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Greetings from Minnesota:

Your 1985 Midwest Morris Ale planning committee is already hard at it! Expectations and energy are running high; unfortunately, so are rental costs for a site (over three times the highest price paid in the past!). In the interest of providing you with the most bang for your Morris buck, we can plan our budget three ways: 1) raise the anticipated registration fee \$3-5 per person (\$28-30); 2) eliminate provision of lunches; 3) guarantee such massive attendance that rental fees become a less important item. WE have already scratched the executive committee limousine, the March planning committee meeting in Cancun, and the jeroboams of 1885 Chateau Lafitte. (Although you can rest assured that we mean to provide the very best of local comestibles!)

To ease our desperate toil, we need to know whether your team plans to attend, your most realistic estimate of how many will attend, and which of the first two options you favor should it come to cutting expenses or raising more money. Estimates of attendance will not constitute a commitment—but close! Remember, with greater attendance our money problems will diminish and we'll all have more fun! (Pep talk.) Please use the enclosed post card for your reply.

To end on an encouraging note—we have some great possibilities for tours and other....er...activities.... Looking forward to the best ale yet. Hope to see you all there!

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1985 Morris Ale Planning Committee
Steve Parker (MTM)
Carol Buche (Bells of the North)
Jim Linton (Morris Support Team)

P.S. If you are aware of any individuals or teams that should be sent invitations, please let us know. Also—are there any updates to the mailing list?; please send them.