

The Atlanta Veterans Day Parade - November 10th

This information updates the preliminary information I sent in an email on October 27th. Please read this entire email as it changes and updates any previous information.

Since my previous email I received new information from the parade organizers. As you may know, Classic Glass supports this event each year where we honor our veterans in conjunction with Amazing Corvettes. Amazing Corvettes requests our assistance to carry VIPs in the parade. Our clubs have been asked to carry approximately 34 VIPs.

There is a requirement for Vehicle Signs to be displayed on your dash in order to gain early entry through the street barricades enforced by the Atlanta Police Department. I have printed those cards and will hand them out at our initial staging area. Please bring your two-way radios if you have them, your CGCC Static Cling windshield banner and any flags you use for parades. Additional decorations are not needed. I also recommend bring some detailer and microfiber cloths to wipe down your doors to receive the self-cling dignitary signs

The Parade will start just after 11 am, beginning in downtown Atlanta on Peachtree Street south of Ralph McGill/Ivan Allen Blvd. The Parade will proceed south on Peachtree Street, turn right on Baker Street towards Centennial Olympic Park, The World of Coca Cola, and Georgia Aquarium. It will continue on Baker Street and turn left onto Marietta Street. The reviewing stand is in front of The World of Coca Cola on Baker St. The parade will end at the intersection of Centennial Olympic Park Drive and Marietta Street. We will be near the front with dignitaries, so we will probably be done around 12:00-12:30 pm.

In order to provide a central assembly area for the participating clubs to pre-stage before the actual parade staging on Peachtree St, we

will use a vacant parking lot across from St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 435 Peachtree St. NE. Atlanta (just south of Pine Street on the right side). I used 452 Peachtree St NE for my GPS. We need to be there between 9 and 9:45 AM. So we will meet at the QT station on Sandy Plains Rd. and Canton Rd. as an initial meeting place at 0830 on Saturday, November 10th. We will caravan to downtown Atlanta to our parade staging area starting at 8:45, arriving about 9:15-9:30. When Peachtree St. has been closed-off at the Ivan Allen Blvd/ Ralph McGill intersection around 10 AM., an Atlanta Police Department motorcycle officer will escort us to our staging location. All Corvette convertibles will stage single file on the far right (along the sidewalk) on Peachtree St. All Corvette coupes (with removable roofs) stage next to the convertibles. It usually works out that there will be a few more coupes than convertibles.

Parade dignitaries are placed in a predetermined numerical order so that the parade marshals can distribute the car signs in order. So when the convertibles are filled, the coupes are assigned the rest of the signs in order from the beginning of that row. When all the Corvettes are assigned a rider, the Cadillacs can fill-in with the others needing transportation to the reviewing stand. This year the parade officials will instruct the dignitaries that only a single rider is allowed in the Corvettes and must have the owner's permission to sit on the rear deck (if desired). If you have a spouse or passenger that arrived with you, they will not be able to ride with you during the parade unless there are empty seats at the end or in the Cadillacs. A walking group will form before the start of the Parade at 11:00 AM at the corner of Peachtree St. next to the lead Corvettes. One of the Amazing Corvette lady's will lead the short walk to the reviewing stand area where they can view the parade. At the reviewing stand, the dignitary is announced and gets out. Parade workers may remove the car signs on both sides of the Corvettes and your awaiting spouses/passengers can join you about 100 feet past the reviewing stand. The Corvettes continue on to the end of the parade route next to the Omni parking deck where they disband.

Important - So here is the rub: per the above, passengers/guests cannot ride with you unless there are more seats than dignitaries. A few of you registered with "2" as the number attending. If you are actually bringing "1" then please correct that on the events calendar (register with "1" and a note why you are changing). If your spouse/guest wants to make the short walk to the reviewing stand and then rejoin you, that would be great. A convertible passenger may be OK if a dignitary wants to sit on the waterfall (this option wasn't addressed). Also note above that you must have a convertible or a removable roof to accommodate the dignitaries (so they will be visible). I understand if you cannot or do not want to participate because of these restrictions. If so, please unregister by updating your registration on the events calendar with a "0". That will remove you from the list.

Following the parade, we will go to the Marietta Diner for lunch for any of you that are interested.

There is a lot here to consider. I apologize for the late information but I just recently received it. Thanks to those who are participating. I look forward to seeing you Saturday at the QT station. Please email or call me if you have any questions.

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