

# RSVA/ACB Convention July 2009

And now let's turn our attention to Orlando, home of that world-famous mouse's house and nearby Cape Canaveral. ACB Convention dates are July 4-11, with the first tours being on Friday, July 3. The convention hotel is the Rosen Centre, 9840 International Drive. All meetings, general sessions and exhibits will be held at the hotel. Rates are \$83 single/double plus tax. Add \$10 for each additional person in a room. You may make individual reservations at the Rosen Centre by calling (407) 996-9840. Be sure to indicate that you are attending the ACB convention so that you will receive the special rate.

RSVA will hold its preconvention board meeting on Saturday July 4, 2009 at 3 to 6 pm. Committee meetings will be held Saturday at times requested by the chairs. Saturday evening, there will be a RSVA members and friends only hospitality from 9 pm to midnight.

On Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 am, there will be a special breakfast for RSVA & interested ACB members, so RSVA members can share with ACB members the importance of the RS Program. We hope many RSVA members will participate in this breakfast and invite ACB members you know to join us. RSVA will start its Sunday program sessions at 10 am with the welcome from President Charles Glazer, followed with introductions of participants and the roll call of affiliates. The first panel topic will be "Surface Highway Transportation Act and Kennely Act proposals and other roadside rest area issues". This panel will be moderated by Roy Harmon, CA. The second panel will cover "What's Happening in the Florida BEP Program". We have asked some Florida vendors to talk about their program. The Constitution & Bylaws Report and the Resolutions Report will complete the morning agenda.

We will start the afternoon agenda with an update from the Florida BEP staff. Robert Humphrey, RS attorney, will address the topic "Arbitrations and Rendered Decisions". "Using Stimulus Money in the RS Program" will be the next panel, moderated by David Hanlon, CA.

We've invited a representative from the Rehabilitation Services Administration to discuss "RSA Answers our questions". Our final topic of the day will be "Post Office contracting" by Bill Lewis and Kevin Wall from National Vending. After our programming, the RSVA Nominating Committee meeting will occur. All state affiliate delegates should attend.

On Sunday evening, there will be hospitality from 10 pm to midnight. On Monday, RSVA will hold its annual luncheon with a special speaker and awards presentations. We've invited Mr. Harris Rosen, owner of the Rosen

Center, to speak to us on the topic "Success in Entrepreneurship". Following the luncheon will be the RSVA business meeting.

On Monday evening will be the auction at 7 pm followed by the Karaoke night. On Tuesday, there will be the RSVA affiliate presidents luncheon. Tuesday evening will be Casino night. Please save the dates and plan for a fun time in Orlando. You can complete your convention preregistration on the [www.acb.org](http://www.acb.org) website. The complete RSVA package will be \$105 if you preregister and \$120 at the convention itself.