

**SURVEYORS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**  
*presents*



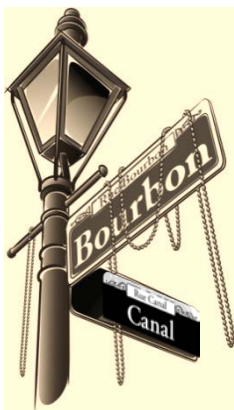
**September 12-15, 2018**  
Astor Crowne Plaza  
French Quarter  
New Orleans, LA

## **SURVEYORS RENDEZVOUS 2018**

*Surveyors Historical Society has teamed up with Ralph Gipson (many of you will remember Ralph from the Bilby tower project), the local chapter of the Louisiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors, and other prominent local surveyors and historians to put on a "Rendezvous to Remember".*

✿ New Orleans was founded in 1718 by Frenchman Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne, Sieur de Bienville, on high ground 100 miles from the mouth of the Mississippi River. The original city was centered around the Place d'Armes, which is now Jackson Square. After a hurricane destroyed most of the city in 1722, the streets were laid out and rebuilt in a military-style grid that defines today's French Quarter.

✿ You will have the opportunity to **celebrate 300 years of New Orleans history** through presentations, a field trip and visits to some special museums. We have lined up some great speakers who are passionate and knowledgeable about local surveying history. Our own Milton Denny will report on his project to monument the Initial Point of the St. Helena/Washington Meridians.



✿ Our conference hotel, the historic **Astor Crowne Plaza**, located on the corner of Bourbon and Canal Streets, is available to conference registrants for the unheard-of rate of \$105 per night. Bourbon Street and the French Quarter are literally at our doorstep! Across Canal St., walk or board a trolley to visit other attractions such as the World War II Museum and the Garden District. We have included ample **free time** to explore the city.

✿ Rendezvous 2018 will kick off Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> with our traditional **Welcome Reception**. On Thursday, we'll have sessions at the hotel, with lunch included. Friday will begin with breakfast and a quick orientation at the hotel, followed by a field trip and demonstration of the French surveying instrument, the *compass*. In the afternoon, visit sites such as the Historic New Orleans Collection and the New Orleans Notarial Archives. Walk to the venues, or use the optional all-day City Sightseeing Hop-On/Hop-Off Bus. Rendezvous '18 will conclude with the fabulous **Saints and Sinners Ball**. (*Are you a Saint or a Sinner? Come dressed appropriately!*) New this year: We'll be doing a raffle instead of the usual auction. More time for "hospitality"!



✿ We've worked hard to keep registration costs as low as possible, so several meals will be "on your own". Hundreds of restaurants, from fast food to gourmet cuisine, are within easy walking distance of the hotel. (The famous "Breakfast at Brennan's" costs less than continental breakfast at the hotel. And beignets at the Café Du Monde are a New Orleans specialty not to be missed! Gather up some old (or new) friends, then hit "The Quarter" or come to the spacious Hospitality Room at the hotel. (So many restaurants, so little time.)

# PROGRAM

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

- Board of Directors Meeting
- Welcome Reception
- Orientation
- Annual Membership Meeting
- Hospitality Room (after meeting)

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

- Breakfast on your own
- Morning Speakers
- Lunch at hotel (included)
- Afternoon Speakers
- Dinner on your own
- Hospitality Room

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

- Breakfast at hotel (included)
- Orientation
- Morning: Field Exercise

- Lunch on your own
- Afternoon:
  - Historic New Orleans Collection
  - New Orleans Notarial Archives
- **Saints and Sinners Ball** *Come dressed as a Saint or a Sinner, in period attire "normal" clothes.*
  - Cash Bar
  - Banquet
  - Raffle *Articles will be on display throughout Rendezvous. Buy your tickets and place them in the bags by the items of your choice.*
  - Hospitality Room (after the banquet)

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

- Optional Historic River Cruise aboard the **Creole Queen** (buffet lunch included)



# SPOUSE/GUEST PROGRAM

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

- Welcome Reception
- Orientation
- Annual Membership Meeting
- Hospitality Room

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

- Breakfast on your own
- New Orleans School of Cooking (includes lunch)
- Tour the French Quarter
- Dinner on your own

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

- Breakfast at hotel (included)
- Orientation
- Morning: Field Exercise
- Afternoon:
  - Historic New Orleans Collection
  - New Orleans Notarial Archives
- **Saints and Sinners Ball**

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

- Optional Historic River Cruise aboard the **Creole Queen** (buffet lunch included)

**NOTE:** Spouses/guests who wish to attend Thursday sessions at the hotel instead of the Spouse/Guest Program activities listed above must sign up for Full Registration.

