

## Technical Tours

Several technical tours are being lined up for the week. Before booking your flights, consider traveling to Chicagoland early and staying late to take advantage of these great tours. Tours of S&C Electric are planned for Sunday morning and Thursday afternoon. The Waukesha Electric tour is scheduled for Thursday afternoon only.



In June 2008 **S&C Electric** broke ground on their state-of-the-art **Advanced Technology Center (ATC)**. The testing laboratory at the heart of the new building includes two 850-MW electrical short-circuit test generators that can test **up to 100 kA and up to 230,000 volts**.

The 43,000 square-foot structure, which will include an extensive roof garden, will fully comply with the City of Chicago's Green Building Policy and will hold Gold Certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. It will be one of the first industrial buildings in the Chicago metropolitan area to hold such a rating.



The facility is scheduled for completion in September 2009. Monitor the construction progress at [www.sandc.com/about/advancedtechnologycenter.asp](http://www.sandc.com/about/advancedtechnologycenter.asp)



In nearby Franklin Park, **MacLean Power Systems** manufactures distribution, intermediate, and station class **polymer arresters from 2.4 to 230kV**. [www.macleanpower.com](http://www.macleanpower.com)  
(This will be a Monday or Tuesday evening tour)



Located 2-hours away from Lombard, **Waukesha Electric** manufactures medium-power transformers from 5 to 100 MVA, and large-power transformers top-rated to 420 MVA, and up to 345 kV. [www.waukeshaelectric.com](http://www.waukeshaelectric.com)

(This Thursday afternoon tour is scheduled to make an evening stop at O'Hare Airport for people catching a Thursday evening flight.)



Additional Monday and/or Tuesday evening tours are under development



## IEEE/PES Transformers Committee Fall 2009 Meeting October 25 – 29, 2009

[www.transformerscommittee.org](http://www.transformerscommittee.org)

Lombard, Illinois

Hosted By Commonwealth Edison Company



### Westin Lombard Yorktown Center

70 Yorktown Center, Lombard, IL 60148  
Phone: 630-719-8000 or 800-937-8461

Traditional Guest Room Rate: US\$149. Mention Group Name "IEEE Transformers" to receive the Group Rate. A link is provided on the committee's website for room reservations. [www.transformerscommittee.org](http://www.transformerscommittee.org).



**Airports:** The hotel is 20 miles from O'Hare (ORD), and 25 miles from Midway (MDW).

### Lombard, Illinois – "The Lilac Village" since 1869

In the mid-1830's, early settlers were attracted to Babcock's Grove (as Lombard was called at the time) by rich farmland; more settlers came when the railroad route westward from Chicago followed the St. Charles Road Trail.



A tour of the historic downtown area, within walking distance of the commuter train depot, highlights the significant heritage earlier residents left to contemporary Lombard: the historic Lilacia Park, Lombard Historical Museum, Helen M. Plum Memorial Library as well as the Maple Street Chapel, a historic landmark in the spired Gothic style built as the original First Church of Lombard in 1870.

METRA's Lombard train station is just 4 miles north of the Westin hotel. Downtown Chicago is a short 40-minute train ride to the east. A weekend train ticket (good for all day Saturday and Sunday) is only US\$5.



## Wednesday Evening Social Dinner

### Cantigny: Robert R. McCormick's Gift to the People of Illinois

Cantigny offers two history-rich museums: the **Robert R. McCormick Museum** and the **Cantigny First Division Museum**, fascinating for children and researchers alike.



Robert R. McCormick led an exciting life. His interests ranged from journalism to foxhunting to aviation. As editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune for 44 years, he created a media empire that survives today. He built the Tribune Company from a single newspaper to a media giant by creating radio and television stations and building newsprint factories.

This one-time politician became a citizen-soldier, serving in the Illinois National Guard in 1915, and a Colonel in the First Infantry Division during World War I.

Upon his death, his will established the Robert R. McCormick Charitable Trust, which established Cantigny as a public park and created a charitable trust to fund programs serving children, communities, and country.



**First Division Museum:** Explore American history as seen through the eyes of the First Infantry Division and gain a renewed appreciation for those who serve to protect our freedoms. With more than 38,000 square feet, the First Division Museum provides an immersive and stimulating experience for visitors of all ages.

Experience History: The First Division Museum is more than four walls with some interesting artifacts in it. It is a story. It is a history. It is an education. And it can be fun. Within these four walls is the 10,000 square foot Main Exhibit Hall of the museum, which tells the story of the division from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm through interactive galleries. In the 2,700 square foot Temporary Exhibit Gallery, different exhibits are rotated. In the lobby, temporary exhibits can often be found. Some tell the story of the division today; others display interesting historic artifacts that have been donated to or acquired by the museum.

One of the newest additions to the First Division Museum is an LCVP (Landing Craft, Vehicle and Personnel). Made famous in the opening scene of Saving Private Ryan, more than 22,000 "Higgins Boats" were manufactured during WWII. Found rusting in a field in France, this newly restored LCVP is one of only twelve known in existence today.



## Spouse/Companion Outings

### Monday – Chicago Highlights Tour ... with a Presidential Twist

Chicago is, above all, the prototype of the modern American City. It is the cradle of modern architecture, yet boasts some of the finest examples of neoclassical architecture in the New World. This tour of Chicago, full of interest, history and beauty, will take guests through pristine parks, along the beaches that line Lake Michigan's shore, and all the beautiful and magnificent highlights along the way.

From Soldier Field to the Magnificent Mile, guests will explore the many facets of the Windy City. The Loop, Buckingham Fountain and Museum Campus are just a few marvelous points to mention! Another famous stop at the Adler Planetarium will be made for a breathtaking view of Lake Michigan and the skyline!



This tour would not be complete without pointing out some key buildings and establishments which have played a role in Chicago's current "pride & joy" – 44th President Barack Obama! On this unique tour, a guided coach will take you in and around the city and its neighborhoods to see some of Obama's favorite hangouts, childhood landmarks, current home, and political outposts. Some of the stops along the way include:

- The Kenwood neighborhood – surrounding the Obama family home.
- University of Chicago campus where Obama taught from 1993 to 2003.
- Grant Park where Obama gave his victory speech on Election Night.
- Millennium Park
- Chicago Merchandise Mart – the world's largest commercial building

### Tuesday – Shopping

Oakbrook Center is one of the most prestigious and striking outdoor shopping destinations in the Chicago area. In fact, it's the largest open-air premier shopping center in the country! Always on the cutting edge of fashion, Oakbrook Center was voted the #1 shopping destination by Illinois shoppers. And no wonder, with six major department stores and over 160 upscale shops and restaurants – set amidst lush gardens and flowing fountains – it's a spectacular outdoor shopping experience.



Located just 3-miles to the east of the Westin Hotel, this shopping experience will be at your own pace. The Westin Hotel's courtesy shuttle can provide transportation to and from Oakbrook Center at your convenience.