



MOTOR BUS SOCIETY

FALL 2023 CONVENTION

SAN DIEGO / ORANGE COUNTY / I-10 CORRIDOR

Friday, Oct. 13th to Sunday, Oct. 15th

Date and Location: The Fall 2023 Motor Bus Society Convention will be held from Friday, October 13th to Sunday, October 15th in San Diego / Orange County / I-10 Corridor (California).

Host Hotel: The host hotel for the convention will be the Courtyard by Marriott San Diego Old Town. Located at 2435 Jefferson Street, the hotel is within a 10-minute walk of the Old Town Trolley Station (serviced by Metropolitan Transit Services Blue and Green light rail lines). The hotel has free high-speed WiFi internet access and a business center.

Hotel Information: The special MBS room rate is **\$189** (plus taxes, currently 12.79%) per room per night with two Queen beds. "Run of House" Rooms are also available at the MBS rate (the "Run of House" room is a standard room, featuring basic amenities; the actual room is determined by the hotel, according to availability, at the time of check-in). A block of rooms has been put aside for MBS members from Wednesday, October 11th to Monday, October 16th. For dates before/after the convention, MBS members will have to book via the online website, at the current room rate at the time of booking. The Bistro on site at the hotel offers breakfast choices while many other restaurants are within a short walk. Parking is \$27 (plus taxes) per day.

Please note that **hotel reservations must be made by Friday, September 15th, 2023.** 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 Courtyard by Marriott website. Please refer to the hotel registration page (#3) for further instructions for reserving online.

The phone number for the hotel is (619) 260-8500 and the FAX number is (619) 298-2427. 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.

The Motor Bus Society is currently in the planning and discussion stages for the Fall convention. As these are not normal times, the proposed stop locations shown on page #2, is a menu of several area transit operator's facilities and public bus & rail terminals and pulse points. At this stage, there are no guarantees that we will be admitted to all the operational and maintenance facilities proposed due to either health and security protocols or shortages of personnel to accommodate our visits.

Registration: The **new** MBS convention registration fee is \$70 per person per day or \$200 for all three days for **MBS members**. For **non-MBS members**, the registration fee is \$85 per day or \$250 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 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. The **deadline for MBS convention registration is Saturday, September 30th.**

Transportation Information: San Diego International Airport (SAN) is well serviced by transit. The Airport Flyer, a free shuttle operated by San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, runs between the Airport and the Old Town Trolley station. Endera E-450 Electric Vehicle (EV) Cutaways are used on the shuttle. San Diego MTS bus route 992 also services SAN. The route operates seven days a week and provides connections to/from Coaster, Amtrak and the San Diego Trolley (connections at Broadway and Kettner Blvd. bus stop in downtown San Diego to Red, Blue and Green light lines).



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Convention Activities: Registration and sign-in will take place in the Courtyard by Marriott lobby starting at 7:30 AM on all three 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 below. The final lists of stops will be posted on the MBS website and MBS Facebook pages 1 week prior to the convention.

Friday, October 13 – San Diego Day

- North County Transit
- Various MTS Transit Terminals and possibly garages and/or yards.
- Iris Transit Center
- Amtrak's San Diego Station (former Santa Fe Depot)

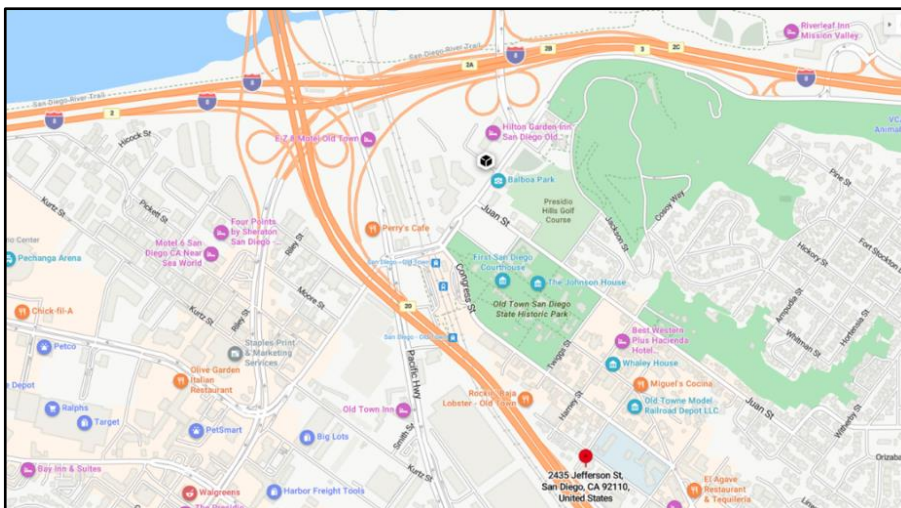
Saturday, October 14 – Riverside and San Bernadino - I-10 Corridor Day

