## Welcome to 2025 190 SL Group Convention in Moab, Utah October 20-25, 2025

The 190 SL Group Convention will be held in Moab, Utah beginning on October 20 and ending the morning of October 24<sup>th</sup>. Moab has become the recreation capital of Canyon Country. There are two National Parks in the immediate vicinity. We will make sure we can get as good a view of these treasures as such a short time permits.

Much of Canyon Country is not easily accessible. Having a few days only allows us to give you a tiny introduction to this area. The After the Ball tour will expand the area, but not get us any more detailed a look into Canyon Country. Come on back some time and join us for our annual Week of the Full Moon Canyon Country Camping Trip which we started in 1980, making this October's trip the 45<sup>th</sup>. We go other times of the year as well.

We have reserved rooms at the Hoodoo Hotel, it's part of Hilton's Curio Collection. We have standard rooms with a King or 2 Queens and we have 2 what the Hoodoo calls casitas (view them at <a href="https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cnyabqq-casitas-at-the-hoodoo-moab/">https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cnyabqq-casitas-at-the-hoodoo-moab/</a>). The casitas are interesting. They are behind the main hotel and are in separate buildings with 2 casitas in each building. Each casita has 2 bedrooms with en suite baths and a living room, kitchen, small patio and dining area. They're basically a 2BR condo. They are arranged as one unit down and one up or 2 units side by side with BRs up. The cost is 50% more than a standard room. More on those later.

The weather in Moab near the end of October is generally pleasant and cool. Needless to say, temperatures are higher than they used to be. It is desert country. It cools down when the sun sets. Precipitation is slim and none. We are hoping to be outdoors when we can be. "There is no such thing as bad weather; just bad clothes" according to a Rocky Mountain National Park Ranger. I like that quote.

Driving 190SLs anywhere in Canyon Country will be limited to pavement. There is not much of it. There is enough for the Convention and the ATB, however. Those limitations and the short period of time will keep us on the periphery of this fabulous country. Some of you have been here before. Some of you saw a dramatic, kind of similar canyon, back on the 2001 ATB along the North Rim of the Black Canyon. Don Freese demonstrating how a lightning rod works during a lightning event was educational for sure. No guarantees of that kind of excitement this time. Having only 8 190SLs on the road and in our view for most of that day was memorable. All pavement, though, and we'll keep it that way next year.