

Meeting Announcement
Accredited Standards Committee T11 Technical Committee
April 20-24, 1998

Hyatt Regency Suites Palm Springs
285 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262
760-322-9000 or 800-233-1234

Group Name: Brocade
Room Rate: \$122/night, includes tax and parking
Your Host: Brocade Communications Systems
Cutoff Date: March 20, 1998

Brocade Communications Systems is pleased to be able to host the ASC-T11 TC meetings, to be held the week of April 20-24, 1998 in Palm Springs, California. This location is shuttle-close to Palm Springs Airport, and is freeway-close to Ontario Airport. If you cannot arrange a suitable connection to Palm Springs, I recommend using Ontario and driving into Palm Springs, a leisurely, scenic and slightly Jurassic 60-90 minute drive depending on the lead content of your right foot (also, try and avoid the evening rush-hour or the first part of the drive is Real Ugly).

Some additional background may be in order. The Hyatt is located in the Palm Springs Village area. It is within walking distance of many shops and restaurants, and there is a casino in town, run by the local Native Americans (Agua Caliente tribe). With a little help from El Nino, the desert wildflowers will still be in bloom. There may perhaps be some of you who golf. If so, let the hotel know when you check in. They can set up tee times for you at Rancho Mirage Country Club, with special discount green fees. Other attractions include the Living Desert Museum, Desert Adventures Jeep Tours, the Indian canyons which contain the springs (yes, there are really springs!), Joshua Tree National Park, and the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, which soars to 8516 feet suspended over jagged rocks. Enjoy!

Directions: Palm Springs is well served with jet service by several airlines to Palm Springs airport. To get to the hotel from Palm Springs Airport, you can call the hotel for a complementary shuttle (it's only three miles). To drive from the airport, exit the rental car lot by turning left on El Cielo Rd. At the stop sign turn right on Tahquitz. Go a few blocks and turn right on Indian Ave. This is a four lane, one way road and you need to get immediately over to the left. Turn left on Amado, and another left onto North Palm Canyon Drive. Hyatt Regency Suites is on the right at the corner of North Palm Canyon Drive and Amado Road. There is an entrance to an underground parking garage, or you may avail yourself of the fine valet service.

If you fly into Ontario airport, go north on Vineyard to I-10. Head east a long time on I-10 (do not be alarmed by the dinosaurs on your left) to state highway 111. Remain on highway 111 for about 11 miles (it will become North Palm Canyon Drive). Proceed to Amado Road and you're there.

You lucky few travelling from Orange County can hop state highway 91 and take it all the way out to state highway 60. Stay on 60 until it merges with I-10, proceeding as described above. San Diegans may use I-215 to connect to highway 60.

Kinko's: The closest Kinko's is in Cathedral City, about 7.5 miles from the hotel (sorry). Exit the hotel and go south on Palm Canyon Drive to Ramon Rd. Turn left and travel about 3 miles. Turn right on Gene Autry Trail and travel about 4 miles; note that the name of the road changes along the way and it veers southeast. Turn left on Date Palm Dr., it will be on your left; 35-325 Date Palm Dr., 760-770-2500. However, there is a Staples within walking distance near the corner of Palm Canyon and Ramon (350 South Palm Canyon, 760-778-4952) which is open until 9PM weekdays. This may meet your needs, unless you are like some people who do their copying at 2AM!

Web sites: Check out <http://www.palm-springs.org/> and <http://www.palmsprings.com/> and <http://www.ceol.com/digitaldesert/> and <http://www.nps.gov/jotr/> to start with.

Needless to say, if you have any problems, please contact me. I will beat up the appropriate people!

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