As the song says, “Meet me in St. Louis, Louis, Meet me at the fair, Don’t tell me the lights are shining any place but there.” We may not do the Hoochee Koochee and you may not find your tootsie wootsie but we will certainly be having fun. The American Federation of Aviculture is going to light up the lights in St. Louis, Missouri with their 34th annual convention.

St. Louis is a city of many nicknames, among them is The Gateway City, and is steeped in history. It was the first leg of the Oregon Trail when people started moving west; hence it was called The Gateway City. It was named for a French King, King Louis IX and part of the Louisiana Purchase. It was the site of the first U.S. World’s Fair as well as the Olympic games in 1904. The list goes on and on.

We are going to the zoo. The zoo is located in Forrest Park, the site of the 1904 World’s Fair and one of the largest urban parks in the world, out sizing Central Park in New York City by 500 acres. The St. Louis Zoological Park is one of the oldest and largest in the country, ranking as one of the top five most visited zoos across America.

Another must see for tourists is the Gateway Arch, one of the world’s most recognizable landmarks. For those brave souls who would like a real bird’s eye view of St. Louis, there is an internal observation platform at the top of the arch. For a small fee you can enjoy a spectacular view and/or be scared out of your wits. I did it once and being claustrophobic did not help. It is definitely one of the things you may want to add to your list of things to do. Other points of interest include Union Station, Grants Farm, Six Flags and for you baseball fans there is Busch Stadium and the St. Louis Cardinals. Unfortunately, they will be playing out of town while we are there but you can still see their home field.

There are so many things to see and do in St. Louis you will need at least an extra week to capture them all. In light of this, arrangements have been made with the hotel to extend our special rate to include three days prior to the convention and three days after the convention. Check our web site, www.AFABirds.org for updates and highlights. First, we give you detailed information on the zoo but if you can’t wait, Google St. Louis and be prepared to sit back, relax and read.

Convention will be held at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel.

BE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY!
There’s so much to see and do in St. Louis, we thought we’d start you out with a few “must-see options.”

1. Of course, the number one reason: Attend the 34th Annual AFA Convention! July 30 - Aug. 2.

2. Ride to the top of the Gateway Arch, towering 630-feet over the Mississippi River.

3. Follow the footsteps of explorers Lewis & Clark at various historic attractions.

4. Explore Forest Park’s 1,300 acres of lakes, walking paths and attractions.

5. Drive Old Route 66 and visit some of the “Mother Road’s” most fascinating stops.

6. Enjoy world-class free attractions, including the Art Museum, Zoo, Science Center, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Grant’s Farm, and the Missouri History Museum.

7. Marvel at the Missouri Botanical Garden, one of the world’s top public gardens.


9. Visit an ancient Indian civilization at Cahokia Mounds.

10. Cheer for the MLB’s Cardinals, NFL’s Rams and NHL’s Blues.

11. Count the mosaics at the breathtakingly beautiful Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis.

12. Flirt with Lady Luck at one of the area’s six casinos.

13. Experience live blues music in one of the dozens of area clubs and taverns.

14. Get your motor running at the Museum of Transportation or Gateway International Raceway.

15. Take in the art at Laumeier Sculpture Park, the Contemporary Art Museum and the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts.


17. Visit the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery.

18. Satisfy your taste buds at any of our hundreds of one-of-a-kind restaurants.

19. Fill an extra suitcase during a shopping trip through major malls and antique and collectible stores.

20. Attend one of the area’s unique fairs or festivals.

21. Explore the final frontier at the Science Center’s Space Sciences Center or the Challenger Learning Center.

22. Get an adrenaline rush on the world-class roller coasters and thrill rides at Six Flags St. Louis.

23. Play Scott Joplin’s ragtime tunes at the composer’s historic home.

24. Talk to the animals at Purina Farms, the Wild Canid Survival Center, the World Bird Sanctuary and the St. Louis Zoo.

25. Cruise the mighty Mississippi River on the Tom Sawyer or Becky Thatcher paddle wheeler.
# AFA 34th Annual Convention

**Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel** • 8801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63134  
**July 30-August 2, 2008**

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Ian Tizard, BVMS, Ph.D., DACVM
Texas A & M University
College of Veterinary Medicine
Status of the Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center and Its Role in Aviculture

Ricardo Valentin
History of the Puerto Rican Parrot Captive Propogation Program based on Experience at Rio Abaja Aviary

Sharman Hoppes, DVM, Diplomate ABVP-Avian
Texas A & M University
Update on Proventricular Dilatation Disease

Bennett Hennessey (sponsored by the Bird Endowment)
Conservations Actions with Local Communities to Protect the Bolivian Red-fronted Macaw

Linda S. Rubin
Linebreeding Practices in Psittacine Husbandry
Linebreeding Small Hookbills for Health, Fertility and Longevity

Bonnie Zimmerman
Kembali Bebas Avian Rehabilitation Center-Evolution of a Dream

Genny Wall, ESQ.
Introduction to the Politics of Animal Legislation

Jason Crean
The Beak Speaks: The Green Aracari in Aviculture

Nancy Speed
Inside the Nestbox of the Cuban Amazon

Carol Frischmann (sponsored by International Conure Association)
Preparing Companion Bird Owners for a Lifetime Commitment

Jamie Whittaker
Retailing Birds – How Retailers Earn Their Money

The Aviculture Puzzle

Jean Pattison
Dos and Don’ts of Breeding and Raising Greys and other African Parrots

Darrel Styles, DVM, Ph.D.
Avian Influenza

Walter Frey, Ph.D.
Flocking Birds From a Breeder’s Perspective

Breeding Cockatoos (Parrots) for the Long Term

Thomas Edling, DVM, MSpVM
Aviculture and the retail pet industry

Mattie Sue Athan
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