dash. Note: *National Senior Lifetime pass will work here.*



Octave Chanute's Beginnings – Chanute glider of 1896, designed and built by Chanute and others. Flight tests were off of Miller Beach. 1 N Grand Blvd, Gary, IN 46403 <https://greatlakespeopleandplaces.com/2017/06/06/blog-post-title/>



IN Dunes State Park consists of 2,182 acres. Pavilion: restaurant-bar 11 am – 10 pm; balcony/mini-store/fast-food and adjacent restrooms/showers. The National Park Pass will *not* be accepted here.

Purchase a **State Park** daily Pass at the gate (just ½ mile south of the Pavilion) at 1600 N 25 E, Chesterton IN 46304 (phone 219-926-1952). Passes (admits driver and passengers): Daily \$7 in-state, \$9 out-of-state.

<https://www.in.gov/dnr/state-parks/parks-lakes/indiana-dunes-state-park/>

Michigan City IN (<https://www.michigancitylaporte.com/>) – 100 Heisman Harbor Dr. is the home of a **marina** and access to Washing Park Beach (small fee). Visit the nearby **Zoo** at 115 Lake Shore Dr. Daily from 10 am to 4 pm. The last entry is at 3 pm. Phone 219-873-1510

Old Lighthouse Museum only one in IN. Open Wed-Sun 1-4 pm. Great history. Small entrance fee

Other attractions: Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Friendship Botanic Gardens, Blue Chip Casino (riverboat) 777 Blue Chip Dr., *Lighthouse Place Outlet Mall* at 6th & Wabash.



La Porte County Historical Society, 2405 Indiana Ave # 1, La Porte. Hours: Tues-Sat. 10 am - 4:30 pm. Includes Kesling Auto collection, collection of ancient weapons, and 14 rooms that depict different times in history. Admission is \$5 for adults, and \$4 for seniors over 60; children 18 under are free.



Gabis Arboretum & Railway Garden 450 W 100 N – 5 miles west of Valparaiso.

Nature preserve with trails plus a large *Railway Garden* with G-gauge trains. Open Daily 8 am – sunset.

Railway Garden is open 10 am – 3 pm, Fri - Sun only. If raining, call to check if trains are running. Phone 219-462-0025

<https://www.pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum>

Valparaiso University and Chapel - The *Chapel of the Resurrection* has been described as the largest collegiate chapel in the US and the 2nd-largest collegiate chapel in the world. 1700 Chapel Dr.



Shipshewana – LaGrange County, IN is the location of the Menno-Hof Amish & Mennonite Museum. A mega-flea market, an Amish enclave, artists, and a working bison ranch. Check website for days / hours / times.

<https://www.visitelkhartcounty.com/cities-towns/shipshewana/>

Heddon Museum – 414 West St, Dowagiac, MI (phone 269-591-4841). The Museum is dedicated to preserving the history of **fishing**. By appointment only – email: heddonmuseum@lyonsindustries.com or phone 269-591-4841 (cell)

Hesston Steam Museum is 155 acres and home to 4 different gauge railroads along with steam-powered equipment. 1201 E 1000 N, La Porte, IN – Open Sat and Sun, noon – 5:00 pm (phone 219-778-2783)

RESTAURANTS

Porter

Speakeasy at the Spa Hours 4-11 pm *plus* UNO Pizzeria
Closed Mon; Tue-Thu, 4-10 pm; Fri-Sat, 4-11 pm; Sun, 4-10 pm

Wagner's Ribs 361 Wagner Road
Sun, 12-9 pm; Mon-Sat, 10 am - 10 pm

LeRoy's Hot Stuff 333 W US Highway 20
Mon-Sat, 7 am – midnight; Sun, 10 am midnight

Chesterton

European Market 3rd Street & Broadway
Sat, 8 am - 2 pm

Octave Grill 105 S. Calumet Road
Mon, Wed-Sat – 3-9 pm; Sun 3-8 pm

Lucrezia's Café, Ivy's Bohemia House, Duneland Pizza, Craft House, Namaste India

Michigan City

Panini Panini, Shoreline Brewery, Holly's Restaurant & Pub, Fiddleheads, Bubbles Ice Cream Parlor, Bridges, Fish Camp (in the Yacht Club), Matey's (with outside top deck near canal) 110 Franklin St, open Sun-Sat 11 am – 3 am

LaPorte

Portofino Grill, T Bones Pier 11, Christo's Family Dining, Aurelio's Pizza, Mom's Home Café,
Mucho Mas Grill, Portofino Grill, 3rd Base Bar & Grill

Valparaiso

Stacks Bar & Grill, Industrial Revolution Eatery & Grille, Blue Point, Meditrina Market Cafe

Anderson Winery 430 E US Hwy 6, Valparaiso *Hours Tues-Sunday Noon-6 pm

Live Music Sat and Sun afternoons 2-5 pm phone 219-464-4936

Shipshewana

Blue Gate Restaurant & Bakery, 5 & 20 Country Kitchen