



Annual Meetings of the  
**North American Maple Syrup Council & International Maple Syrup Institute**  
October 22-25, 2012 - Marriott Mystic Hotel & Spa, Groton, Connecticut

## Connecticut Tour

**Thursday, October 25, 2012**

8:00 am – 4:00 pm -Lunch Provided

**Clyde's Cider Mill** is tucked away on a winding country road in Old Mystic, Connecticut, is the only remaining steam-powered cider mill in the United States. The Clyde family has been making cider here since 1881, and the sixth generation of the family continues to produce cider at this National Historic Landmark that is truly an engineering marvel.

B.F. Clyde's is the oldest continuous producer of hard cider in America, too! After a peek inside at the workings of the old mill, where apples are pressed into tasty beverages, we followed the signs pointing to the mill's basement, where hard cider is sold in plastic jugs by the gallon and half-gallon. But the good news is that you **do** want to immediately head inside the shop, where you can purchase a cup of some of the sweetest, tastiest cider you've ever consumed to wash down fresh-baked, tender, delicious apple cider doughnuts.

**Uncle Bucks Sugar House** was started in 1996 with 5 taps using milk jugs for buckets and boiled sap on a turkey burner set up on the back deck. In 1998 he made his first evaporator, a 2 x 4 flat pan with 4 channels with a wood fired arch. In 2000 he built a garage with 1/3 of it becoming his sugarhouse. Since then he has bought a 2 x 6 Leader evaporator with a blower and added a homemade insulated arch front. Then a steam-a-way and electronic digital thermometers were added to this growing operation of 240 taps on buckets and 180 taps on tubing. At Uncle Bucks they make maple candy, maple cream, maple sugar, maple jelly and maple kettle corn.

### **The USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571)**

In July of 1951, Congress authorized construction of the world's first nuclear powered submarine. On December 12th of that year, the Navy Department announced that she would be the sixth ship of the fleet to bear the name NAUTILUS. Her keel was laid by President Harry S. Truman at the Electric Boat Shipyard in Groton, Connecticut on June 14, 1952.

On the morning of January 17, 1955, at 11 am EST, NAUTILUS' first Commanding Officer, Commander Eugene P. Wilkinson, ordered all lines cast off and signaled the memorable and historic message, "Underway on Nuclear Power." She was decommissioned on March 3, 1980 after a career spanning 25 years and over half a million miles steamed.

Aboard the NAUTILUS, experience first-hand the thrill of being a submariner as you walk the decks that made Naval history: the world's first nuclear powered vessel, first ship to go to the North Pole, and first submarine to journey "20,000 Leagues under the sea." Explore the spaces where the crew of this amazing ship worked, ate, slept, and entertained themselves on their long voyages far beneath the ocean's waves.

The museum's collections include more than 33,000 artifacts, 20,000 significant documents and 30,000 photographs. With so many holdings, the displays change frequently and a return visit will be a new experience. The 6,000 volume reference and research library is a world-renowned collection relative to the history of U.S. submarines and is open to anyone looking for information on submarines or submarine history.

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### **Mystic Seaport Maritime Museum**

Long before Mystic Seaport's ships, shops and shipyard, the banks of the Mystic River were filled with...ships, shops and shipyards. Since the 1600s, this historic area has been a center of shipbuilding. Between 1784 and 1919 – the golden age of American maritime enterprise – more than 600 vessels were constructed along the Mystic River. But with the advent of steam power and the decline of wooden shipbuilding after the Civil War, textile manufacturing became Mystic's dominant industry.

As the great Age of Sail gave way to steamships and railroads, wooden ships and boats were turned into firewood and the nation's seafaring traditions began to disappear, three Mystic residents decided to work together to keep the past alive.

On December 29, 1929, Edward E. Bradley, an industrialist, Carl C. Cutler, a lawyer, and Dr. Charles K. Stillman, a physician, signed the papers incorporating the Marine Historical Association, today known as Mystic Seaport. Their dream: create a dynamic, educational institution to preserve America's maritime culture – and turn the achievements of a past era into an inspirational force for the future.

In 1941, Mystic Seaport acquired the *Charles W. Morgan*, the country's last wooden whaleship from the once-great Yankee fleet. Historic buildings from across New England were also moved in to complement the *Morgan* – and the authentic coastal village area of Mystic Seaport was born.

By the 1990s, Mystic Seaport was widely recognized as the nation's leading maritime museum.

In 1998, Mystic Seaport began construction of the freedom schooner *Amistad* – marking a major educational program centered on the re-creation of an historic vessel from the keel up.

**Lunch by Ashaway Grange** is a fraternal organization chartered in 1912 with its basis in agriculture. Due to the reduction in farms the Grange is now centered in community service. Our big project that is ongoing is our *Words for Thirds* program. We purchase dictionary's and distribute them to all 3rd graders in the towns of Hope Valley, Ashaway, Charlestown, Richmond, Bradford, Dunn's Corners, and State Street elementary schools