

# MOTOR BUS SOCIETY

## FALL 2017 CONVENTION

### ATLANTA, GA

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

**Date and Location:** The Fall 2017 Motor Bus Society Convention will be held from Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta, GA. The three day APTA Expo, held every three years, will be immediately after the MBS convention from Monday, Oct. 9 to Wednesday, Oct. 11.

**Host Hotel:** The host hotel for the convention will be the AC Hotel by Marriott – Atlanta Downtown, 101 Andrew J. Young International Boulevard in Atlanta, GA. The Georgia World Congress Center, the site of the APTA Expo is located at 285 Andrew J. Young, only a few blocks away. The hotel has over 250 rooms and suites, free high-speed WiFi internet access and a 24-hour business center. The hotel is centrally located and is a short walk from the Peachtree Center MARTA rapid transit station.

**Hotel Information:** The special MBS room rate is **\$139.00** per room per night (plus applicable taxes, currently 16% plus \$ 5 for a State of Georgia Transportation Tax) with a single king bed or with two queen beds. Valet parking is available on site for \$ 32 per day plus tax but is based on availability and cannot be guaranteed. Hotel reservations must be made by September 8, 2017. The hotel room space and rate cannot be guaranteed after that date.

All hotel reservations must be made by using the hotel form or by phone. The phone number for the hotel is (404) 524-5555 and the FAX number is (404) 624-2044. Please see the attached "Hotel Reservation Form" for more information and remember to mention the group name "The Motor Bus Society". The special room rate will not apply for dates prior to October 5<sup>th</sup> or after October 10<sup>th</sup>. MBS members who wish to stay before or after these dates should contact the hotel for room rate and room availability information.

A buffet breakfast is available at the hotel for an additional cost (starting at \$ 15.95). The AC Lounge at the hotel has snacks and drinks available but there are no restaurants at the hotel. However, there are a number of eateries (Johnny Rocket's, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Hard Rock Café and others) within a very short walk from the hotel.

**Registration:** The MBS convention registration fee is \$55.00 per person per day or \$150.00 for all three days for **MBS members**. For **non-MBS members**, the registration fee is \$ 70 per day or \$ 195 for all three days. To assure that space will be available for the garage and facility

tours, advance registration is strongly recommended. In case of any shortage of seat space on the tour buses, persons with advance reservations will be given priority. The fees are slightly more when paying by PayPal. Please refer to the convention registration page for more details.

**Transportation Information:** For transit or auto directions to the Atlanta hotel, please refer to page three. MARTA provides convenient rapid transit access from the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport – (ATL). The Red and Gold Lines operate between ATL and the Peachtree Center Transit Station. Please note that the hotel does not offer shuttle service to/from the Atlanta Airport. A taxi ride from the Airport to the hotel is estimated at \$ 25.

**Convention Activities:** Registration and sign-in will take place in the AC Hotel by Marriott lobby starting at 7:30 AM on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with buses departing **promptly at 8:00 AM** each day.

**Garage and Facility Tours:** The tentative itinerary includes the following locations, subject to change:

**Friday:** Friday will be spent travelling east of Atlanta to Athens. Athens Transit, University of Georgia Transit, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and possibly a MARTA facility are planned for visits.

**Saturday:** Saturday will be spent travelling north from Atlanta. Cobb County Transit, Gwinnett County Transit, Chattanooga Transit are planned for visits. A stop will be made at the Chattanooga Incline Railway. The MBS Fall meeting, flea market and slide show will be held in the evening at the hotel.

**Sunday:** Sunday activities will be in Atlanta. MARTA Facilities, including the Atlanta Streetcar and possibly the maintenance shops will be visited. The Southeastern Transportation Museum may be visited as well.

**APTA Expo:** There is no admission fee for MBS members to attend the APTA Expo after the MBS convention (Monday to Wednesday). The Motor Bus Society recently joined APTA and will have a small booth at the Expo. If you are interesting in volunteering to staff the booth, please indicate your desire to do so on the MBS Convention Registration page.

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## HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Send to:

Or contact the Hotel:

AC Hotel by Marriott – Atlanta Downtown  
101 Andrew J. Young International Blvd.  
Atlanta, Georgia, 30303  
Attn: David Selle, Senior Sales Manager  
E-Mail: [david.selle@marriott.com](mailto:david.selle@marriott.com)

To make a reservation by phone:  
(404) 524-5555 (toll free) or (404) 624-2044 (FAX)  
→ Mention the group name and provide  
the information on this form.