# PRESENTATIONS



## **Gumbo – It’s Not Just What’s for Dinner (A Look at Some of the Characters Who Surveyed in Louisiana – WANTED Posters and Rap Sheets)**

*Presented by Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne, Sieur de Bienville (aka Ralph Gipson,*

*PLS, EGR Services, LLC, Past-President of the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors).*

## **Jasper Bilby: Genius Farmboy, Inventor of the Bilby Tower - He Made America Really Great!**

*Presented by Bart Crattie, licensed in Tennessee and Georgia, author, guest star on How the States Got Their Shapes and a key player in the reconstruction of the “Last Tower Standing” in Jasper Bilby’s hometown of Osgood, Indiana.*



## **Up the River - Plantations Along the Mississippi River in St. John the Baptist and St. Charles Parishes**

*Presented by Stephen Flynn, PLS, President of Riverlands Surveying, LaPlace, LA and former Geomatics Instructor at Nicholls State University in*

*Thibodaux, LA*



## **History of Surveying and Mapping in Louisiana**

*Presented by Anthony Cavell, PLS, Immediate NSPS Past-President*



## **Surveying and Engineering in South Louisiana, with an Emphasis on Military Aspects**

*Presented by Stephen Estopinal, PE, PLS, Survey Division Manager, SJB Group, Baton Rouge, LA and board member of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority.*

## **Andry, Blonde de la Tour, D’Hemecourt, DeArmas, Grandjean, Pilie’, Trudeau & Zimple - The Great Early Surveyors of New Orleans**

*Presented by William Hyland, Historian of St. Bernard Parish and director of the Los Islenos Museum Complex. Mr. Hyland is a direct descendant of Monsieur Bernard Marigny, whose plantation occupied a large swath of present-day New Orleans.*



## **Initial Point Common to the St. Helena Meridian (Louisiana) and Washington Meridian (Mississippi)**

*Presented by Milton Denny, PLS, owner of Denny Enterprise, LLC, is licensed as a surveyor in seven states. He has written and provided seminar services on business and marketing topics for the surveying and mapping community nationwide for 40-plus years.*

**Check the Surveyors Historical Society website for Rendezvous updates**



# REGISTRATION FORM

## SURVEYORS RENDEZVOUS 2018

September 12 -15, 2018

Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel French Quarter  
739 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70130

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and Street) (City, State, Zip)

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

SHS Member? (Please circle) YES NO

Type	Member	Non-Member
<i>Check all that apply</i>		
<b>FULL REGISTRATION</b> (Includes all listed activities, except those designated "optional")	\$ 395 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$475 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Thursday Only</b> (Includes lunch and all listed presentations.)	\$ 275 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 325 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Friday Only</b> (Includes breakfast and all Friday events <b>except</b> banquet.)	\$ 50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 75 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Friday Banquet Only</b>	___ @ \$ 95 =	\$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SPOUSE/GUEST REGISTRATION</b> Must accompany a fully registered attendee. To attend Thursday session at hotel, you must sign up for <b>full registration</b> .		\$ 225 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>OPTIONAL EVENTS</b>		
<b>Saturday Riverboat Luncheon Cruise</b>	___ @ \$ 60 =	\$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>City Sightseeing Hop-On/Hop-Off Bus</b>		
One -day	___ @ \$ 40 =	\$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/>
Three-day	___ @ \$ 50 =	\$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL from above</b>		\$ _____
<b>Late Registration</b> (After August 1, if available)		+ <b>50.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ _____

### IMPORTANT NOTES

**Accommodations:** To be eligible for the conference hotel rate of \$105 (plus 14.75% sales tax and \$2.00 city tax), you **must** be previously registered for Rendezvous. (You are not considered "registered" until completed registration and payment has been received.) Once registered, you will receive hotel reservation information. The conference rate is available until August 21, or until the room block sells out.

**Make checks payable and mail to:**  
Surveyors Historical Society  
150 East Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 300  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(Checks, money orders, and government purchase orders accepted)

*Register online by credit card at:*  
**[www.SurveyorsHistoricalSociety.com](http://www.SurveyorsHistoricalSociety.com)**

**Registration Deadline:** August 21, 2018

**Cancellation:** A \$50 cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations after August 21, 2018. (Online registration fees are non-refundable.)