

**2006 NAIL-RAY ANNUAL MEETING
BRANSON AND BARTON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

The 2006 gathering of the Nail-Ray Association will be held June 8-11 in southwestern Missouri. Tom and Lynda Plymate will host the festivities. The focal point of the weekend will be a private motorcoach tour of the historical sites of Barton County, Missouri, where Dr. Hardy Wray and his sons Judge Anderson J. Wray and Rev. Alfred K. Wray were prominent members of the community. We'll stay in the heart of the Branson entertainment district where our cultural opportunities will include two of the premier Branson music shows and a luncheon cruise on Table Rock Lake aboard the Showboat Branson Belle.

How To Get There

Branson is located approximately thirty-five miles south of Springfield, Missouri, along US-65, just north of the Missouri-Arkansas state line. Springfield is easily accessible via Interstate-44, approximately 200 miles southwest of St. Louis. The Springfield/Branson Regional Airport, located on the northwest edge of the Springfield metropolitan area, is served by direct flights from most of the major hub cities, including Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Memphis, and Minneapolis. For those of you planning to fly in on Thursday, June 8, Tom and Lynda will provide shuttle service from the Springfield/Branson Regional Airport to our headquarters hotel in Branson—just let us know your flight schedule.

Where To Stay

Our “headquarters” hotel will be the Gazebo Inn, right in the middle of the Branson entertainment district. The hotel is located on Missouri Highway 76 (aka “76 Country Music Boulevard” or “the Branson Strip”), approximately 2.4 miles west of US-65. The Gazebo Inn offers “luxury lodging featuring Victorian décor with handmade oak furnishings.” A block of rooms has been set aside for the Nail-Ray Association at \$49.95 (\$56.47 including tax) per night for June 8, 9, and 10. Call the hotel directly (417-335-3826 or 1-800-873-7990) by May 18 to reserve your own room for the specific nights you will be staying. (Identify yourself as part of the Nail-Ray party to get our special discounted rate.) All rooms are non-smoking with two queen beds and include a deluxe continental breakfast.

The Festivities Begin—Shoji Tabuchi Show, Thursday Evening (June 8)

For those of you who can arrange to arrive in Branson by Thursday evening, we have a special treat. Fiddle virtuoso Shoji Tabuchi has become a Branson institution, and his show is one of the most elaborate productions you'll ever see! We've reserved a block of seats for his 7:30 show at a special group rate of \$37.50. We'll leave the Gazebo Inn at 6:30 to caravan up to Shoji's theater on Shepherd of the Hills Expressway on the north edge of Branson.

Annual Business Meeting, Friday Morning (June 9)

So that we can take maximum advantage of the entertainment options available in this entertainment mecca, we'll suspend our tradition of holding our annual business meeting in conjunction with a banquet on Friday evening. Instead, we'll have our annual business meeting at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning, in a meeting room within easy walking distance from our hotel (precise location still to be determined at press time). That will allow us to use Friday afternoon and evening to soak up more of Branson's unique cultural opportunities, including...

Luncheon Cruise on Table Rock Lake Aboard the Showboat Branson Belle, Friday (June 9)

Friday's entertainment begins with a luncheon cruise aboard the 1890-style paddlewheeler Showboat Branson Belle. We've reserved a block of tables at a group rate of \$35.00 per person. This cruise includes a gourmet lunch and an elaborate stage show, as well as an opportunity to see some of the natural beauty of the Ozarks from Table Rock Lake, the largest manmade lake in the region.

After the cruise you'll have some free time to explore Branson. Shopping opportunities include three large outlet malls and literally hundreds of specialty shops. Or, you can just head back to the Gazebo Inn to rest up for the evening's festivities, the highlight of which will be the...