Group Name: **The Motor Bus Society** (Please be sure to use group name when booking room)

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ rooms for \_\_\_\_ nights for me at the MBS rate of **\$ 139.00 per room per night** (plus applicable taxes, currently 16% plus \$ 5 for a State of Georgia Transportation Tax) for single or double occupancy. I prefer a room with: \_\_\_\_ 2 Queen size beds or \_\_\_\_ 1 King size bed. This same rate applies to both types of rooms. Valet parking is available for \$ 32 per day plus tax but is based on availability and cannot be guaranteed. The group room rate is available from Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. The special room rate will not apply for dates prior to October 5<sup>th</sup> or after October 10<sup>th</sup>. Room reservations before and after these dates is based on availability and the rate must be negotiated with the hotel.

To book online, please follow the link below:

[Book your group rate for The Motor Bus Society - Annual Conference](#)

I will be arriving on October \_\_\_\_\_ and departing on October \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ nights.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

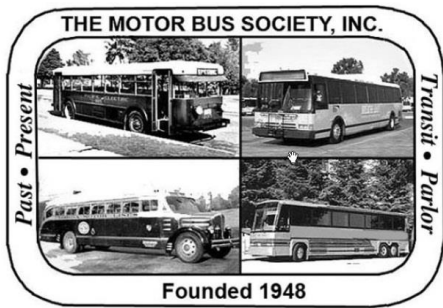
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (to receive an e-mail confirmation of your reservation)

*Hotel reservations must be made by **5:00 PM (EDT) September 8, 2017**. Rooms can be guaranteed by a credit card for late arrival. If you are making a reservation by mail, please complete the section below:*

Type of card: \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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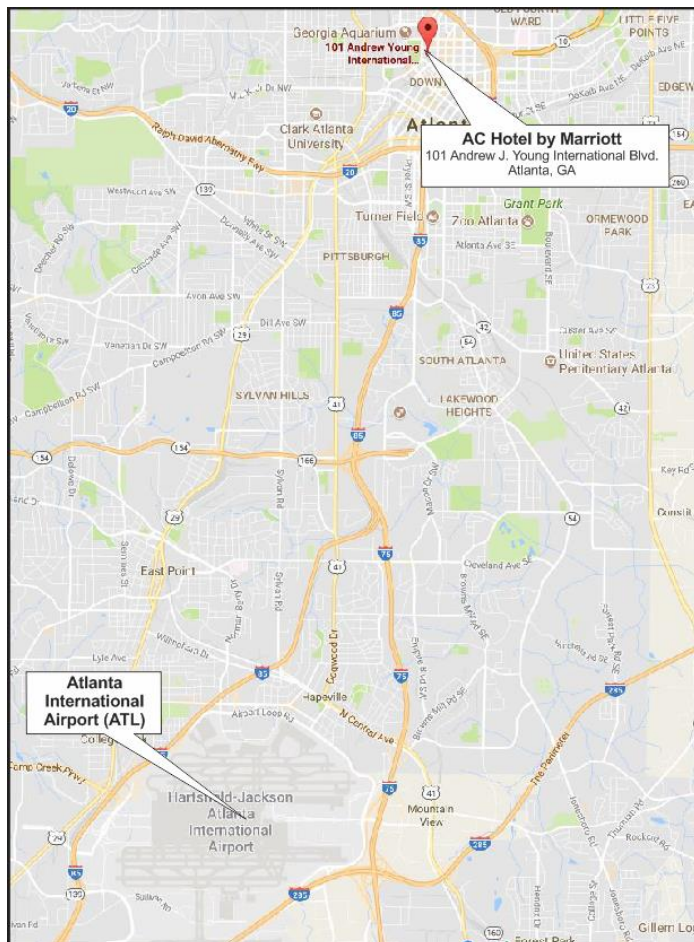
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**Atlanta Convention Hotel:** The headquarters hotel will be the AC Hotel by Marriott – Atlanta Downtown located at 101 Andrew J. Young International Boulevard.

