



MOTOR BUS SOCIETY

SPRING 2022 CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thursday, April 28th to Sunday, May 1st

Date and Location: The Spring 2022 Motor Bus Society Convention will be held from Thursday, April 28th to Sunday, May 1st in Washington, D.C. Please note that this is a four-day Thursday to Sunday convention, different from previous conventions which started on a Friday.

Host Hotel: The host hotel for the convention will be the Crowne Plaza – Crystal City. Located at 1480 Crystal Drive, the hotel is only a short walk from the Crystal City Metrorail station. The hotel has free high-speed WiFi internet access and a business center.

Hotel Information: The special MBS room rate is **\$136.00** (plus taxes, currently 14.25% total tax) per room per night with either two Queen beds or one King bed. A block of rooms has been put aside for MBS members from Wednesday, April 27th to Sunday, May 1st. MBS members wishing to stay outside these dates should check with the hotel to determine if the MBS group rate will be honored. The Potomac Social Tavern, Starbucks and the Veranda Café are eateries on site at the hotel with many other within a short walk or drive or Metrorail ride from the hotel. The hotel has a daily parking fee of \$20.

Please note that **hotel reservations must be made by Monday, March 28th, 2022.** The hotel room space and rate cannot be guaranteed after that date.

All hotel reservations must be made by either calling the hotel directly or by visiting the IHG website at www.ihg.com. Please refer to the hotel registration page (#3) for further instructions for reserving online.

The phone numbers for the hotel are (703) 416-1600 or 1-800-2CROWNE. Please see the attached “Hotel Reservation Information” form for more information and remember to mention the group name “Motor Bus Society” when booking by telephone.

Motor Bus Society is currently in the planning stages for their Spring convention. As these are not normal times, the locations shown (on page #2) are a menu of several bus company yards and public bus terminals/pulse points. There cannot be guarantees that we will be admitted to all the garages and maintenance facilities due to either COVID protocols or shortages of personnel to handle our visits. We will be visiting some of the locations on the daily itineraries; but if each location was to be available to us there would not be enough time to visit them all.

Registration: The MBS convention registration fee is \$55.00 per person per day or \$200.00 for all four days for **MBS members**. For **non-MBS members**, the registration fee is \$ 70.00 per day or \$ 260.00 for all four 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 reservations will be given priority. Please note that the fees are slightly more when paying by PayPal. Please refer to the convention registration page (#4) for more details.

Transportation Information: The Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport is only 2 miles away from the hotel. Dulles International Airport is approximately 25 miles from the hotel. The hotel is a short walk away from the Crystal City Metrorail station (Blue and Yellow lines).

Convention Activities: Registration and sign-in will take place in the Crowne Plaza lobby starting at 7:30 AM on all four days, with buses departing **promptly at 8:00 AM** each day.

Garage and Facility Tours: The itinerary has not been finalized and is highly dependent on whether properties are receptive to having visitors. Possible site visits are shown on the next page.



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Thursday, April 28 - Northern Virginia

The following visits have been requested; and the last three locations are Transit Centers or transfer facilities which could substitute for some venues:

- WMATA Four Mile Run depot
- ART/Arlington, VA Transit facility
- DASH/Alexandria, VA Transit facility
- CUE/City of Fairfax, VA Transit facility
- PRTC/Omni Ride Woodbridge, VA Transit facility
- Shirlington Transit Center
- King Street Metro Transfer Center
- Huntington Metro Transfer Center

Friday, April 29 – D.C. and Northern Virginia

The following visits have been requested; there may be transit center substitutions required.

- WMATA Silver Line ride (new Metro Line)
- Fairfax, VA Connector Maintenance facility
- Loudon, VA Transit Maintenance facility
- WMATA Shepherd Parkway depot
- DC Circulator Maintenance facility
- Union Station or Mall stop for lunch

Saturday, Apr. 30 – D.C. and Maryland

The following visits have been requested; the last transit center and the last transfer facility are substitutions if needed.

- RIDE ON / Kensington, Silver Spring, or Gaithersburg Maintenance facility
- THE BUS / Prince George's County, MD Transit facility
- SHUTTLE UM / Univ. of Maryland Transit facility
- National Capital Trolley Museum
- Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center
- Silver Spring Metro Station
- Paul Sarbanes Transit Center