- OmniTrans (San Bernadino)
- Regional Transit Authority (Riverside)
- Regional Transit (Scott Richard's movie bus company)
- The MBS Meeting will be held on Saturday evening at the host hotel in the Santa Rosa room.



Sunday, October 15 – Orange County Day

- Santa Ana Transit Center (OCTA, Greyhound, Metrolink)
- Anaheim Transit Center (OCTA, Greyhound, Anaheim Resort Transportation)
- Montebello Municipal Bus Lines
- Frank Gonzales historical bus collection



PLEASE bring a valid photo ID and face mask which may be required by certain venues or transportation providers.

The map above shows the lines of the San Diego Trolley. The map at left shows the host hotel in relation to the surrounding freeways.



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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Room reservations must be made by either the online website (link below) or by calling the Hotel directly.

**Courtyard by Marriott
San Diego Old Town
2435 Jefferson Street
San Diego, CA, 92110**

Phone: (619) 260-8500, FAX: (619) 298-2427

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. For dates outside of the dates shown, MBS members are asked to use the Marriott website. The MBS room rate will only be available from October 11 to October 16 inclusive.

Courtyard by Marriott San Diego Old Town	Wednesday, Oct 11	Thursday, Oct 12	Friday, Oct 13	Saturday, Oct 14	Sunday, Oct 15	Monday, Oct 16
"Run of House" Room	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189
Two Queen Standard Room	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189
<small>The room rates do not include local and State taxes, currently at 12.79% (subject to change). Parking is \$27 per day, plus applicable taxes. The "Run of House" room is a standard room, featuring basic amenities. The actual room is determined by the hotel, according to availability, at the time of check-in.</small>						

To book online, please click on the link below for the Courtyard by Marriott secured website:

[Click the link to book your group rate for Motor Bus Society Inc.
https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1687210439104&key=GRP](https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1687210439104&key=GRP)

- This link should take you directly to the MBS room block page for the Courtyard by Marriott website.
- The dates are defaulted to Wednesday night to Monday night; If you need to change this, click on the "Dates" tab and input the appropriate dates.
- Once the appropriate dates have been entered, click on "Check Availability".
- Follow the instructions on the subsequent screens to confirm and pay for your reservation.
- Reservations can be cancelled up to 72 hours prior to arrival time. After that time, cancellation will result in a penalty of one night's rate. There is also a penalty of one night's rate for early departure.
- The online website does not include the daily parking rate of \$27 plus taxes per night.

*Hotel reservations **must be made Friday, September 15, 2023**. 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, Michael Glikin, Director of Conventions, 8440 South Dixie Highway, Apt. 1402, Miami FL 33143

Please make ___ reservations for me for the San Diego MBS Convention. I will be attending the following days:

Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

Convention Registration Fees – Please read table below carefully – Remember to register early!
The deadline to register is Saturday, September 30th

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 Check or Money Order	\$ 200	\$ 250	\$ 70	\$ 85
Payment via PayPal	\$ 208	\$ 258	\$ 73	\$ 88

Payment via Check or Money Order:

The check or money order should be payable to "Motor Bus Society II". 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 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 via PayPal 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 Fall 2023 Convention. I further understand and agree that the Motor Bus Society is not responsible for actions or injuries caused by participants upon other participants.

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 due to my travel to or participation in any aspect of the MBS Fall 2023 Convention.