

LATE BREAKING NEWS!

Particulars for the Second Quarter 2004 SFMS Board Meeting

The Low Country Gem and Mineral Society will be hosting the second quarter 2004 SFMS Board Meeting on May 1, 2004. Their annual show will be held at the Performing Arts Center in North Charleston during the same weekend. Below are the details regarding accommodations and activities during that weekend.

Carolyn Daniels, Lodestar Editor

Hotel and Meeting Room: Best Western Charleston Airport located at 6099 Fain Street in North Charleston. For reservations call: toll free at 1.866.823.0504 and either ask for reservations or hotel manager Tammy Ward. Please use the code "SFMS Board Meeting" for a special rate of \$72.00 plus tax good through April 6, 2004.

Hotel amenities include dataports, high speed Internet access, coffee/tea maker, hair dryer, ironing board, microwave, refrigerator, full service breakfast in restaurant, laundry, exercise facilities, and free parking.

(The above group room price is actually lower than the Internet price for seniors, AAA, or other rates listed. I checked this myself. If members make reservations via the Internet then that does not get counted toward the 10-room hold and the SFMS could potentially end up partially paying for the meeting room on a sliding scale depending on the number of rooms that are registered from those held. Also, if anyone who wishes to register after the April 6 deadline he/she can do so based on space availability at the hotel group price that was agreed upon. The hotel just cannot hold the rooms past that date.)

DIRECTIONS TO THE BEST WESTERN CHARLESTON AIRPORT

From the North: Take I-26 east to Exit 211A. The Best Western Charleston Airport is located on your right on the frontage road (Fain Street).

From the South: Take US 17 north to I-526 east. Go west on I-26. Get off on Exit 211A or take I-95 north to I-26. Head east and get off at Exit 211A. The hotel is located at the exit.

From the East: Take I-26 west to Exit 211A. The hotel is located at the exit.

From the West: Take US 17 south to I-526 west. Go to I-26 west. Get off on Exit 211A. If you prefer, take I-95 south to I-26 east, and get off on Exit 211A. The hotel is located at the exit.

Special Information: The show is part of the North Charleston Performing Arts Festival. Parking and admission are free with flyer. Festival flyers will be available at the board meeting.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW

Traveling to the show from the Best Western: Turn left on Aviation Ave. from Fain Street. Take I-26 east towards Charleston. Take Exit 212B-C/I-526 towards Savannah. You are now on I-526 west. Stay in right lane and take the airport exit (International Blvd.). Turn left on International Blvd. and go 0.4 mile. Turn right at the light - Coliseum Drive. Be sure to show your Performing Arts Festival flyer to parking attendant for free parking and admission. Show is located in Exhibit Hall A.

Full hookup camping is available at Fain's RV Park at I-26 Exit 211A near the Best Western. Call 843.744.1005 for information.

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