



# TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE



October 20, 2009

## Welcome To The Fall 2009 IEEE Transformers Committee Meeting!

Welcome to Lombard, Illinois, "The Lilac Village" since 1869. We have a packed schedule with more events and technical tours than most of the previous meetings. In the event you booked extra days in Lombard, or are unable to attend some of the technical tours, here are just a few of the things in the area.



- With the Yorktown Shopping Center across the parking lot, you could live at the Lombard Westin and not need a car. If you forgot to pack something, there's a Target store next door. Immediately to the south is an 18 screen AMC movie theatre. There's even a Lucky Strikes bowling alley in the mall. On page 3 of this document is a list of very nice restaurants that are offering our group some dining specials. In addition, there are dozens of casual dining places along Butterfield Road.
- Want to head downtown? Metra's Lombard train station is just 4 miles north of the Westin hotel. Downtown Chicago is a short 40-minute train ride to the east. A weekend train ticket (good for all day Saturday and Sunday) is only US\$5. Weekday fares are US\$3.80 each way. Metra system map & schedules are available at [www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com). Ask the hotel staff about a courtesy shuttle ride to/from the train station. Please tip the driver well.
- Fermilab high-energy physics laboratory is located in Batavia, Illinois, about 45 miles west of Chicago. Come see the buffalo roam and hike the prairie trails. Fermilab visitors are allowed to visit two buildings on their own: the first and ground floor of Wilson Hall and the Lederman Science Center, which is open Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and on Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm. 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 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 Charleston's her way into the Roaring '20's. Millie experiences the hustle and bustle of Jazz Age Manhattan at a time when women were just entering the workforce and rewriting society's rules. A funny, romantic story about following dreams and falling in love. Enjoy dinner and a play. [www.drurylaneoakbrook.com](http://www.drurylaneoakbrook.com)

### Weather Forecast:

(Courtesy of weather.com)

Sunday Oct 25	Monday Oct 26	Tuesday Oct 27	Wednesday Oct 28	Thursday Oct 29
Mostly Cloudy	Showers	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Cloudy
High 48°F Low 37°F	High 52°F Low 37°F	High 55°F Low 43°F	High 55°F Low 41°F	High 51°F Low 39°F
Precip 10 %	Precip 40 %	Precip 20 %	Precip 0 %	Precip 20 %

If you still need to make ground transportation arrangements between the Westin and ORD or MDW airports, 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. These prices include taxes & tolls, but do not include driver gratuity. Advance reservation is necessary. Call 630-241-2323 or email [info@corporatecarrier.com](mailto:info@corporatecarrier.com). Mention the group name "IEEE". This is a great deal; a regular cab ride to/from the airports will cost \$50-70.

For those of you who rented a car or drove to the meeting, we have made hotel parking very easy. Free daily parking and \$7 per night valet parking.

There is a full service FedEx/Kinkos store ¼ mile to the east.

The **Sunday Evening Reception**, begins at 6:00 pm with food, drinks, and some outstanding live jazz music. Catch up with friends you didn't see in Porto or Miami. For many committee members, this is their first meeting since Charlotte in March 2008.

Our **Tuesday Speaker Luncheon** features 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".

The **Wednesday Evening Dinner Social** allows you to step back in time. You have your choice of touring the 1930's mansion of Robert McCormick, one of the most powerful newspaper editors of that era; and/or visiting 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). Whichever tour you select, everyone will reconvene at Le Jardin for an outstanding dinner.

**Spouse/companion activities:**

Monday: Chicago Highlights Tour – A guided tour of the finest sites, with multiple stops and lunch

Tuesday: Bus transportation to Chicago's Downtown Shopping District or the Museum Campus

Wednesday: Shopping at Oakbrook Center, with optional lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy

ComEd extends a sincere thank you to everyone attending the meeting. We hope you enjoy your stay. If you have any questions or need anything while you're here, don't hesitate to see any of the ComEd staff or myself.

Sincerely,

*Thomas Callsen*

Host, Fall 2009 Meeting



## Tom's Restaurant Picks in the Westin – Lombard area

Restaurant	Address	Phone	ComEd/IEEE Specials*
Braxton Seafood	3 Oakbrook Center	630-574-2155	Free appetizer. Ask for Gina.
The Capital Grille	87 Yorktown, Lombard	630-627-9800	Complementary calamari appetizer and dessert. Reservations strongly encouraged. Ask for Linda.
Clubhouse	298 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook	630-472-9322	Complementary appetizer and dessert for each group of 2. Reservations strongly recommended. Ask for Mark O'Sullivan.
Costas Greek Dining	1S130 Summit, Oakbrook Terrace	630-620-1100	20% off. Reservations required for groups of 5 or more. Over 130 wines available. Ask for Nick.
Greek Islands	300 E 22nd St, Lombard	630-932-4545	20% off food and beverage purchases.
J Alexander's	1410 16th St, Oak Brook	630-573-8180	One free appetizer for every two people. Ask for Katie.
Kona Grill	3051 Butterfield, Oak Brook	630-515-8395	One free dessert with every entrée. Reservations are strongly recommended. Ask for Lloyd.
Maggiano's Little Italy	240 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook	630-368-0300	One free appetizer for every four people. Reservations are strongly recommended. Ask for Vinnie.
McCormick & Schmick's	3001 Butterfield Rd, Oak Brook	630-571-3700	Complementary calamari and dessert. Reservations are recommended. Ask for Michael.
Mike Ditka's	2 Mid America Plaza, Oakbrook Terrace	630-572-2200	\$25 off food and beverages purchase of \$125 or more. Reservations strongly recommended. Ask for Karen.
Parker's Ocean Grill	1000 31st, Downers Grove	630-960-5700	10% off. Ask for Keith.
Redstone Grill	13 Lincoln Center, Oakbrook Terrace	630-268-0313	15% off. Ask for Michael.
Tuscany	1415 W 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Oak Brook	630-990-1993	One complimentary glass of wine/beer (up to \$10) per person plus one appetizer per group of four. Reservations are strongly recommended. Ask for Salvatore.

### \* ComEd/IEEE Dining Specials:

- Are being offered by the restaurants for the duration of Transformer Committee meeting and may not be combined with other offers.
- In order to receive these specials, please show your IEEE name badge at the restaurant, and/or mention ComEd/IEEE when you make reservations.
- Percentage discounts apply only to food and beverage.
- The restaurants have the reasonable expectation that guests each purchase an entrée – not just stop in for a free appetizer and dessert. ☺
- In the event of a dispute regarding the terms of the dining special, the decision of the restaurant is final.
- Please tip your servers well.
- Enjoy your dinner at these great restaurants!

