



TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE



September 1, 2013

Dear Committee Members and Guests:

As hosts of the Fall 2013 Meeting of the IEEE/PES Transformers Committee, and on behalf of the H-J Family of Companies, we cordially invite you and your spouse/companion to St Louis **October 20–24**. We are extremely excited to be your host for this event. All of us with the H-J Family of Companies (H-J Enterprises, H-J International, Engineered Power Components, H-J International Tianjin Electrical products & H-J Trading Company) consider this opportunity a distinct honor and privilege, and look forward to making your stay in St. Louis one of the most memorable.

The venue we choose for our meeting is the Renaissance Grand Hotel St. Louis in downtown, located at 800 Washington Avenue. The Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel is a remodeled and expanded hotel located on the Washington Avenue Loft District in downtown St. Louis, Missouri and is within walking distance of many of the famed St. Louis attractions and restaurants. Some of those include, The Gateway Arch, Bush Stadium (St. Louis Cardinals), Scott Trade Center (Blues Hockey), Edward Jones Dome (St. Louis Rams), Laclede's Landing (dining/bars and nightlife), Union Station (dining and shopping), St Louis' Old Cathedral, Kiener Plaza, Segway tour of Downtown, City Museum and World Aquarium (not your typical museum), Eugene Field's House, and St. Louis Toy Museum and Lumiere Place Casino. For your convenience I have included a link to our "City Guide":

Downtown City Guide:

<http://www.downtownstl.org/docs/2013VisitorsGuide.pdf>

Downtown Parking map and Guide:

<http://www.downtownstl.org/docs/ParkingGuide2012.pdf>

Downtown Dining Guide:

<http://www.downtownstl.org/docs/DiningGuide2012.pdf>

HOTEL INFORMATION: The Renaissance Grand Hotel St. Louis in downtown, 800 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63101, (314) 621-9600. The discounted group rate for standard guest rooms at the Renaissance Grand is US\$139/night (single/double). The discounted group rate for upgraded "Club" level guest rooms is US\$169/night (single/double), both including complimentary wireless Internet in the guest rooms. Visit the Committee's website for a link to registration, or call (314) 621-9600 or toll-free 1 800 (468) 3571. Mention the group "**IEEE Transformers**" to receive this special rate. The cut-off date for the group rate is September 27, 2013, PLEASE NOTE: We expect the hotel to sell-out before then.



Hotel Parking:

The hotel on-site parking fee is \$2.00 hourly, \$18.00 daily. Valet parking is \$28.00 daily. Valet cannot accommodate large SUV's and other oversize vehicles.

TRANSPORTATION: Lambert St. Louis International Airport (STL) is located approximately 15 miles NW of the hotel. Air Tran, Southwest and some Frontier flights utilize the East Terminal (Terminal 2) All other airlines use the Main Terminal (Terminal 1). Terminal shuttles are provided free and can be

found at Exit 12. All Transportation options are located at both Terminals including a Merolink Station. **The hotel does not provide shuttle service.** Alternate transportation include: GO BEST Express (toll-free 1-877-785-4682) or book on-line at www.gobestexpress.com, fee: \$21.00 (one way), on request.

Subway service (Metrolink station approximately .2 miles east of the hotel), fee: \$3.50 (one way). Passenger pickup for Metrolink: Terminal: 1 Exit Door 1, upper level east of the American Airlines Credit Union. Terminal: 2 South of Terminal, accessible through the parking garage on all levels. Metrolink timetables and information can be found at: <http://tripfinder.metrostlouis.org/ntp/en/timetables/>

All rental car pick-up options are off airport property. Rental car counters are located in the lower level of Terminal 1 between Doors 12 and 17. Passenger Pick Up: Terminal 1 – Exit Door 17, Terminal 2 – Exit Door 12. Options include Hertz, National, Alamo, Avis, Budget, Enterprise & Thrifty. The hotel has an in-house Hertz location.

Taxis are also conveniently located at the airport (both terminals) estimated taxi fare is: \$40.00 (one way). Passenger Pickup: Terminal: 1 Exit Door 14. Terminal: 2 Exit Door 12.