Sunday, May 1 - Maryland

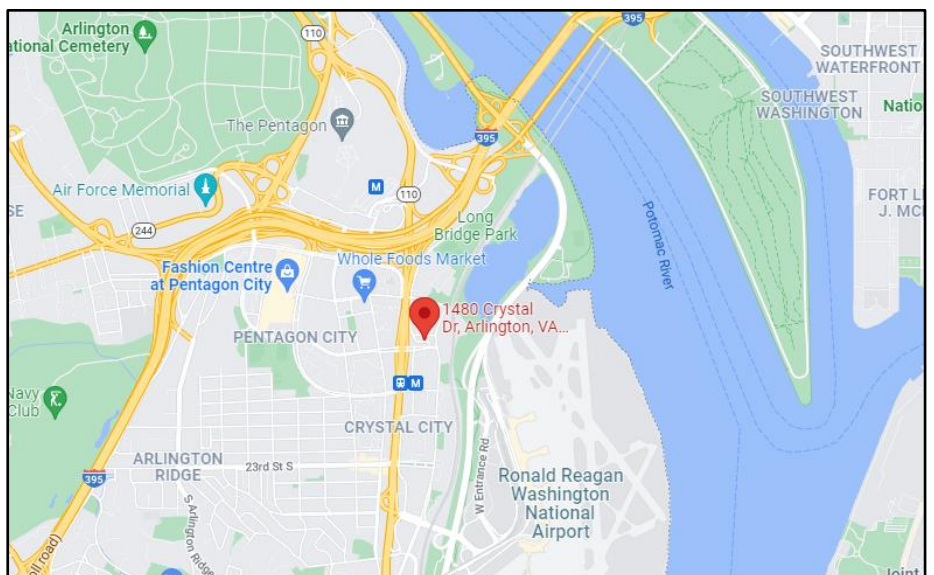
The following visits have been requested; we may stop at one or more of the private bus companies listed below if available and time allows.

- RTA Maryland maintenance facility
- MTA Maryland maintenance facility
- Baltimore Streetcar Museum
- B&O Museum
- Eyre Bus Co/Glenelg, MD
- Keller Bus Service/Waldorf, MD
- Martz/Gold Line/Hyattsville, MD
- Dillons/Coach USA/Hanover, MD
- Academy Lines/Capitol Heights, MD

The evening MBS meeting and presentation on DC area bus history and current operations will be Friday evening at the host hotel.

PLEASE bring a face covering/mask in case masking is required by certain venues or transportation providers.

The map below shows the location of the Crowne Plaza Crystal City in relation to the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.





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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Room reservations must be made by either the online website or by calling the Hotel directly.



Crowne Plaza – Crystal City

1480 Crystal Drive

Arlington, VA, 22202

Phone: (703) 416-1600

or FAX (703) 416-1651

Group Name: **The Motor Bus Society**

(Please use the group name when booking room via phone)

A block of rooms has been set aside for MBS members based on the room rates and dates shown below. Rooms can also be reserved for dates before and after the convention, subject to price and availability.

Crowne Plaza - Crystal City Arlington, VA	Wednesday, April 27	Thursday, April 28	Friday, April 29	Saturday, April 30	Sunday, May 1
Room Rates (Two Queen or One King)	\$ 136	\$ 136	\$ 136	\$ 136	\$ 136
<i>The room rates do not include tax, currently at 14.25% (subject to change).</i>					

To book online, please click on either link below for the IHG (Crowne Plaza) secured website:

<https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/arlington/wasna/hoteldetail>

Group Code: **MBS**

- This link should take you directly to the booking page for the Crowne Plaza – Crystal City.
- Enter dates for checking in and checking out. For dates outside of the room block, please contact the hotel to determine availability and rate.
- In the Rate Preference option, choose “Group Rate”.
- The group code **MBS** should be entered when making reservations to get the MBS room rate.
- Follow the instructions on the subsequent screens to confirm and pay for your reservation.
- Reservations can be cancelled up to March 28th. After that time, cancellation will result in a penalty.

*Hotel reservations **must be made Monday, March 28, 2022.** Rooms can be guaranteed by a credit card for late arrival. If you are making a reservation by phone, please be sure to have the following information easily accessible when making the phone call:*

Type of card: _____ Number _____ - _____ - _____ Expires _____ - _____

Full name on card: _____



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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 Washington MBS Convention. I will be attending the following days:

Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

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 Four Days		Individual Days	
	MBS Members	Non MBS Members	MBS Members	Non MBS Members
Payment via Check or Money Order	\$ 200	\$ 260	\$ 55	\$ 70
Payment via PayPal	\$ 208	\$ 268	\$ 58	\$ 73

Payment via Check or Money Order:

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

A check / 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. 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 four 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. 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: _____

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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 Spring 2022 Convention. I further understand and agree that the Motor Bus Society is not responsible for actions or injuries caused by participants upon other participants.

The MBS strongly suggests that you be vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend this trip. The MBS cannot guarantee that you will be admitted to all venues that will be visited if you are not vaccinated. Will you have had your second COVID-19 vaccination shot (first shot if Johnson and Johnson) 14 days or more before the first convention activity?

YES NO If no, please explain _____

It is recommended that you also receive a booster shot six months or more after the second inoculation. Even if vaccinated, please bring a face covering/mask in case masking is required by certain venues or the bus carrier. By submitting this Registration Form to MBS, I agree to release and hold harmless MBS and its officers and trustees from and against damages, liability, claims and expenses arising from the contraction or spread of disease, including but not limited to COVID-19 and its variants, due to my travel to or participation in any aspect of the MBS Spring 2022 Convention.