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 12th 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 13TH
• Breakfast on your own
• Morning Speakers
• Lunch at hotel (included)
• Afternoon Speakers
• Dinner on your own
• Hospitality Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
• Breakfast at hotel (included)
• Orientation
• Morning: Field Exercise

• Lunch on your own
• Afternoon:
  o Historic New Orleans Collection
  o New Orleans Notarial Archives

• Saints and Sinners Ball  Come dressed as a Saint or a Sinner, in period attire “normal” clothes.
  o Cash Bar
  o Banquet
  o Raffle Articles will be on display throughout Rendezvous. Buy your tickets and place them in the bags by the items of your choice.
  o Hospitality Room (after the banquet)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
• 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 13TH
• Breakfast on your own
• New Orleans School of Cooking (includes lunch)
• Tour the French Quarter
• Dinner on your own

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
• Breakfast at hotel (included)
• Orientation
• Morning: Field Exercise

• Afternoon:
  o Historic New Orleans Collection
  o New Orleans Notarial Archives

• Saints and Sinners Ball

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
• 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

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
Check all that apply

FULL REGISTRATION   $ 395 □     $475 □
(Includes all listed activities, except those designated “optional”)

Thursday Only    $ 275 □     $ 325 □
(Includes lunch and all listed presentations.)

Friday Only    $ 50 □     $ 75 □
(Includes breakfast and all Friday events except banquet.)

Friday Banquet Only  __@ $ 95 = $ _____ □

SPOUSE/GUEST REGISTRATION    $ 225 □
Must accompany a fully registered attendee. To attend Thursday session at hotel, you must sign up for full registration.

OPTIONAL EVENTS

Saturday Riverboat Luncheon Cruise  __ @ $ 60 = $_____ □

City Sightseeing Hop-On/Hop-Off Bus
One –day  __ @ $ 40 = $_____ □
Three-day  __ @ $ 50 = $_____ □

TOTAL from above $_______

Late Registration    + 50.00
(After August 1, if available)

TOTAL $_______

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

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.)