

# The Great Drive

## North Carolina to Poland Spring, Maine

### 2024 National VCOA Meet

### September 17-20

What better way to experience the Fall colors, 1000 Islands, Montreal and Maine. A 1177 mile route. Twenty hours of scenic beauty. Overnight stop in Harrisburg, 1000 Islands [before entering Canada] Montreal and finally Poland Springs, Maine.

I'll have my tools plus a tow strap. The mighty XC90 V8 or the wimpy C70 convertible [with new engine] will lead the way. I seem to build engines for this car every 6 months. [It's a Ford design. Need I say more?]

Friends know I do not care to drive the NE corridor nor interstate highways when alternate pleasant and pastoral routes are available.

Driving along the Saint Lawrence River/Seaway is an exciting experience. Experience ocean freighters transiting the locks. This is early autumn in the high latitudes, leafy trees display glorious colors. At the conclusion of the national conference I plan to drive the Maine coast. You're welcome to tag-along or return home via another route.

Join the caravan anywhere along I-81 north. Coordinate with me via phone (919-417-5019). Within the convoy, FRS radio [channel 7] will be used to coordinate rest and fuel stops.

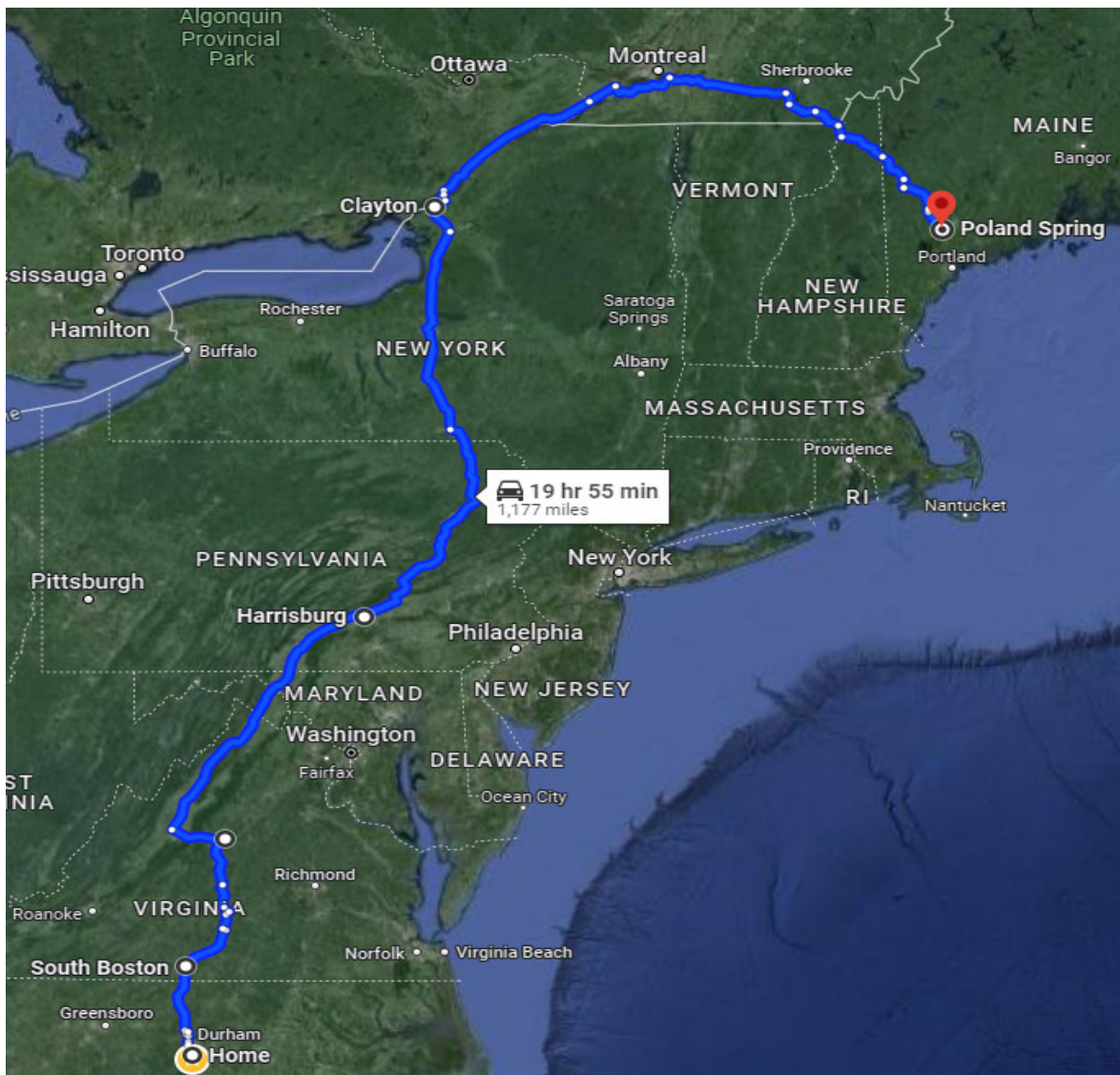
You'll need a Volvo capable of a 3000 mile trip, traveling at the posted speed limit for several hours at a time. Switching drivers will make the trip more enjoyable.

Should this adventure, and I mean ADVENTURE, interest you, **confirm by email** [[rfsepe@gmail.com](mailto:rfsepe@gmail.com)] **prior to August 20<sup>th</sup>** so I can make necessary arrangements. A passport is required to enter Canada and return to the USA.

Should there be an outstanding warrant for your arrest, a DUI/DWI in your history, a weapon in your possession or felony conviction, expect to be detained at the border and denied entry to Canada. I've some interesting border crossing stories to share.

With some coaxing, I could be persuaded to alter the return trip with a stop at Niagara on the Lake, Ontario. It's the home of the Shaw festival and gardens.

The drive route:



Details about the 2024 National Meet can be found on page 8 of the July August edition of Rolling magazine.

Also, on the VCOA.org website. <https://vcoa.org/events-calendar/>

RSVP by August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,  
Bob