REGISTRATION: Register on-line at www.transformerscommittee.org for tours, social events and the meeting. Registering by September 27 entitles you to a \$50 early registration discount. FYI, the on-line registration system will be disabled on October 16 to print name badges and to finalize counts. *Note that the cost to walk-up register at the meeting is substantially higher than for registering on-line in advance and some social events/tours may be sold-out.*

WEATHER: October weather in St Louis is very unpredictable this time of the year. However, just for you we have placed an order for GREAT fall weather GOOD LUCK! Daytime highs typically average 59°F (15°C), with night time lows around 43°F (6°C). We have had an extremely mild summer with moderate rain. Please check the forecast closer to meeting time. Dress for the meeting and all accompanying events is business casual.

SATURDAY EARLY-BIRD EVENT: For those of you arriving early, join your fellow meeting attendees at the one of the coolest art deco bowling alleys this side of the Mississippi. Enjoy the privacy of the Palm Room with 4 lanes of bowling, a pool table, and elegant seating areas with banquettes. Our group will have unlimited bowling while mingling and sipping cocktails from the cash bar. This rockin' spot has been voted "Best Décor" in St. Louis, and given the title of "Best Addition to Washington Avenue."



Dinner will consist of a pizza buffet with various options, mixed greens salad with house-made dressings, toasted ravioli, chicken tenders, quesadillas and non-alcoholic beverages. A premium cash bar with a full range of beer, wine and spirits will also be available.

Advance registration required. Register on-line when you register for the meeting.

SUNDAY EVENING RECEPTION: The H-J Family of Companies is proud to host this social renewal of friendships and formation of new acquaintances event in the Renaissance's elegant Crystal Ball Room. A cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be provided. *Indicate your intention to attend this event during the on-line registration process.*



TUESDAY AWARDS LUNCHEON: Come join us and recognize the hard work of your peers. Advance registration required.

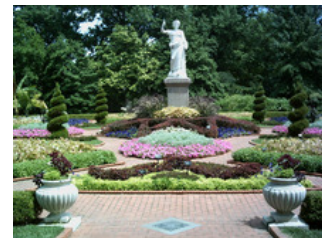
WEDNESDAY EVENING RECEPTION: This event will be unlike anything you have ever experienced! Set in the grand lobby of the Peabody Opera House, the evening will include an amazing dinner as well as an entertaining and interactive show. The Peabody Opera House first opened in 1934 and in 2011 underwent a \$100 million renovation to restore it to its former glory. The evening will start with cocktails and passed hors d'oeuvres in one of the large lounges. Dinner will then be served in the spectacularly beautiful Grand lobby. Throughout the evening, tours of this amazing building highlighting its history and architecture will be offered. The dinner buffet will be prepared by one of the best restaurant groups in St. Louis. There will be several amazing selections of starters, main courses, and sides. Dinner will be followed by dessert.



In addition to enjoying the building, the evening's true entertainment will be the celebration of Tony n' Tina's Wedding during dinner. This is interactive theater where guests are more than a member of the audience; they are a member of the family. The fun starts with the ceremony and continues with the reception. With creative, warm, and hilarious improvisation, Tony n' Tina's Wedding is a wonderfully fun event that is truly one of a kind.



SPOUSE/COMPANION TOURS (MONDAY): Begin the day at *Missouri Botanical Garden*. Stroll through this beautiful 79-acre National Historic Landmark where you will see the country's largest Japanese Garden, an English Woodland Garden, Chinese Garden and the Rose Garden displaying 200 varieties of roses. Walk through the Temperate House containing plants of that region and the Climatron, which contains a rain forest. Also located at the gardens is the Kemper Center for Home Gardening. This is the only home gardening center of its kind in the United States.



Enjoy a delicious seasonally selected lunch along with a private cooking demonstration at the L'École Culinaire, a premier cooking school, located in the suburb of Ladue.



After your lunch and cooking demonstration, it's on to the *Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis*, known to locals as the *New Cathedral*. Built in 1907 this is one of only 40 basilicas in the United States. Known for its Byzantine interior, this awe-inspiring landmark contains one of the largest collections of mosaics in the world. Created by 20 different

artists and covering 84,000 sq. ft., the Cathedral interior is lined with 41.5 million pieces of glass tesserae employing over 8,000 shades of color. The magnificent mosaic work was begun in 1912 and completed in 1988 by the Ravenna Mosaic Co. The marble in the Cathedral comes from nearly every marble center in the world—over 70 different types are found in the sanctuary alone.

