



TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE



August 20, 2004

Dear Committee Members and Guests:

You and your companion are cordially invited to attend the Fall 2004 Meeting of the IEEE/PES Transformers Committee to be held October 24-28, 2004 at the Green Valley Ranch Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Don and Wilma Cash are the host and hostess of this meeting.

Committee meetings will be held at the Green Valley Ranch Resort (www.greenvalleyranchresort.com). The Green Valley Ranch (GVR) is a three-year-old resort located just six miles from "The Strip". It is a spectacular place, with an extraordinary atmosphere. Along with its many spa-like amenities, the GVR is located adjacent to "The District", Vega's newest shopping experience.

As anticipated and forewarned in previous email messages, guest-rooms are no longer available at the GVR. Rooms are available at our overflow property, the Sunset Station Hotel & Casino (www.sunsetstation.com). Shuttle service will be provided between the Sunset Station and the GVR (see the Meeting Schedule for shuttle schedule). Both the GVR and the Sunset Station will also provide complimentary bus service to and from the airport (see the bus schedules included in the invitation information).

The Sunset Station has graciously extended the date to reserve a room at the group rate until September 22. Rooms are US\$55 on Sunday night and weekdays, and US\$215 on Friday & Saturday nights. The Sunset Station can be reached at 702/221-6998. Mention you are with the "IEEE Transformers" group to receive the group rate.

October is a splendid time in Las Vegas although it can be cool in the evenings. The temperature ranges from an average high of 76°F (24C) to an average low of 52F (11C). Attire for the meetings is "business casual". Weather permitting, the outdoor swimming pool will be open at the GVR, so pack your swimsuit too!

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

We again have a full agenda planned for this meeting. Use the on-line registration system to register for all tours and events. The on-line registration system can be accessed at www.transformerscommittee.org. Register by September 22 to receive a US\$20 early-registration discount.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The **Sunday Evening Reception** will be held poolside at the Green Valley Ranch. A local band will entertain us while a walking magician will amaze and amuse. Don't miss this event to mingle with some old friends around the hotel's unique "Hotel California style" pool.

The speaker for the **Tuesday Luncheon** will be Mr. John Futrell. John was the financial commentator for local ABC and FOX news in Las Vegas, and now owns and manages a financial services company in Vegas. In his presentation, "Engineers Have a Life, Too!", John shares the secrets of developing positive alliances at work and at home that result in a quality lifestyle. You will walk away with a feeling of inspiration, with new ideas and renewed vigor to challenge adversity and strengthen your passion for the life you live.

Our **Wednesday Evening Dinner Social** will be at Bonnie Springs Ranch (www.bonniesprings.com). A replica of an 1880's mining town, this unique property is on location of the early town of "Old Nevada", which was a stopover for wagon trains going to California. We will have exclusive use of the town, while we enjoy a HUGE sit-down barbeque dinner and a 5-piece country band. Western wear is encouraged for this event.

COMPANION TOURS

Monday, October 25. Guided bus tour of Las Vegas Strip and Downtown, with 1-hour stops at the Elvis-A-Rama Museum and the Tropicana Gamblers Museum. Also included is lunch at the Liberace Museum.

Tuesday, October 26. Private Tour of Bally's Jubilee Backstage, shopping and time for lunch at the renowned Fashion Show Mall. Also a relaxing stop at Ethel M's Chocolate Factory and Botanical Gardens.

TECHNICAL TOUR

Tour of Hoover Dam, Thursday Afternoon, October 28. One of the Seven Modern Civil Engineering Wonders! Join us as we visit one of the world's most renowned structures. After a scenic 45-minute coach bus trip to the site, we will participate in the award-winning "Discovery Tour". But don't wait to register! The first 55 people to register on-line or by fax for the event will be allowed to participate in a special VIP Tour that will take us to places the general-public is no longer allowed. See the flyer on this event for more information.

OTHER INFORMATION

The following additional information comprises this invitation package. This information can be found on the Committee's website (www.transformerscommittee.org).

1. Meeting Registration Form. You may mail or fax this form with payment to IEEE (must be received at IEEE by September 22 to be eligible for the US\$20 early registration discount) or register on-line using a major credit card. On-line registration is encouraged and is available at www.transformerscommittee.org.
2. Detailed Meeting Schedule. An updated schedule will be posted on the Committee's web-site one week before the meeting.
3. Information flyers:
 - Companion Tours
 - Tuesday Speaker Luncheon
 - Wednesday Evening Social
 - Thursday Hoover Dam Tour
 - Technical Presentations
 - Hotel Shuttle Schedules

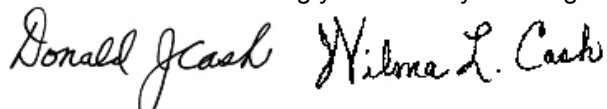
ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

If you haven't already done so, please sign-up for our new Association Management System to receive future email messages about the meeting. This new system has replaced our old reflector e-mail system and will serve in the future as our committee membership database. A link to sign-up is found on the Committee's website.

A NOTE FROM OUR HOST & HOSTESS

We are pleased to host this event and hope your visit will be enjoyable and memorable. Wilma and I hosted a Transformer Committee meeting in 1983 and we are thrilled to do it again. Las Vegas is a unique location; there is nothing like it in the USA. Whether it's sightseeing on the Strip or out in the desert or maybe even visiting nearby Death Valley (5 hours) and the Grand Canyon (5 hours), you will find something for every interest. If you require further information or assistance, please phone us at 702/498-1261 (cell phone) or e-mail us at djcash@ieee.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Sunny Las Vegas!



Donald & Wilma Cash