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Dear Members & Friends,

We have now finalized most of the details for AAPRCO's 31st Anniversary Convention and Annual Meeting in San Pedro, California. Our From the Rails to the Sails is packed with education, entertainment and enjoyment and we hope you'll be able to join us in September.

Our special train, the AAPRCO San Diegan, is a one-day excursion from Los Angeles to San Diego and return behind Santa Fe steam engine #3751 (Los Angeles/San Diego/Los Angeles). Then we'll travel down the Alameda Corridor behind Amtrak power to San Pedro. Travel on the special train and attendance at the convention are limited to AAPRCO members and guests. Family, crew and a guest of a member do not have to become members. Non-members should check the box for Associate membership through the end of the year and add the \$90 dues to their total registration amount. Only one member of a couple needs to become a member.

A welcome reception at Traxx Garden at Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal (LAUPT) will take place between 6 to 9 pm on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be a cash bar. Those arriving in Los Angeles on a private car will have a choice of staying on the car while the train is made up between 1 – 9 pm on Saturday or detraining. There will be no on or off the cars allowed while the train is being made up in the yard. For members who are already checked in at the Los Angeles Harbor Crowne Plaza in San Pedro, there will be a bus to take them to the reception and return them to the hotel afterwards. **Please make sure to check the box for transportation to/from the reception if you will be at the hotel.** There will also be a bus to take those already at the hotel to the special train on Sunday morning. **Please check the box on the registration form if you will need transportation to the special train on Sunday.**

The convention hotel is the Los Angeles Harbor Crowne Plaza, 601 South Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, CA 90731. Phone: 310-519-8200, [www.crowneplaza.com/LAharbor](http://www.crowneplaza.com/LAharbor) The AAPRCO rate is \$129 S/D per night, plus tax. The hotel is located about 1 ½ blocks from where the cars will be parked at the Harbor Belt Line's 6<sup>th</sup> Street Yard. **The deadline for obtaining the AAPRCO hotel rate is September 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Self- parking at the hotel is free; valet parking is \$10 per day. The hotel has a complimentary shuttle to destinations within five miles of the hotel. There is no airports shuttle.

AAPRCO has obtained a 5% discount on Jet Blue from anywhere in the U.S to and or/from either Long Beach or Burbank airports. Go to [www.jetblue.com/promo](http://www.jetblue.com/promo) Code is AAPRCO.

Convention registration includes pin, gift, program, meetings, seminars, two car parties, the banquet, and the harbor cruise to/from the Queen Mary for the banquet. Crew registration is limited to two members per car and includes pin, program, meetings/seminars, and the two car parties. The welcome reception at Traxx Garden in LAUPT (cash bar) is open to anyone registered for the convention. Anyone staying on a car in San Pedro or at the hotel must register for the convention. Vendors should complete the vendor section of the form giving the number of tables needed and whether electricity is required. There is flat fee of \$60 for vendor tables this year. All persons riding the special train must register by mail so that your packet is aboard your car. Your security badge for the train will be in your packet. All others are urged to register by mail so that all you have to do is pick up your packet upon your arrival at the hotel. **The deadline for registration is August 30<sup>th</sup>.** Registration packets will be distributed to car owners in Los Angeles by Stan Garner and Dean McCormick.

There are two optional excursions for convention participants. The first is on Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at either 9 am or 12:30 pm to the Nethercutt Collection – the life's work of J.P. Nethercutt, founder of Merle Norman Cosmetics. It contains over 200 American and European prize-winning automobiles in mint condition, as well as a restored 1912 Pullman car and a 1937 CP locomotive. The second is a cruise to enchanting Catalina Island aboard the Catalina Express, a high-speed catamaran, on Tuesday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 pm.

Enclosed are your Personal Registration Forms (please fill in one per person and make duplicates of the form if necessary), a tentative schedule of convention events, an order form for Company Store shirts, hats, etc (to be returned to Dwight Hudson) and a list of the car owners selling space for day riders on the special train. **Remember the registration deadline is August 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms and checks should be sent to Diane Elliott, AAPRCO Convention, 630 B Constitution Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002. Questions about registration should be directed to Diane at (202)- 547-5696.**

So mark your calendar, pull out your checkbook and send in your registration today!