SPOUSE/COMPANION TOURS (TUESDAY): Beginning Tuesday's tour is a visit to our nation's tallest monument, *The Gateway Arch*, the soaring symbol of the Gateway to the West. It towers 630 feet above the banks of the Mississippi River and is part of the \$30 million Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. While visiting the Arch you will have a choice between two experiences; (1) you can choose to ride the tram to the top of the Arch, or (2) view the movie on the construction of the Arch.



Lunch will be served at Soulard neighborhood favorite, Franco, winner of the Riverfront Time's Best French Restaurant. The menu is built around locally grown produce and locally raised meats, with an emphasis on freshness and seasonal ingredients.



Next stop on your tour is the world famous *Anheuser-Busch Brewery*, the world's largest brewer of beer. The brewery is situated in a 100-acre complex of over 71 red brick structures, several of which are National Historic Landmarks. Enjoy a one-and-a-half hour private tour that includes the beechwood aging cellars, the historic Brew House, and the Bevo packaging plant. A film about the brewing process and a close-up view of the famous Budweiser Clydesdales are highlights of the tour, along with everyone's favorite, a stop in the hospitality room for a sampling of some Anheuser-Busch products.

TECHNICAL TOURS: (see individual flyers for more detail)

MONDAY 10/21/2013 . . . On Monday evening The H-J Family of Companies invites you to tour our manufacturing and testing facilities located in High Ridge, just southwest of St. Louis. Attendees will tour our state-of-the-art facilities for manufacturing castings/connectors, bushing assemblies and epoxy molded products. In addition tours will be offered of our new comprehensive test facility. Before the tours a dinner will be served catered by Annie Gunns, an award winning St. Louis restaurant. Space will be limited and open to all registered attendees. Buses will begin loading at the hotel at 6:00 p.m. with the last bus departing at 6:30 p.m. returning to hotel at approximately 10:00 p.m. For details, contact Jeffery Evitts at (636) 677-3421 X383 or email: jeffe@h-j.com

TUESDAY 10/22/2013 . . . On Tuesday evening you are invited to attend a tour of ABB's Power Transformer Facility located in St. Louis within minutes of the airport. Space will be limited and initially restricted to Transformers Committee members and Active Participants only. Buses will begin loading at the hotel at 6:00 p.m. with the last bus departing at 6:45 p.m. returning to hotel at approximately 10:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at factory. For details, contact Tomasz Soltyszewski at (314) 679-4597 or email: tomasz.soltyszewski@us.abb.com

ST. LOUIS HOT SPOTS: There are many GREAT things to do in and around the St. Louis area and you'll find many of them FREE with an unbelievable number within walking distance of our hotel (refer to my list above). Also refer to:

<http://www.downtownstl.org/docs/2013VisitorsGuide.pdf>

St Louis Visitors Guide:

<http://madden.imirus.com/Mpowered/book/vstg13/i2/p1>

St. Louis History:

<http://explorestlouis.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/St.-Louis-History.pdf>

We will be publishing a "What not to miss in St. Louis" list but here's a brief snapshot

The St. Louis gateway Arch (Free with exception of the tram ride to the top)

Anheuser-Busch Brewery (free)

Pappy's BBQ (Man vs Food)

Ted Drewes Frozen Custard (Man vs Food)

Crown Candy Kitchen (Man vs Food)

The Iron Barley (The Food Network)

ADDITIONAL MEETING INFORMATION. Along with this invitation letter, additional meeting information can be downloaded from the Committee's website at www.transformerscommittee.org.

- Meeting Registration Form. This is good guide to review fees before you begin the on-line registration process. On-line registration with a credit card is the primary method of payment. Contact us at transformers@ieee.org if another form of payment is desired.
- Detailed Meeting Schedule & General Session Agenda. If any noteworthy changes occur, an updated schedule will be posted on the Committee's website a few days prior to the meeting.
- Other Informational Flyers, including those for the Saturday Early-Bird Event, the Wednesday Social, Spouse/Companion Tours, and Technical Presentations (flyers for the Technical Presentations will be added to the website soon).

All of us at the H-J family of Companies are committed to making your visit to the **Gateway to the West** a memorable one! Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help in your preparations.



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