



TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE



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Welcome To The Spring 2010 IEEE/PES Transformers Committee Meeting!

Welcome to the "Energy Capital of the World", Houston, Texas. On behalf of Tulstar Products, it is my sincere pleasure to offer a Texas-sized WELCOME!!!

I am delighted to be your host for the Spring 2010 IEEE Transformers Committee Meeting. Houston is considered America's 4th largest city, and is well-known as a great place to raise a family. Although largely known for its chemical and refining industry, you may not know that Houston is home to one of the greatest Medical Centers in the world, as well as headquarters to Minute Maid, Continental Airlines, and one of the largest container ports in the world.

We have planned many events for you this week, and are excited that so many of you are planning to join us.

- The NASA Space Center tour will be on our Sunday venue, and will provide everyone with a great day full of fun-filled learning.
- Monday night, Tim McGraw is in the house, and I am excited that so many non-Texans will be able to enjoy a Texas-sized rodeo and concert.
- "Mattress Mack" is a Houston celebrity, who will capture your attention during the Tuesday Luncheon.
- The Armadillo Palace will be packed full of energy Wednesday evening as we anticipate a fun-filled evening of bull riding, country dancing, barbecue, and longhorn photos.
- The Thursday lunch and learn/ship channel boat tour will make for a fantastic end to your week in Houston.

Interested in venturing out on your own? You're in luck, as I have a few suggestions for you!

- Houston has a very popular Theatre District near Downtown. For current features, go to www.houstontheatredistrict.org.
- Approximately 10 minutes from the hotel, you will find an entertainment center called the Marquis, which features Dave & Busters, a full theatre, shopping, and a wide variety of restaurants. Located at 7620 Katy Freeway.

Want to do some heavy duty shopping? Houston's Galleria is minutes away, and the Omni Hotel has committed to shuttling passengers to/from the shopping center. Hopefully you have some good walking shoes, as you will find almost every retail store you could imagine. I have actually witnessed Boeing 777's arrive at Houston's Ellington Field (a private airport), shuttling in passengers from other countries so that they could shop at Houston's Galleria Mall.

Want to have your own technical tour? Just a couple of ideas, although keep in mind it will require some driving.

- Drive to Galveston and you can enjoy a tour Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum. Call (409) 766-1242 for more information.
- If you are interested in checking out the roof top mechanics of Minute Maid Park, home to the Houston Astros, tours are available. Call (713) 259-TOUR for more information.

The Omni concierge is ready and able to assist you with more details on any of these ideas, or else offer some additional ideas.

Spouse/Companion Programs. Let's not forget about our significant others! Monday will be a full day for our guests to enjoy Houston's Museum District and the Medical Center, along with a nice meal in the Rice Village district. Tuesday will offer a wonderful tour of Houston's Bayou Bend district, with a walking tour of Ima Hogg's Mansion.

Thank you again for joining us in Houston. I look forward to meeting you and serving as your host for the 2010 Spring Meeting!

Sincere regards,

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Houston Dining – Jeremy’s Favorites

You name it, Houston has it! I have made a few selections for you to consider. I have never had a bad dining experience at any of these restaurant selections.

Restaurant	Address	Phone	Venue	Comments
Pappas Bros Steakhouse	5839 Westheimer	(713) 780-7352	Steaks	Best steaks in town.
Del Frisco’s	5061 Westheimer	(713) 355-2600	Steaks	Always a good choice.
The Capital Grille	5365 Westheimer	(713) 623-4600	Steaks	Good steaks.
Brenner’s	10911 Katy Freeway	(713) 465-2901	Steak/Seafood	For something off the radar.
Truluck’s	5360 Westheimer	(713) 783-7270	Seafood/Steaks	Try the poblano pepper soup.
Chuy’s	2706 Westheimer	(713) 524-1700	Tex-Mex	Fun environment.
Ninfa’s	1650 Post Oak Boulevard	(713) 623-6060	Tex-Mex	Best queso.
El Tiempo	5602 Washington Ave	(713) 681-3645	Tex-Mex	Strongest margaritas and awesome food.
Lupe Tortilla	2414 Southwest Freeway	(713) 522-4419	Tex-Mex	Best fajitas.
Yia Yia Mary’s	4747 San Felipe	(713) 840-8665	Greek	Hummus is wonderful.
Uptown Sushi	1131 Uptown Park	(713) 871-1200	Japanese	Great upscale sushi bar.
Miyako	6345 Westheimer	(713) 781-6300	Japanese	Great sushi.
Max’s Wine Dive	4720 Washington	(713) 880-8737	Wine bar	Great food to complement the wine.
McCormick & Schmicks	1151 Uptown Park	(713) 840-7900	Seafood	
Oceanaire	5061 Westheimer	(832) 487-8862	Seafood	5 star.
Tony’s	3755 Richmond Avenue	(713) 622-6778	Italian Steakhouse	Hidden gem, known only to Houstonians.
Mia Bella Trattoria	110 Vintage Park Drive	(281) 251-8930	Italian	Always good
Arcodoro	5000 Westheimer	(713) 621-6888	Italian	
America’s Grill	1800 Post Oak Boulevard	(713) 961-1492	International	Tres leche cake is unforgettable.
Ibiza	2450 Louisiana Street	(713) 524-0004	International	Try the pan-fried oysters.

Got an iPhone? Try the OpenTable app for more recommendations! Or go to www.opentable.com.