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Balloon Fest issue



And a frenzy of fall events

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

Post-Labor Day, and instantly there's a frenzy of fall events. Here are just some of them this weekend and in the coming week:

- Adirondack Nationals Car Show, Fri.-Sun., Sept. 11-13, Fort William Henry, Lake George. Hot rods, classic cars, music, cruising Lake George, fireworks, Expo. \$10 weekend, free for kids 12 and under. Info: 416-7387.
- Adirondack VetteFest, Fri.-Sun., Sept. 11-13, at the Ramada Inn, in Queensbury. Display at City Park, Glens Falls on Friday evening. Also, Sunday car show at the Ramada: \$3, \$5 family. Info: 527-3329.
- NEW! Sportsmen's Weekend. Fri.-Sun, Sept. 11-13, in Chestertown and Horicon. Hunt-

ing lectures, demos, displays, raptors. Info: 494-2722.

- **Sandy Hill Days,** Fri.-Sat., Sept. 11-12, in Hudson Falls. Rides, music, craft show, kid stuff, fireworks. Info: 747-0904 or www.sandyhilldays.com.
- Washington County Cheese Tour, Sat.-Sun., Sept. 12-13, Argyle, Shushan, West Pawlet, Vt. Free. www.thecheesetour.com.
- **Rustic Furniture Fair,** Sat.-Sun., Sept. 12-13, Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake. Info: 352-7311.
- **Brown's Raid,** Sat.-Sun., Sept. 12-13, at Fort Ticonderoga. Battle reeneactments of 1777 events. Details: 585-2821.
- Moreau Community Center Block Party, Sat., Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Food, vendors, pony rides, music by The Marcabes,

kids' activities. Info: 792-6007.

• Lake George Region Restaurant Week. Sept. 13-19. Sixteen restaurants offer discounted three-course meals for \$20.15. Info: 668-5755. List: www.lakegeorgechamber.com.

Balloon Fest & Gold Cup

- Adirondack Balloon Festival, starts Thursday afternoon, Sept. 17, in City Park in Glens Falls, then on to Warren County Airport for the weekend. Thursday night in downtown Glens Falls: Balloon Fest Party & Classic Car Show. Free. 761-3864.
- **NEW! Gold Cup Festival.** Thurs.-Sun., Sept. 17-20, in Bolton, at Rogers Park and on Lake George. Displays and races by Gold Cup replicas and vintage race boats. Free. Info: 644-3831.

There's much more inside!



Boat fire: Did gas go in wrong chamber?

By Gordon Woodworth

Chronicle News Editor

Joseph Sheehan, 46, remained in critical condition Tuesday morning at Westchester Medical

Center in the aftermath of the explosion just before 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 1, that destroyed a 28-foot Chaparral boat at the



dock at Fischer's Marina on the east shore of Lake George.

Mr. Sheehan, 46, of Manhattan was severely burned in the accident. He had brought the boat in for gas.

"It appears as though the dock attendant may have been directed

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