



2009 AMSAT Space Symposium and Annual Meeting October 9, 10, 11, 2009 – Baltimore, MD, Airport

Hotel:

Four Points by Sheraton BWI Airport Hotel; 7032 Elm Road, Baltimore, MD 21240. Phone: 1-410-859-3300. The special Symposium rate for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday is \$115 each night, Friday and Saturday are \$90 each night. Use **“Radio Amateur Satellite Group” for booking**. The hotel has a free shuttle to the BWI terminal. <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=856>

Airport Information:

The Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI) is serviced by most US and International airlines. Southwest Airlines has non-stop service to more than 37 cities and one-stop or connecting flights to many others. AirTran also provides major service at BWI. More information can be obtained from <http://www.bwiairport.com/en>

Getting There by car:

The hotel is on the entry loop to BWI airport. The GPS coordinates are 39 deg 11' 03.09" N, 76 deg 40' 23.63" W.

REGISTRATION: (register online <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/2009/index.php>)

	Each	Quantity	Total US\$
Symposium Registration including Proceedings			
Extended => Until Sept 21, 2009	\$40.00		
After Sept 21, 2009	\$45.00		
At the Door	\$50.00		
Saturday Evening Banquet	\$45.00		
Area Coordinators' Breakfast	\$15.00		

TOTAL:

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FROM BWI TO BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON

Light Rail runs to central Baltimore every 20 or 30 minutes. There is no service before 11 am on Sunday. The fare is \$1.85 each way. There are Senior and ride-all-day fares.

<http://www.bwiairport.com/en/travel/ground-transportation/trans/lightrail>

The MARC/Amtrak BWI station provides roughly hourly service to Washington, Baltimore and points north. There is a free shuttle from the BWI terminal to the station.

MARC (weekdays) <http://www.bwiairport.com/en/travel/ground-transportation/trans/marc>

Amtrak <http://www.bwiairport.com/en/travel/ground-transportation/trans/amtrak>

Bus to Washington Metrorail roughly every 40 minutes. The fare is quite low – but then there's the Metrorail fare.

WMATA <http://www.bwiairport.com/en/travel/ground-transportation/trans/wmata>

SOME PLACES TO VISIT IN THE AREA

National Electronics Museum, History of Nation's Defense Electronics. About one mile from the hotel by car. Free, limited hours. Sponsored by Northrup Grumman (formerly Westinghouse Defense and Electronics Systems Center). Mostly about defense and radar, but there are a few ham radio exhibits, including OSCAR. <http://www.hem-usa.org/exhibitions.shtml>

National Cryptologic Museum, operated by NSA, the National Security Agency. About ten miles from the hotel by car. Free, Limited hours. Baltimore-Washington Pky to Hwy 32/Fort Meade exit. East on Hwy 32. Quick turn onto Canine Rd. Quick turn at the light onto Colony Seven Rd. Museum is on the right.

http://www.nsa.gov/about/cryptologic_heritage/museum/index.shtml

Inner Harbor at Baltimore About five blocks from Light Rail. Catch Light Rail at BWI terminal **See above**. Many attractions including restaurants, National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland Science Center, ancient ship USS Constellation, etc. The aquarium is *very* popular and has timed-entry tickets, not cheap.

<http://baltimore.org/about-baltimore/inner-harbor>

Attractions in Washington, DC. MARC (weekdays) and Amtrak serve the BWI Airport station and go to Washington's Union Station where you can get Metrorail. **See above**. The major museums and art galleries in Washington are free. Specialty museums such as the Newseum and the Spy Museum are fairly expensive.

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Visitors' Center. About 21 miles from the hotel by car. Free. 10am to 3 pm Tues-Fri, noon to 4pm Sat & Sun.

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/visitor/home/index.html>

The Walters Art Museum Centre St is the nearest Light Rail station. Free entry to permanent collection.

http://thewalters.org/visit_plan_museum/planavisit_visitorinfo.aspx

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walters_Art_Gallery

Arundel Mills Mall About five miles by car from the hotel. One of most-recent large malls.

http://www.simon.com/mall/mall_info.aspx?id=1230

And there's always **Annapolis**, about 23 miles by road. *Our* weekend is also the weekend of the world's largest annual show featuring exclusively new sailboats. http://www.usboat.com/us_sailboat_show.php