



## **108th Annual Conference: Hilton on the Landing in Branson**

### **Theme: The Heritage of Transportation Engineering**

**Tours – Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 8:30 to 12:00 p.m.**

*Check-in with Moderators at 8:15am; meet in Lobby outside Grand Ballroom (depart at 8:30am)*

#### **Tour A: Airport (15 people)**

Visit the Airport! The tour will dazzle you with technical information about TWO local airports. By visiting the M. Graham Clark Downtown and the Branson airport the tour will provide attendees with a new perspective by shedding light on different functions of the airports. The tour will also deliver historical information and aviation details for the enthusiasts.

#### **Tour B: Tumbling Creek Cave Tour (20 people)**

Learn about the characteristics, vulnerabilities, and importance of karst environments and ecosystems. The cave is located in rural southeastern Taney County. It contains approximately two miles of mapped passages, many of which are highly decorated with stalactites, stalagmites, columns, flowstone, and cave coral. One of the most spectacular features in the cave is the Big Room, which is 60 feet high, and 170 feet directly below the crest of Cave Ridge.

#### **Tour C: Springfield Underground Complex (24 people)**

Springfield Underground is an efficient storage facility where each day more than 300 trucks enter to deliver and pick up goods. The 2.2 million square feet of temperature-controlled underground buildings, ranging from -20°F to 90° F, meet the unique temperature requirements of the tenants. Join us for a drive through tour of this secure, customizable, environmentally friendly, climate controlled complex, accessed by rail and highway underground facility.

#### **Tour D: Silver Dollar City- Behind the Scenes (24 people)**

What propels that roller coaster, and how do engineers inspect the track? Learn the technical details and history as well as some of the operations of one of America's most popular theme parks. Your walking tour will include the engineering features of several popular rides, including the new Time Traveler Roller Coaster.

#### **Tour E: City of Branson- ADA Tour (25 people)**

Pack your “comfy” shoes! Ron Effland will provide an up to date and enlightening walking tour of local bike and pedestrian sidewalk conditions per the current Federal regulations. The tour will prove to be an eye-opening, educational experience as well as reveal the potential transportation challenges Americans with disabilities face each day in areas out of ADA compliance.