

**NMEA 2000® Standard Committee
Announcement
PLUGFEST
CONNECTFEST
MEETING**

At the 2008 RTCM (Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services) conference, there was a lot of buzz about NMEA 2000®. RTCM's audience is not recreational; it is mainly government and commercial vessels.

This is a good opportunity for your company to get exposure to a different and viable audience. Make sure you talk with your marketing department to attend this NMEA 2000® Meeting.

We are planning a PLUGFEST, CONNECTFEST and a NMEA 2000® STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING during the week of the RTCM CONFERENCE.
HERE IS THE SCHEDULE:

PLUGFEST

A Plugfest is *the* laboratory opportunity to work with and collaborate with other manufactures' products that you may not have had the chance to work with before. This is the occasion for all us to work together and to help each other with our new products or products that may be in development to assure your products can interoperate and interconnect. This is not open to the public.

Sunday May 3 th	9:00 to 5:00PM	Plugfest
Monday May 4 th	9:00 to 11:00AM	Plugfest

CONNECTFEST

The ConnectFest will be open and be on display in the afternoon from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. This will be a causal affair, as there are other technical sessions and conferences, so attendees will be coming in at their leisure. NMEA will be presenting a NMEA 2000® discussion at the plenary session on Monday morning encouraging attendees to see the "live" NMEA 2000® network.

Monday May 4 th	1:00PM to 5:00PM	ConnectFest
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NMEA 2000® STANDARD COMMITTEE MEETING

Here is the information for the NMEA 2000® meeting. NMEA is trying to be sensitive to your budgets for 2009 so there will only be 2 full meetings this year. We would hope that you are able to attend this meeting.

Tuesday May 5 th - Friday May 8 th	NMEA 2000® Standard Committee Meeting
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An Agenda will be forthcoming shortly. There will be breakout sessions for working groups.

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Here is the link to the RTCM Conference: <http://www.rtcn.org/annual-meeting.php>
To see the RTCM website, visit: <http://www.rtcn.org/>
Room rates are available to April 3rd. I believe there are two and three bedroom suites available. Here is the link: www.justletgo.com/RTCM

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 20 to sspitzer@nmea.org