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### **Park City Convention Updates & Suggestions. Part One**

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Over the next couple of months I plan to offer some suggestions and dispel any myths some may still have about our venue for the coming 51<sup>ST</sup> Annual Convention, Estimating Academy and Business Sessions hosted by my Great Salt Lake Chapter 51.

Let me first tell you about to the unique educational and social events in planning that still grow today. We already have a commitment from the AISC and the local Steel Fabricators association for a Steel Focus day with a golf opportunity. The Masons and another national association consider the same. We have a series of lunch lectures planned on Mountainside Construction and Historical Renovation, Base Isolators and Seismic Upgrade, the largest in America. More on these later.

In addition to the growth, education and camaraderie offered, my hope is to create the desire to bring your family and share in this beautiful, inexpensive, convenient location and opportunity. Come early and stay longer for your business/vacation this year.

- Transportation is available starting right at the baggage claim once here (Park City Transportation \$34 to the Yarrow, year round).
- Of course all your favorite car rentals are there too.
- Within the confines of the Park City valley proper there is no need for personal vehicles, as the local transit authority runs FREE valley wide busses every 15 minutes from 8am to 10 pm.
- Be reminded all Utah buildings and busses are smoke free.
- Accommodations for smoking are everywhere including most of our "Private Clubs" you may have heard about.

While on that subject: Yes, if you want to go clubbing or club hopping, you may need to 'join their club' temporarily, but to put that in perspective, consider it like your 'cover charges' for a night club elsewhere. Here, it's usually very few dollars, good for 3 – 30 days and allows most of your party to then enter as your guests. Make them buy you a round to pay you back.

- Also, regarding the free PC valley wide bus services include 3 premium shopping venues, one a name brand Factory Outlet with hundreds of stores and another on Historic Main Street (photo featured on several ads for Convention) with all their shops, art galleries and eateries.
- All the great dining chains and many top local spots are available between Salt Lake City or Park City too.
- A public golf course (former PGA Venue) is right across the street, several others within 15 minutes in any direction. Google them up or try links from ParkCityMagazine.com

This will cause some of you to laugh, but the other day while watching a longtime favorite & guilty pleasure of mine, the 1972 Robert Redford movie "Jeremiah Johnson" a romantic tale of the freedoms and exploits of an American trapper in the Rocky Mountains; I was reminded of the grand local scenery and familiar sets found just 20 minutes from one of my offices and just 20 minutes south of Park City on highway safe roads. I look out to see the so called "pass" he had to lead the Army Troop to find the settlers stranded up there in the Winter that caused all his trouble to start with the Indians. You would laugh too, it's over 11,000 elevation! Most of the movie was shot from his resort called Sundance in Provo Canyon. Also of note: Yes, the Sundance film festival its namesake, is actually held in Park City.

Over 5,000 Hollywood Elite show up each year to take in the event and all the attractions PC & Utah have to offer. That fact alone should dispel the myth that adult beverages may be hard to acquire. Our members will enjoy all the fine liquors, wines & beer they are accustomed too while here. In fact a great local Brew Pub has just opened across the street from the Yarrow, our home base. A quaint in house Bar and very nice family style restaurant is just inside the Yarrow. We have movie theaters and a high end grocery store right on property as well.

Perhaps plan to visit the actual Sundance resort for some star watching & the dining found there, heads the list of quick side trips and adventures we found to offer starting next month.

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As always, good luck with your bidding.

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Best Regards

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