



# TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE



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## Welcome to the Fall 2010 Meeting!

Welcome to Toronto the “financial and business center” of Canada (sometimes affectionately referred to as “hog town” and the “big smoke”), the capital of the province of Ontario and the fifth largest city in North America. On behalf of Trench Limited my wife, Mary Jane, and I would like to welcome you to Toronto and the Fall 2010 IEEE Transformers Committee Meeting.

Although we now have retired to the town of Nelson in British Columbia, “the best place on earth” (to be near our sons, daughter-in-law and new grandson), as residents of Toronto for over 45 years, Mary Jane and I are pleased to welcome you to the city where we went to university, got married, raised our two sons, and where I was employed by Trench, your host company, for 38 years. Toronto is a living example of how many cultures can live, work and play in relative harmony. Toronto is an arts and cultural centre. It is a great sports town; with back-to-back World Series champions and Stanley Cup winners (but many years ago). There are restaurants galore, reflecting the cultural diversity of the city’s population. It is also a gateway to many fabulous nearby attractions: Niagara Falls, Niagara wineries, Stratford Festival, Shaw Festival, St. Jacobs and Mennonite Country, the Muskokas and Haliburton Highlands, etc. The preceding is only a flavour of what Toronto and surrounding areas have to offer. Please take advantage of your time with us to enjoy and savour. Mary Jane and I and the Trench Team will be more than pleased to point you in the right direction for fun things to do.

We have planned many events this week and are excited that so many of you are planning to join us.

- The Sunday Evening Reception is a great opportunity to meet old friends, make new acquaintances and “talk shop”. The background music will have a Canadian focus; even though Greg Anderson didn’t think that Canadians had written two hours of music. Remember that “American Woman” was not written by a US band, but by a band called The Guess Who from Winnipeg.
- The tour of the Bombardier Aerospace (the 3rd largest manufacturer of commercial aircraft in the world) Downsview Facility, combined with a tour of the Canadian Air and Space Museum will take place on Sunday. A highlight of the CAS is a full size replica of the AVRO Arrow which in the late 1950’s was slated to be the world’s fastest jet fighter until it was cancelled. This event strikes close to home as Mary Jane’s father was the president and general manager of AVRO Aircraft.
- There will be technical tours, by invitation only, of Trench Limited’s four GTA Facilities and of Maloney’s Toronto Facility.
- Mr. Amir Shalaby, Vice President Power System Planning of the Ontario Power Authority, will be the speaker at the Tuesday Luncheon and his address will focus on Ontario’s shift to renewable power. This topic is very current and the realization of the goals will require a significant effort by the engineering profession.
- The Ontario Science Center will be the venue for the Wednesday Evening Social. The building is located in a park setting in the Don River Valley. The technology exhibits have been designed to appeal to kids of all ages and are for the most part interactive. The IMAX film (a Canadian invention, by the way), “Legends of Flight”, will continue the aerospace “thread”.

**What else is there to do?** As we covered in the previous Invitation Letter, the Hilton hotel is located in the heart of Downtown Toronto and there is a lot to do; including theatre (Toronto has the largest live theatre focus outside of Broadway), professional sports, museums and art galleries, restaurants and a Saturday farmers market that is a fairly easy walk from your hotel.

- For coverage of entertainment and restaurants go to [www.toronto.com](http://www.toronto.com) and [www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca) .
- Within an easy 1-2 hour drive of Toronto are numerous attractions such as: Niagara-On-The-Lake (Shaw Festival and wineries), Stratford (Stratford Festival), St. Jacobs (shopping in an historic village with a Mennonite flavour and a fantastic farmers' market on Saturday mornings), Muskoka (fall colours will be past their prime but could still be beautiful), etc. A couple of good web sites are [www.ontariotravel.net](http://www.ontariotravel.net) and [www.soto.on.ca](http://www.soto.on.ca). The latter website focuses on Southern Ontario.

**Is shopping your passion?** The Hilton hotel is located near one of Toronto's largest and most attractive indoor shopping malls, the Eaton Centre. There are also numerous specialty shops all along Yonge Street. A short subway ride away is Bloor Street with its trendy upscale stores or there is Yorkville with its "artsy" shops and eclectic restaurants. This area is often frequented by visiting celebrities.

**Some favorite restaurants that Mary Jane and I have enjoyed are as follows.** Some are within easy walking distance of the hotel, others are a short cab ride and, if you are adventuresome, some can be reached by subway. Note that in some cases the restaurant is one that I went to with business guests.

- Close to the hotel are; Rosewater (expensive but frequented by the famous), Marcel's-Le Saint Tropez (French and moderately priced), Le Papillon on Front (great crepes and moderately priced), Il Fornello-King Street (near Roy Thompson Hall -Italian and moderately priced), 360 The Restaurant at the CN Tower (moderate to expensive but the food is great and the view spectacular). There are many more great restaurants near the hotel; check with the hotel concierge.
- North Toronto: This includes the Yonge/Eglinton/ Lawrence area where Mary Jane and I lived for 33 years. This is a great residential area in Toronto which features beautiful homes 80 years and older. Restaurants that were our local favourites can be reached by taking the Yonge subway to Davisville, Eglinton or Lawrence Stations. Some of our favourites are as follows (all are moderately priced except as noted): Roberto's (Italian), Jaipur Grille (Indian), Brown's Bistro (Summerville Subway Station in Rosedale), Gamberoni (Italian). There are also other great restaurants in this area that are reachable by subway and will allow you to see this great older residential area of Toronto.

The Hilton concierge is ready to assist you with more details on any of these ideas, or else offer some additional ideas. Note that there are fantastic ethnically orientated restaurants in the various districts of the city; Bloor/Danforth (Greek), St Clair West (Italian), Bloor/Spadina ("mixed bag"), etc.

**Spouse/Companion Programs.** The spouse tours are geared to be a learning experience and fun. Monday will include a guided tour of Toronto in the morning, and an afternoon at Black Creek Pioneer Village (see how the early pioneers lived in the GTA). Tuesday will feature a trip to Niagara Falls and Ontario's wine country, including a in-depth tour and presentation on wine making at the Hillebrand Winery.

Thank you again for joining us in Toronto. After over 25 years of service in the Transformers Committee, my wife Mary Jane and I are pleased to be your hosts. Trench, the host company, will do all that is necessary to make your time in Toronto memorable. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Trench Team for assistance, including me. Although I just recently retired after 38 years from full time employment with Trench (the last 28 years as Chief Engineer), I will continue in a technical advisory capacity.

Enjoy Toronto and have a great meeting!

Sincerely,

Richard and Mary Jane Dudley, on behalf of the Trench Host Team



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