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THE SPECIAL HOTEL/MOTEL ISSUE



“Giant Dipper” in Belmont Park. The oldest wooden roller coaster in America, built in 1925 and restored in 1990. Turn left and walk ¼ mile to our Gazebo.

Where to Stay

by Erik Wiegardt

My wife and I took a drive this morning from Kono's Cafe on Garnet Avenue in **Pacific Beach** down Mission Boulevard to Mission Beach. That's where the gazebo meeting place is. It's a straight shot, a nice walk or drive, for about 1.53 miles. All the hotels and motels on the boulevard are in PB; nothing in Mission Beach proper.

However, there are three resort-type hotels in **Mission Bay** – Bahia Resort Hotel, Hyatt Mission Bay, and the Dana Hotel and Marina – which are also in easy walking distance from the Gazebo. But the walk isn't nearly as nice, and it's pricey.

There's also a cluster of hotels in Mission Valley, called **Hotel Circle**, where you will get your best prices. But, it's about 5 miles from the gazebo, and you will need to have a car or take a taxi. No public transportation. Southern California is infamous for its lack of public transportation. A **Yellow Taxi** will cost **\$2.40** to get in, plus **\$2.60/mile** thereafter. Up to four people can ride on the same meter.

Pacific Beach

Beginning at Kono's Cafe on Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach and walking (or driving) south on Mission Boulevard, this is what you will find. (I didn't include the Crystal Pier because it's already booked.)

- **Ocean Park Inn Hotel:** Beach front, very nice, great views: <http://www.oceanparkinn.com/> \$129-189/night double occupancy.
- **The Beach Cottages:** less than a block from the beach: <http://www.beachcottages.com/> These are either motel rooms or furnished cottages with kitchens, pots and pans. Motels are \$125/day, double occupancy; studios are \$195/day up to 4 persons; one bedroom "cottages" are \$265/day ocean front, up to 4 persons.
- **Banana Bungalow Hostel:** Beach front, <http://bananabungalowsandiego.com/index.html> the dorms are the best deal anywhere in San Diego (other than sleeping on the street). Free breakfast and use of a Boogy board. Dorm room \$22/night; private rooms are \$85/day dble.
- **Mission Bay Motel:** right on Mission Blvd, <http://www.missionbaymotel.com/> Frankly this is a little boring and noisy which is reflected in the price. (A private room at the Banana is a better deal.) \$99/day double occupancy.
- **The Surfer Beach Hotel:** beach front, <http://www.surferbeachhotel.com/> ocean view with 2 double beds \$164/day.
- **Best Western Blue Sea Lodge:** beach front, <http://www.bestwestern-blueseas.com/> with ocean view, it's \$216/day with 2 beds; without the view, it's \$160/day with 2 beds.
- **Pacific Shores Inn:** steps away from the beach, <http://pacific-shores-inn.pacificahost.com/> rates start at \$129/day.

NOTE: If you find these prices unpleasant (except for Banana, of course), then skip to Hotel Circle.

Mission Bay

- **Bahia Resort Hotel:** garden view (\$149) or bay front (\$185): <http://www.bahiahotel.com/>
- **Hyatt Mission Bay:** on a par with the Bahia <http://missionbay.hyatt.com/> \$200 and up
- **Dana Hotel & Marina:** it's known as The Dana <http://www.thedana.com/> Any questions?

Hotel Circle

From Premier Inn (\$39/day) to the Ramada Inn (\$79/day), this area of Mission Valley is called "Hotel Circle" for a good reason – you can get all these and more:

Premier Inn	Howard Johnsons
Comfort Inns	Kings Inn & Travel Lodge
Motel 6	Vagabond
Ramada Inn	Day's Motel
Extended Stay America	Super 8

. . . and more.

Google it: Hotel Circle San Diego. BUT, you will need transportation. Consider renting a car with

others or share a taxi.

We will continue to update all correspondences. Just let us know what you have or what you need.

Attendees so far (definitely maybe, perhaps, for sure)

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| • John B. Brown | Steven Leysen | Jerry Robertson |
| • Michel Daw | Tomasz Mazur | Joe Steiner |
| • Pamela Daw | Julia Ohl | Frank Wagle |
| • Tristan Desnos | Eric Okada | Brett Wheat-Simms |
| • Jules Evans | Dean Kakridas | Michael Wibbeke |
| • Erik Wiegardt | | |

Travelers Want to Know

The following are requests, suggestions, and comments about the MA Conference:

Steven Leysen asks if anyone wants to do some sightseeing in the San Diego area (e.g. Zoo, Old Town tour, Balboa Park, Seaworld, Legoland, Tijuana, boat tour...) - the days before or after the conference.

Tomasz Mazur writes: I would like to confirm I will come to participate in this great event. I can share a room. I would like to stay in San Diego till about April 30. So please, can you advise me about where to stay these additional 5 days? I'm looking for a nice, fairly inexpensive place.

Joe Steiner: jtns123@yahoo.com is riding to San Diego from San Francisco on his motorcycle and is looking forward to practicing his Slavic language skills :)

Frank Wagle wants to know if blue jeans and tennies are appropriate attire. Yes. This could be called the Marcus Aurelius Casual Conference. It's San Diego!

Room-Share List: Email cyberstoic@aol.com to put your name on this list.

Ride-Share List:

If you own or are planning to rent a car and can share, please email cyberstoic@aol.com

Dr. John Brown is staying at Pacific Shores Inn and renting a car. "I would be able to help transport people." John will arrive the afternoon of April 23 and will leave early on the 27th.

Book your flights now!