Andy Williams/Glen Campbell Show, Friday Evening (June 9)

Two of the biggest names on the Branson scene are Andy Williams and Glen Campbell, and this season they're performing together at Andy's Moon River Theater. We've reserved great seats for the 7:00 p.m. show on Friday evening at a group rate of \$35.00 per person. Our headquarters hotel, the Gazebo Inn, is literally right next door to the Moon River Theater, so we'll be able to avoid the showtime traffic jam on "the strip" and walk to the show.

Private Motorcoach Tour of Barton County Historic Sites, Saturday (June 10)

We have chartered a private motor coach for our tour of the historic sites of Barton County, Missouri. We'll leave the Gazebo Inn in Branson at 8:30 Saturday morning. Highlights of the tour include...

IOOF Cemetery, Golden City: We'll visit the graves of Dr. Hardy Wray and his wife Belinda (Fox) Wray, who moved from Indiana to Barton County, Missouri in 1873. We'll also visit the graves of Belinda's father George W. Fox and Hardy and Belinda's daughter Louisa (Wray) Arnold and her husband John Arnold.

Lake Cemetery, Lamar Heights: We'll visit the graves of Judge Anderson J. Wray and Rev. Alfred K. Wray and his wife Catherine "Kate" (Pool) Wray.

After lunch in Lamar Heights, we'll proceed into Lamar, county seat of Barton County, to visit...

Historic Barton County Courthouse Square: Judge Anderson J. Wray undoubtedly tried many cases in this courthouse.

Site of Wray School: Both Anderson J. Wray and Alfred K. Wray were teachers before they settled into their ultimate careers in the law and the ministry, respectively, and both served multiple terms as superintendent of the public schools of Barton County. It's not clear whether either man actually taught in this "ward" school, but it was renamed in honor of A.J. Wray after he had become prominent in the community. Unfortunately, the building is no longer standing, but we can still see the grove of mature trees in which it stood as well as some remnants of the building's foundation.

Birthplace of President Harry S. Truman: President Truman was born in 1884 in a small frame house in Lamar, Missouri. We'll tour his birthplace and marvel at his humble beginnings!

Precious Moments Chapel: No tour of southwestern Missouri would be complete without a stop at the Precious Moments Chapel in Carthage. Over the past twenty-five years, artist Sam Butcher has created this amazing shrine featuring his trademark wide-eyed baby angels.

Dinner at Lambert's Cafe. On our way back to Branson, we'll stop for dinner (and some local Ozarks "culture") at Lambert's Café—"World Famous Home of Throed Rolls."

Brunch at Tom and Lynda's Home in Springfield, Sunday (June 11)

For those of you who will be driving home from Branson via US-65 north, you are invited to stop by Tom & Lynda's home for brunch on Sunday. Tom and Lynda live on the southeast edge of Springfield, just a couple miles from the Evans Road exit off US-65. We'll distribute maps and details before you leave Branson. We'll have all the photo albums from our previous Nail-Ray get-togethers for those who'd like to reminisce.

NAIL-RAY GET-TOGETHER—JUNE 8-11, 2006
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI
RESERVATION FORM (deadline 5/18/06)

Quantity		Amount
_____	Nail-Ray Membership Dues for 2006, \$10.00 per mailing address.	\$ _____
_____	Shoji Tabuchi Show in Branson, Thursday, June 8, 7:30 p.m., \$37.50 per person.	\$ _____
_____	Luncheon Cruise and Matinee Show on Showboat Branson Belle, Table Rock Lake, Branson, Friday, June 9, noon, \$35.00 per person.	\$ _____
_____	Glen Campbell—Andy Williams Show in Branson, Friday, June 9, 7:00 p.m., \$35.00 per person.	\$ _____
_____	Motorcoach Tour of Historic Sites of Barton County Missouri, Saturday, June 10, \$15.00 per person. (Includes gravesites of Dr. Hardy Wray, Judge Anderson J. Wray, and Rev. Alfred K. Wray, historic Barton County Courthouse Square, site of old Wray School, and birthplace of President Harry S. Truman; plus a stop at the Precious Moments Chapel in Carthage.)	\$ _____
Amount Enclosed		\$ _____

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