### Transportation Arrangements:

#### **ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ATL):**

For **auto**, follow the signs at the Airport to I-85 North. Follow I-85 North to Atlanta and take exit 248C Andrew J. Young International Blvd. Turn left (west) on Andrew J. Young Blvd. The hotel will be on the right hand side just past Williams Street NW.



For **transit**, the MARTA Red and Gold Rapid Transit Lines provide service to Peachtree Center Transit

Station. The hotel is only a walk of about 4 minutes (0.3 miles) along Carnegie Way NW and Andrew J. Young Boulevard.

#### **INTERCITY BUS AND TRAIN**

For **Greyhound**, the bus terminal is located at 232 Forsyth Street SW. Walk to the Garnett Transit Station adjacent to the station. Take the Red or Gold Line northbound to the Peachtree Center Transit Station. The hotel is only a walk of about 4 minutes (0.3 miles) along Carnegie Way NW and Andrew J. Young Boulevard.

For **Megabus**, the stop is located at the MARTA Civic Center Station. Take the Red or Gold Line southbound to the Peachtree Center Transit Station and follow the walking directions above.

For **Amtrak**, from Peachtree Station (1688 Peachtree Street NW), take MARTA bus route 110 southbound to the Arts Center Transit Station. Transfer to the Red or Gold Line southbound to the Peachtree Center Transit Station and follow the walking directions above.

#### **AUTOMOBILE**

From the **north and east (via I-85)**, follow I-85 westbound to exit 249-C (Williams Street). Take Williams Street NW southbound to Andrew J. Young International Blvd. The hotel will be on the right.

From the **north (via I-95)**, follow I-95 southbound to I-4. Take I-4 southbound to exit 75A and turn right on International Drive. The hotel will be on the right.

From the west (I-20), take I-20 east to I-85 north. Follow I-85 North to Atlanta and take exit 248C Andrew Young International Blvd. Turn left (west) on Andrew Young Blvd. The hotel will be on the right hand side just past Williams Street NW.

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## Attendance Registration Form



**Mail to:** Motor Bus Society, Director of Conventions. P.O. Box 261, Paramus, NJ 07653-0261

Please make \_\_\_ reservations for me for the Atlanta MBS Convention. I will be attending the following days:

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to **volunteer** to staff the MBS booth at the APTA Expo, please indicate the dates and times that you would be available below. Expo hours are Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> (10:30 AM – 5:00 PM), Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> (9:00 AM to 4:30 PM) and Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> (9:00 AM to 3:00 PM).

**Booth Volunteer dates and times:**

### Convention Registration Fees – Please read table below carefully.

Convention Registration Fees (Per Person) <i>Please circle appropriate box for the payment you will be making</i>	U.S., Canadian and International (U.S. \$)			
	All Three Days		Individual Days	
	MBS Members	Non MBS Members	MBS Members	Non MBS Members
Payment via Cheque or Money Order	\$ 150	\$ 195	\$ 55	\$ 70
Payment via PayPal	\$ 156	\$ 203	\$ 58	\$ 73

#### **Payment via Cheque or Money Order:**

The cheque or money order should be payable to “Motor Bus Society”. Canadian and International registrants should pay in US\$.

A cheque / money order is enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ U.S.\$

#### **Payment electronically via PayPal:**

The Motor Bus Society is now accepting electronic payments via PayPal. To send the Convention Registration payment electronically, go to the PayPal website at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com). In the title line on the website, click on “Send” and follow the instructions under “Send money in a few clicks”. *Note the convention registration rates are different due to the PayPal transaction fee.*



- The registration rate for all three days or per single day is shown in the table above on the PayPal line. All registrants should pay in US\$. The following amount was paid \_\_\_\_\_ U.S.\$

The e-mail address for the MBS electronic payments is [membership@motorbussociety.org](mailto:membership@motorbussociety.org). If you send in the payment electronically, you **must** still mail in the convention registration form to the Director of Conventions at the address above.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If paying for additional guests, please list their name and city for their name badge:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_

*By submitting this Registration Form to MBS, I recognize that there are certain inherent risks associated with participating in the activities of this Convention and agree for myself and those registering with me that I/we assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and (if applicable) those registering with me, and further release and discharge the Motor Bus Society for injury, loss or damage arising out of my or their participation in the Fall 2017 Convention. I further understand and agree that the Motor Bus Society is not responsible for actions or injuries caused by participants upon other participants.*