

Wednesday, March 14 - Evening Social **Country Music Hall of Fame**

The Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum has been the home of America's music since 1967. In keeping with the cultural significance of the music and the heroic achievements of those who form its membership, the Museum opened in a \$37 million landmark, new building in May 2001.



The Museum presents the crown jewels of its vast collection to illustrate country music's story as told through the turns of two centuries. A treasure trove of historic country video clips and recorded music, dynamic exhibits and state-of-the-art design, regular menu of live performances and public programs.

We will enjoy dinner together here at the Country Music Hall of Fame.



611 Commerce Street
Nashville, TN 37203
Dial-in for reservations:
1-800-327-6618 or
615-255-8400
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About the Accommodations

Recently renovated luxury hotel, the Renaissance is conveniently connected to the Convention Center and provides easy access to many attractions including Bridgestone Arena, LP Field, B.B. King's Blues Club, Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum, Schermerhorn Symphony Center and Historic Second Avenue District.

- Mention the group "IEEE Transformers"
- See the link on the Committee's website for room reservations
- Standard room: US\$149/night, single or double. Club level rooms available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Nashville International Airport (BNA) is located 8 miles east of downtown.
- Hotel does not provide shuttle service to/from Airport.
- Gray Line Downtown Airport Express; fee: US\$16 (one way)-scheduled
- Estimated taxi fare: US\$24.00 (one way)



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Welcome to Nashville!



Archaeologists tell us the first residents of what is now known as Nashville were the Mississippi Indians. The first European visitors to the area were French fur traders, who arrived around 1720. The first English settlers ventured here in 1779. In 1796 Tennessee became the 16th state in the union, and Nashville was its capital. In the 1930's, Nashville began playing a new song and the 1950's were the real heyday

of country music. By 1960 the city was earning a reputation as the center of the country, pop, and blues recording industries and became known as the Music City.

Nashville is a vibrant city. It is the home of Fortune 500 companies, National Football League's Tennessee Titans and the National Hockey League's Nashville Predators. Nashville's growing arts community has gained national recognition, but the city will always be the home of country music.



Tuesday, March 13

Luncheon Guest Speaker

**Carla Nelson, P.E. Senior Engineer
Nashville Electric Service (NES)**

**“Planning and Preparing for
Electric Transportation“**

*Find out just how long of an extension cord
you'll need in the future!*

Thursday, March 15 ~ Technical Tour

Meet in hotel lobby at 1:00 pm - Return approx. 3:00 pm

When Nashville, Tenn., decided to build a larger convention center, the Music City Center, in 2006, developers didn't fully realize the implications of the construction on a Nashville Electric Service substation that had to be relocated. Without talking to NES, the developers expected relocation costs to total around \$1 million. Five years later, NES is finishing work on a \$57.6 million project to relocate and redesign the downtown substation as well as its transmission and distribution lines.

Come join us for a tour of this new substation with a discussion on lessons-learned about this unique project.



A row of transformers which will be enclosed inside the downtown substation building.

Spouse & Companion Tours

Monday, March 12 ~ Mansions of the South

Begin the day with a tour of Belle Meade Plantation, the “Queen of the Tennessee Plantations”. This fully restored Greek Revival mansion was completed in 1853. The grounds include a large carriage house, stable, log cabin, winery and other original buildings.



A tour at Belmont Mansion will follow. It was built in 1850. Belmont was the summer home of Adelia Acklen, one the wealthiest women in the United States in the mid-19th century. An ornate

Italianate design, the home features many of the original furnishings and includes marble fountains, cast-iron gazebos, and statuary that are still standing as evidence of ornate, formal gardens.

Lunch will be served in the Belmont Mansion Grand Salon, a room designed for entertaining in opulent southern style, as it was in the mid 1800's.



Tuesday, March 13 ~ Nashville: Backstage Pass

No trip to Nashville would be complete without experiencing the phenomenon of the world famous Grand Ole Opry. You will get a rare glimpse of what happens behind the scenes of country music's most famous show as well as learn the fascinating story of the Grand Ole Opry.

You will be guided through the backstage area of the Opry House as well as watch a video that gives some unique history of this famous establishment. In between stops you will enjoy a stop at the Gaylord Opryland, a must see in Nashville.



Lunch will be at the family owned Ellendale's Restaurant, nestled in the original Purity Dairy farm house which was erected in 1885. The final stop will be at the world famous Ryman Auditorium, one of Nashville's signature historical country music landmarks which was home to the Grand Ole Opry at one time.

