



**Spring 2014**



## **IEEE/PES TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Welcome to the Hostess City of the South...Savannah, Georgia! Efacec Power Transformers, my wife, Jenny, and I welcome you to the Spring 2014 Meeting! We consider this opportunity a distinct honor and privilege, and thank all of you for joining us for "Springtime in the South".

Of course, you'll want to know how to pack for your trip to Savannah. It is a very casual city—unless you plan an elegant dinner out, you can probably get by with your best jeans in most places (of course, the attire for the meeting is business casual). The weather at this time of the year can be unpredictable, but you can expect daytime highs to be in the low 50s to high 60s (10°C to 20°C), with nighttime lows in the low 40s to mid 50s (5°C to 12°C). So, you'll want to add a jacket or sweater to your suitcase!

If you've had a chance to look at the meeting schedule and event flyers, you know that this week is very full. But Savannah, especially in the springtime, has so much to offer! We hope you'll find time to enjoy some of these delights!

To begin your adventure, you only have to step out of the back door of the hotel! Located in the heart of the historic district, the Marriott Riverfront is linked via sidewalk to River Street, which offers a number of possibilities to explore: live entertainment, street performers, karaoke, shopping, candy making, war memorials, and a variety of food and libations. We definitely recommend that you find one of the restaurants along the Riverwalk and enjoy a drink or meal out on the patio, so that you can watch the traffic on the river. You'll see everything from tall-masted sailing ships to huge cargo ships, sailing past on their way via the Atlantic Ocean to destinations unknown. Better still, visit Rocks on the Roof, at the top of the Bohemian Hotel, for a spectacular view of the river. You can sit on the couches and enjoy the live jazz music while you sip a local microbrew.

Savannah's city plan was designed by General James Oglethorpe. It is based on a grid system of 24 square areas known as wards. The wards consisted of open public spaces in the center, surrounded by equal-sized lots for homes and four larger lots for public buildings. Savannah has the largest registered urban National Historic Landmark District in the United States, since 21 of the original 24 wards remain, with a wealth of restored buildings rated as architecturally and historically significant. These squares are known for their quaint boutiques, eateries and picturesque views. The best way to experience this area? Stroll along the picturesque streets or enjoy a carriage ride.

Feeling a little adventurous and looking for something "out of this world"?!? Try one of the nightly ghost tours—either a guided walking tour or, if you dare....a hearse. Savannah was a battleground during the American Revolution; was captured by Sherman during the Civil War; and has weathered hurricanes, fires, and two devastating outbreaks of yellow fever. Established on the Savannah River, the city was populated by colonists, slaves, voodooists, sailors, traders, and pirates, with diverse social and religious beliefs—elements that make a fitting backdrop for ghost tales and unexplained phenomenon.

If you're looking for delicious southern cuisine, than look no further than downtown Savannah. May we suggest Paula Deen's Lady and Son's, Mrs. Wilke's Dining Room, Vic's on the River, Moon River Brewing Company, and Vinnie Van GoGo's, just to name a few. Savannah is known for its eclectic group of restaurants, sports bars, microbreweries and other eateries, all within walking distance of the squares and Bay Street downtown. For the history buffs, dinner at the Olde Pink House offers a look at one of the oldest establishments in Savannah, dating back to 1771 and said to be haunted by its builder, Joseph Habersham, Jr. If seafood is your fancy, check out Bernie's Oyster House on River Street for the "Shuck Bucket" special or one of the many delectable seafood dishes at Tubby's or Fiddler's Crab House.

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Savannah Music Festival is March 20-April 5, 2014. With concerts and venues that span the musical palette from nationally known talent to local favorites, you'll find something to delight the music lover inside. More information can be found at [www.savannahmusicfestival.org](http://www.savannahmusicfestival.org).

For help deciding what to see in Savannah, go to [www.visitsavannah.com](http://www.visitsavannah.com). Or go to the meeting website for a list of other websites that you might find helpful.

We also have many planned events to give you a break from the technical meetings throughout the week. All the event flyers are available on the website, but here's a recap of the week's events:

- For Saturday Early Birds, you'll enjoy dinner and a fun night of dueling piano entertainment at Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Bar on Williamson Street, just minutes from the Marriott
- On Sunday morning, join Efacec for brunch and a guided tour of its transformer manufacturing facility in Rincon, Georgia on Sunday morning.
- Sunday evening, you'll enjoy a unique Savannah treat as you greet old friends and meet new ones at the opening reception in the Marriott's Atrium featuring a contemporary trio.
- The Spouse/Companion Tours will offer an opportunity to view historic Savannah and beautiful Tybee Island, along with the chance to enjoy some of the South's fine cuisine!
- On Tuesday, join fellow meeting attendees in the Marriott's Ballroom to recognize the hard work of your peers.
- By Wednesday evening, you'll be ready to relax as you enjoy a cruise on the Savannah River. Live entertainment and a delicious buffet dinner, topped off with a traditional Portuguese port wine toast, will make your evening memorable aboard the Savannah River Queen.
- On Thursday, some of you will have a unique opportunity to tour the Gulfstream Aerospace facility.

Again, thank you for joining us in Savannah for the Spring 2014 Meeting!

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