



MOTOR BUS SOCIETY

SPRING 2023 CONVENTION – 75th Anniversary

NEW YORK CITY, NY

Thursday, April 27th to Sunday, April 30th

Date and Location: The Motor Bus Society will be celebrating their **75th anniversary** with a Spring 2023 Convention which will be held from Thursday, April 27th to Sunday, April 30th in the New York and New Jersey metropolitan area. 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 Courtyard Secaucus Meadowlands. Located at 455 Harmon Meadows Blvd., the hotel is conveniently serviced by New Jersey Transit route 320 which connects to the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan. The hotel has free high-speed WiFi internet access and a business center.

Hotel Information: The special MBS room rate is **\$158** (plus taxes, currently 17.625%) per room per night with two Queen beds. Rooms with one King bed are available for **\$148** per night. A block of rooms has been put aside for MBS members from Wednesday, April 26th to Sunday, April 30th. 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 (Chili's, Outback, etc.) are within a short walk. Parking is complimentary at the hotel.

Please note that **hotel reservations must be made by Thursday, April 6th, 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 numbers for the hotel are (201) 617-8888 and (800) 321-2211. 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 its 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. Please note that the **NYC MTA will require photo ID** for all registrants to visit their properties. Be sure to include a photocopy of your photo ID (Driver's licence or Passport) along with your registration form.

Transportation Information: New York City is serviced by three major airports. Newark Airport (EWR) is the closest to the hotel. From EWR, take NJ Transit rail to Secaucus Junction Station and transfer to NJ Transit route 78. Another option at Secaucus Junction is the free EZRide shuttle (website ezride.org) that services Harmon Meadows. For JFK and LaGuardia Airports, take the MTA buses/subways to Port Authority Bus Terminal and transfer to NJ Transit route 320.

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



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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.

Thursday, April 27 – New York City Day

- Port Authority Bus Terminal tour and surrounding bus storage lots
- NYCTA Transit Museum, Brooklyn (lunch stop)
- East NY Maintenance Facility, Brooklyn
- Zerega Maintenance Facility – The Bronx & NYCTA Historic Fleet
- MTA Bus Eastchester Depot, Bronx
- Pelham Bay Park
- Fordham Plaza

Friday, April 28 – Connecticut Day

- Branford Trolley Museum
- CT Transit - New Haven Division
- Milford Transit District
- Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority
- Norwalk Transit District
- CT Transit – Stamford Division

Saturday, April 29 – New Jersey Day

- FNJTHC Lakewood Facility
- Coach USA/NJT Middlesex Contract – Suburban Transit, New Brunswick
- Rutgers University-First Transit Facility, New Brunswick
- Woodbridge Center Mall – Lunch
- DeCamp Bus Lines - Montclair
- ABC Bus, Tonelle Avenue, Jersey City
- NJT Fairview Garage

The MBS Meeting will be held on Saturday evening at the host hotel. The room will be announced later.

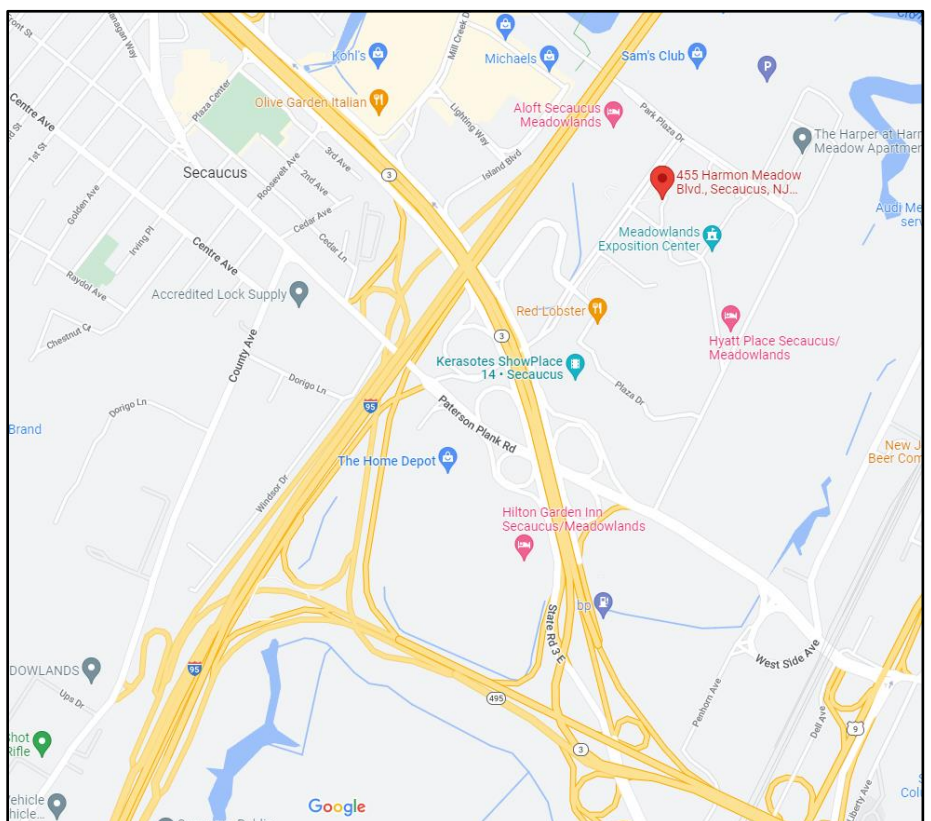
Sunday, April 30 - Orange and Westchester Counties Day

- Florida, NY historic buses (Thomas Rice)
- Coach USA – Chester Facility
- Hudson Link/Transport of Rockland - Transdev Maintenance Facility, Hillburn, NY
- Monsey Tours, Monsey, NY
- Westchester Bee Line/Liberty Lines Maintenance Facility, Yonkers

At end of day, a stop will be made at at Midtown Manhattan/PABT for discharges.

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

The map below 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 or by calling the Hotel directly.



Courtyard Secaucus Meadowlands
455 Harmon Meadows Blvd.
Secaucus, NJ, 07094

Phone: (201) 617-8888

Phone: (800) 321-2211 or FAX (201) 319-0035

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 before and after the convention, MBS members are asked to use the Marriott website. The MBS room rate will only be available from April 26 to 30 inclusive.

Courtyard by Marriott Secaucus Meadowlands, NJ	Wednesday, April 26	Thursday, April 27	Friday, April 28	Saturday, April 29	Sunday, April 30
Room Rate (One King Bed)	\$ 148	\$ 148	\$ 148	\$ 148	\$ 148
Room Rate (Two Queen Beds)	\$ 158	\$ 158	\$ 158	\$ 158	\$ 158
<i>The room rates do not include local and State taxes, currently at 17.625% (subject to change). Parking is complimentary.</i>					

To book online, please click on the link below for the Courtyard Secaucus Meadowlands secured website:

[**MOTOR BUS SOCIETY ROOM BLOCK**](#)

- 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 Sunday 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 48 hours prior to arrival time. After that time, cancellation will result in a penalty of one night's rate.

*Hotel reservations **must be made Thursday, April 6, 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, Director of Conventions. P.O. Box 261, Paramus, NJ 07653-0261

Please make ___ reservations for me for the New York City 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

Please include a photocopy of your driver's licence or passport, with photo ID, along with the registration form. The MBS will have to provide photo registrant information to the MTA thirty days prior to the proposed tours.

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 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.

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 at least fully vaccinated and are carrying proof.

It is recommended that you also receive booster shots six months or more after the second inoculation (first Johnson and Johnson 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 2023 Convention.