



# TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE



September 10, 2009

Dear Committee Members and Guests:

You and your spouse or companion are cordially invited to attend the Fall 2009 Meeting of the IEEE/PES Transformers Committee to be held **October 25-29, 2009** in Lombard, Illinois (a suburb of Chicago). It is my pleasure, and the pleasure of Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) to be your host for this event.

The location for our meeting is the **Westin Lombard Yorktown Center**, 70 Yorktown Center, Lombard Illinois ([www.westinlombard.com](http://www.westinlombard.com)). The hotel is located next to Yorktown Center, with a host of shops and fine dining. The group rate for guest rooms is US\$139 (single and double occupancy). Rooms are reserved under the group name "IEEE Transformers" and can be reserved from a link at the Committee's website, or by calling (630) 719-8000, or toll-free at (800) 937-8461 from the US & Canada. The room-block cut-off date is October 2. On that date, remaining rooms will be released to the public, but ... it is expected that the hotel will sell-out before that date, so make your reservation soon! Self-parking at the hotel is free; valet parking for a small fee.

Lombard is located 18 miles from **O'Hare** (ORD), and 25 miles from **Midway** (MDW) international airports. A public taxi to/from Lombard cost US\$50-70 one-way. **American Chauffeur** has offered our group a fixed-rate fare, one-way in a Lincoln Town Car, for up to 4 people per car -- US\$30 to/from O'Hare, US\$35 to/from Midway (includes taxes & tolls, driver gratuity not included). Advance reservation is necessary. Call (630) 241-2323 or email [info@corporatocarrier.com](mailto:info@corporatocarrier.com). Mention the group name "IEEE".

Come early and stay late! Check-out the technical tours before you book your flights. We have scheduled some outstanding tours on Sunday morning and Thursday afternoon, and also Monday and Tuesday Evenings. In addition, there is so much to do in Chicagoland that you'll want to arrive prior to Sunday and stretch your visit into the following weekend. Here are just a couple of things you can do on those spare days:

- **Downtown Chicago:** Take the Metra train to "the Loop". The Lombard train station is located 4 miles from the Westin. Ask the hotel for a free shuttle ride to the train station (tip the driver well please). A weekend, multiple-ride train ticket is only US\$5. Metra system map & schedules are available at [www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com).
- **Fermilab** high-energy physics laboratory is located in Batavia, Illinois, about 45 miles west of Chicago. It is open to the public 7 days a week from 8 am until 6 pm. [www.fnal.gov](http://www.fnal.gov)
- **Drury Lane Theatre** in nearby Oakbrook will be performing "Thoroughly Modern Millie". This humorous story of a young girl from Kansas who takes New York City by storm as she flaps, taps and Charlestons her way into the Roaring '20's. Enjoy dinner and a play. [www.drurylaneoakbrook.com](http://www.drurylaneoakbrook.com)

**Weather:** The weather in mid-October can vary greatly from day to day. We may experience unseasonably warm summer-like days or crisp cool fall days. A light jacket is a must and let's hope a warm coat will not be needed! Temperatures range from an average high of 61°F (16°C), to an average low of 38°F (4°C).

## **ON-LINE REGISTRATION**

We have intentionally planned a busy meeting schedule, to allow you to maximize your experience in Chicagoland. Use the on-line registration system to register for tours and social events. The on-line registration system can be accessed at [www.transformerscommittee.org](http://www.transformerscommittee.org). Register before October 2 to receive the US\$50 early registration discount. The on-line registration system will be disabled on October 21 to print name badges and to finalize counts. Note that the cost for walk-up registration for the meetings at the hotel is substantially higher than for registering on-line in advance.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Sunday Evening Reception, October 25** - We will gather in the Jr. Ballroom of the Westin Hotel at 6:00 pm for quality time of renewing friendships and forming new ones. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Please indicated your intention to attend during the on-line registration process.

**Tuesday Speaker Luncheon, October 27** - Our guest speaker will be Rick Bush, Editorial Director of *Transmission & Distribution World* magazine. Never at a loss for words, this time Rick won't be limited to a page or two editorial in the magazine. The title for his presentation is "The Dumb Grid, Connecting Generators and Refrigerators in the Era of Green".

**Wednesday Evening Dinner Social, October 28** - Enjoy a delicious meal and step back in time with two historical museums at Cantigny. One museum displays life in the 1930's and 40's at the mansion owned by one of the most powerful newspaper editors of the era. The other is the First Division Museum that provides a history of "The Big Red One" from the Revolutionary War through Desert Storm. [www.cantigny.org](http://www.cantigny.org)

## **TECHNICAL TOURS**

**Sunday, Oct 25** – S&C Electric Complex and Advanced Technology Center, Chicago, IL \*\*

**Monday, Oct 26** – MacLean Power Systems, Franklin Park, IL (MOV arrester factory) \*\*

**Tuesday, Oct 27** – EO Schweitzer Manufacturing, Lake Zurich, IL (by invitation only) \*\*\*

**Thursday, Oct 29** – S&C Electric Complex and Advanced Technology Center, Chicago, IL \*\*  
Waukesha Electric Systems, Waukesha, WI (by invitation only) \*\*\*

\*\* - Due to limitations (one busload per day), this tour is only open to Committee Members and Active Participants, and their spouses/companions.

\*\*\* - EO Schweitzer & Waukesha Electric tours are by invitation only. See Meeting Schedule for more info.

## **COMPANION TOURS**

**Monday, Oct 26** – Chicago Highlights Tour. A guided tour of the finest sites, with multiple stops and lunch

**Tuesday, Oct 27** – Bus transportation to Chicago's Downtown Shopping District or the Museum Campus

**Wednesday, Oct 28** – Shopping at Oakbrook Center, with optional lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Along with this Invitation Letter, the following information comprises Meeting Invitation Package. All meeting information can be downloaded from the Committee's website at [www.transformerscommittee.org](http://www.transformerscommittee.org).

1. Meeting Registration Form. This document is primarily used for those who do not have access to the Internet or need to pay by paper check or money order. It also makes a good guide to review the fees before you begin the on-line registration process. On-line registration is highly encouraged.
2. Detailed Meeting Schedule. An updated schedule will be posted on the Committee's website approximately one week before the meeting.
3. Information Flyers:
  - Tuesday Speaker Luncheon
  - Spouse/Companion Tours
  - Wednesday Evening Dinner Social
  - Technical Tours (two flyers): S&C Electric; MacLean Power Systems  
Note: Waukesha Electric and EO Schweitzer tour info will be sent directly from those companies.
  - Monday/Tuesday Technical Presentations (two flyers)

We look forward to seeing you in Lombard in October!

Thomas Callsen  
Host, Fall 2009 Meeting