Sincerely,

***Stan Garner & Dean McCormick, Convention Co-Chairmen***

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERSONAL REGISTRATION FORM

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 train. Registration packets will be distributed in Los Angeles prior to the train's departure. For those arriving in San Pedro by other means, packets will be available at the hotel beginning Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 am. **The deadline for mail registration is August 30<sup>th</sup>.** We encourage all to register by mail so you can be listed in the Convention Program.

Everyone staying aboard a private car or at the hotel must register for the convention. Convention registration includes convention pin, gift, program, meetings, seminars, two Car Parties, banquet, and the harbor cruise to/from the Queen Mary for the banquet. Crew registration (up to two per car) includes convention pin, program, meetings, seminars, and the two Car Parties. The welcome reception at Traxx Garden at Los Angeles Union Station (cash bar) is open to anyone who is registered for the convention. AAPRCO membership is required to attend the convention (family, crew and a guest of a member are excepted). An Associate membership is offered through the end of 2008 for \$90. Separate security badges will again be provided for the special train and for access to the cars at San Pedro and convention activities. If you are checking into the Crowne Plaza on Saturday, a bus will be provided to take you LAUPT for the welcome reception and to return you to the hotel following the reception. There is no charge for this but we need a count, so please check the appropriate box on the form. A bus will also be provided to get you to the special train on Sunday morning. Again, please check the appropriate box on the front of this form.

There are two optional tours available for an additional cost. On Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at either 9 am or 12:30 pm is an excursion to the Nethercutt Collection – the life's work of J.P. Nethercutt, founder of Merle Norman Cosmetics. It contains over 200 American and European prize-winning automobiles in mint condition, as well as a restored 1912 Pullman railcar and a 1937 CP locomotive. The charge for this trip is \$30 per person for admission and transportation to/from the collection. The second is a cruise to Catalina Island (just 26 miles across the sea) to the quaint seaside town of Avalon. The trip is by high-speed catamaran on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and departs at pier TBD in San Pedro at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$110 per person.

For Trade Members, we are providing tables to exhibit your wares in an adjacent room to the meeting rooms at the hotel for a flat rate of \$60. Please indicate the number of tables that you will need and whether you will require electricity.



# American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners

## 2008 Convention *Personal* Registration

**Complete One Form per Person**

**If you are a current AAPRCO member, just fill in your name as it appears on the roster. We already have the rest!**

<b>Name</b>	Title	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Lineage
<b>Company</b>					
<b>Address</b>					
<b>City, St., ZIP</b>					<b>Country:</b>
<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>		<b>E-Mail</b>		

(circle appropriate category)

I will be Riding on/Crew for Car (on Amtrak):

I will be arriving in San Pedro by other means:

*Check*

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|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>CONVENTION REGISTRATION</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Check:</b> Price (US \$) |
| Includes admission to car parties, meetings, seminars, banquet pin, and gift. L.A. Welcome Party & Harbor Cruise to/from Queen Mary included.. |                          | 325.00                      |
| <b>CREW REGISTRATION</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 75.00                       |
| Includes admission to car parties, meetings, seminars and pin only.  |                          |                             |
| <b>AAPRCO ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (through 12/31/2008)</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 90.00                       |
| Non-members (except family members and crew) MUST purchase membership  |                          |                             |

<b>EXCURSIONS AND OTHER OPTIONS</b>	Nethercutt Collection Tour (50 people), 9-20, 9:00 am	<input type="checkbox"/>	30.00
	Nethercutt Collection Tour (100 people), 9-20, 12:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	30.00
	Catalina Island Boat Trip, 9-23, Noon -4:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	110.00
	Transportaion Crowne Plaza San Pedro to/from LAUPT reception, 9-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Transportaion Crowne Plaza San Pedro to/from Special Train, 9-21	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Car Party Only (Note 1 below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Banquet Only (Note 1 below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Notes:  
1. For non-registered local guests. Contact D. Elliott for details.

**I AM A VENDOR AND WILL NEED**  **TABLES** 60.00  
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**Do you need electricity?**  Total: \_\_\_\_\_

*AAPRCO Use Only*

Postmark	Check No.	Check Date	Amt. Paid

**Make checks payable to AAPRCO Inc.**  
**Mail to Diane Elliott, AAPRCO, 630B Constitution NE, Washington DC 20002**