

**2009 HPS Midyear Meeting
January 31 – February 3, 2009
San Antonio, Texas**



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This is the fourth in a series of articles on the HPS' upcoming 2009 Midyear Meeting being held in San Antonio, Texas, January 31 – February 3, 2009. See the September, October, and November issues of *Health Physics News* for the first three articles. Important Note: Due to the availability of hotels and convention facilities, the meeting will start one day earlier than usual (e.g., PEP sessions will be held Saturday, January 31, 2009).

While in San Antonio, hear important technical presentations and enjoy GREAT entertainment:

Night Out at the Buckhorn Saloon & Museum!!



(Monday, February 2) This San Antonio Night Out tradition will include a buffet of BBQ Po'boy Sandwiches, Hill Country Market Sausage, Pecan-Encrusted Fried Chicken Tenders, Salad Wagon, Nacho Station, Fresh Garden Vegetables, Assorted Hill Country Sweets, Coffee and "Beer and Margaritas on the Rocks (sponsored by Canberra)". The Buckhorn Saloon (within walking distance of the hotel) opened in 1881 with a standing offer to all patrons "Bring in your deer antlers and you can trade them for a shot of whiskey or a beer." The Buckhorn Saloon collection of horn and trophy mounts grows as cowboys and hunters bring in animals of all kinds for their free beer. In 1898, Teddy Roosevelt frequented the saloon and recruited Roughriders at the bar. When prohibition became law in 1920, the Buckhorn Saloon became the Buckhorn Curio Museum. As the years passed, the collections increased to include rattlers and other snakes as well as birds from all over the world. In 1932 when prohibition ended, the Saloon was back in business. The Buckhorn Saloon and Museum, on

the Riverwalk, has been an HPS San Antonio Night Out tradition since the South Texas Chapter has hosted meetings. Join us for a night of Texas-style fun, food, and drinks. \$50 per person is the pre-registration price (includes open bar for beer and margaritas on the rocks, compliments of Canberra); buy your tickets early because only a limited number can be sold.

At the Overtime Theater: The Next Stage Improvisation. The Next Stage presents a new form of Improv: The Instant Play! A full forty-five minute story, made up on the spot with the help of you, the audience! Coupled with exciting new games, developed by the Next Stage Comedy Laboratory, this 10:00pm show is always new, always exciting and always a bargain at only \$8.

At the San Antonio Children's Museum: H-E-B Kids' Market. This interactive play grocery store and Kids' Café features all the play food items you'd find in your neighborhood grocery store. Kids will also learn about nutrition as they plan their shopping trip or serve up a tasty meal in the Kids' Café. Admission to H-E-B Kids' Market is included in the regular museum admission of \$7 each person, free for children under age two.

At the Majestic Theater:



Joshua Bell in Recital (8:00pm, January 31 only). For more than two decades, Grammy® Award-winning violinist Joshua Bell has captivated audiences with his poetic musicality and inspired interpretations, and has captured the public's imagination like no other classical violinist of his time. His latest work, *The Red Violin Concerto*, evolved from *The Red Violin* film. Built in 1929, the Majestic is recognized as one of the most ornate facilities in the country and has long held a special place in the archives of Texas theatrical and architectural history. Tickets: \$25-\$100.

At the AT&T Center: The San Antonio Spurs vs the New Orleans Jazz (7:30pm, January 31 only).

At the Institute of Texas Cultures: The Asian Festival – The Year of the Ox. The Asian Festival at UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures is a community event honoring Asian cultures and traditions from the Middle East to the Pacific Rim.

At The Landing on the Riverwalk: Dinner and
The Jim Cullum Jazz Band (<http://landing.com>)



An absolute must ... The 7-piece Jim Cullum Jazz Band (JCJB) plays jazz in the classic manner, that is, in the style of small, hot ensembles prior to WWII. The band's repertoire covers a lot of ground--from 19th-century cakewalks to the small pre-war Benny Goodman ensembles. The core of the band's music consists of the sounds of Jelly Roll Morton, Original Dixieland Jazz Band, New Orleans Rhythm Kings, King Oliver Creole Jazz Band, Louis Armstrong, and Sidney Bechet, as well as a heavy emphasis on Bix Beiderbecke and his followers (e.g., Hoagy Carmichael). The JCJB plays Tuesday through Saturday beginning at 8:00 PM. On Sunday nights, the popular jazz group Small World takes over on the outside patio. On Mondays, enjoy the Landing All-Stars Quartet led by David Jellema. Live jazz duos are featured on the outdoor riverside patio (weather permitting) from 3:00 PM non-stop until 12:30 AM.