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Our Special May Meeting

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A truly special opportunity awaits you at our May meeting. How often do you get to see a World Champion at a FOMA meeting? Well, you will get to see them at our May meeting!

On Tuesday, May 16th, you will get to see the World Series Champions Chicago White Sox battle the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Tropicana Field. Yes, our baseball meeting is usually in August, but the following coincidences made it clear that we should go to The Trop in May:

1. The World Series Champs are in town
2. It's the regular FOMA meeting night
3. The White Sox are Sid's favorite team
4. It's the only time the White Sox come to the Trop this year.
5. Steve Steakly has managed to acquire a private box for us to sit in, meaning we get free admission (based on a first-call, first admitted basis)! **To get your free tickets, you must call Uncle Sid ASAP, as there is limited seating in the box.**

So, On the Third Tuesday of May, join us in by 7:15 PM, to watch the Rays tackle the formidable challenge of beating the World Champions. Yes, it's been a tough, injury-plagued year for the team, but things have been looking up recently.

Now, you say, you've been to Tropicana Field before, so what's new? Well, plenty! Here's a small list:

1. FREE Parking, yes FREE parking
2. Lowered concession prices on many items
3. New activities all around The Trop, like a ;make your own baseball card' stand, a stand on the science of baseball by MOSI, and more.
4. The Ted Williams Museums and Hitters Hall of Fame just relocated to The Trop from "out of the way (their phrase) "middle of nowhere" (my phrase)" Citrus County, and admission to the Museum is free just for buying a ticket to a game.
5. The Major League Players Alumni Association has relocated their office from St. Petersburg to Tropicana Field, opposite the Ted Williams museum. Retired major league players are often in

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attendance, offering autographs and conversation. With the free parking and lower prices, enjoying a game at the Trop will cost less than in any previous year!

As to dining, there are lots of places to eat at Tropicana Field. My favorite is Mr. T's Barbecue, located just to the first-base side of Gate 1, which offers a very fine pulled-pork sandwich, and an unusual treat, BBQ Nachos. There is also Checkers nearby, as well as Chef Ellio's, with a wide variety of eats. There is also a Cheese steak shop, pizza shop, Ybor City stand, mixed drinks, and more nearby. There are a couple of stands in the Trop called 'Beers of the World', with a wide variety of international suds. I would suggest getting your food on the first level, as there are more limited selections on the upper levels, basically standard baseball food, like hot dogs, pretzels, peanuts, sodas, domestic beer, etc.

So, plan on joining with your FOMA sailing mates in a private box on Tuesday, May 16, for an evening of fun, good food, companionship, and excitement!

We'll see you at the game!

Coming in June

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A new Membership Roster, complete with up-to-date contact info.

A proposal for a week-long FOMA event for 2007

An article on the new Coast Guard Rescue 21 system.

Race results from past races.

Info on past and upcoming cruises.

And more!

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