

Return this completed form and your check made out to AAPRCO to: Diane Elliott, AAPRCO Convention, 630 B Constitution Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002. Questions should be directed to Diane at (202) 547-5696. Everyone riding the special train must register by mail to insure your packet is aboard the special. Registration packets will be distributed in Chicago prior to the train's departure. For those arriving in New Orleans by other means, packets will be available at the hotel beginning October 2nd. **The deadline for registration is August 29th.** We encourage all to register by mail so you can be listed in the Convention Program. It will be possible to register at the hotel but it's easier if all you need to do is pick up your packet.

Everyone must register for the convention. Convention registration includes convention pin, gift, program, meetings, seminars, two Car Parties, shuttle service between the station and hotel, the cocktail/dinner cruise on the Mississippi aboard the steamboat Natchez, and the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad trip. Crew registration (up to two per car) includes convention pin, program, meetings, seminars, the two Car Parties, shuttle service and the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad trip. AAPRCO membership is required to attend the convention (family, crew and a guest) are excepted. An Associate membership is offered through the end of 2003 for \$90. Separate security badges will again be provided for the special train and for access to the cars at NOUPT and convention activities.

For those of you riding the Southern Belle special train, there are several optional activities in Branson. The train is scheduled to arrive in Branson at 6 pm on Sunday, Sept. 28th. If you wish to see a show that evening, a flyer in this mailing provides phone numbers. A shuttle bus will operate between where the train is parked and Branson. On Monday, Sept. 29th, there are three packages from which to choose. Shows last about 2 hours. The afternoon show offered is Andy Williams and Glen Campbell, followed by dinner at McFarlan's Family Restaurant. The evening show is Shoji Tabuchi, considered a major hit this season. You can choose the afternoon show and dinner, dinner and the evening show, or both shows and dinner. In the morning on the 29th, your on your own to shop in Branson or take a ride on the Branson Scenic Railway at either their 9 am or 11:30 am departures. The cost per person is \$21.95 plus tax. You may purchase a ticket at train time or in advance at 800-287-2462 or online at www.bransontrain.com.

There are two optional activities in New Orleans. The first is a coach and walking tour of the Garden District with lunch at the Commander's Palace, one of New Orleans most famous restaurants. This tour takes place on Thursday, October 2nd and costs \$47 per person (including tax and tip at lunch). The second is a special train using AAPRCO private cars on the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad on Friday, October 3rd from 1 to 5 pm. The train will cross the Huey P. Long Bridge and operate through the French Quarter. The cost of the train is included in your registration fee but we need a count of those attending to make sure we have sufficient space aboard the cars.

This year's Car Parties will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres prepared and served on the platform between the cars and live music both evenings. The three-hour cocktail/dinner cruise on the Natchez features a lavish buffet of New Orleans specialties and live music for your entertainment.

For Trade Members, we are providing tables to exhibit your wares outside the meeting rooms at the hotel for \$60 per table. Please indicate the number of tables you need and if you will require power (if so, just write it on the form).