



# 2013 NPRHA Convention Billings, Montana

July 17 - 20, 2013

## Registration Form

### Registration Fee – \$95.00 per person

Registration fee plus NPRHA or Burlington Route Membership are required to participate in convention activities. Spouse and children (under 16) are included with registration fee. Saturday banquet is priced separately.

**Convention Headquarters: Crowne Plaza Hotel**  
**27 North 27th Street, Billings, MT 59101,**  
**406-252-7400 or 877-270-1393**

Most activities will be at the Crowne Plaza. Specially priced blocks of rooms have been set-aside for NPRHA & Burlington Route members until June 1st. Mention you are attending the convention when registering. Parking available at the city garage with a sky bridge to the hotel. Free airport shuttle.

Please join us for the opening reception Tuesday Night July 16th at the Former Billings NP Depot. We've also invited our friends at the Burlington Route Historical Society to join us this year.

<i>Member Name</i>	<i>Spouse Badge Name</i>
<i>Name to be used on badge if different</i>	<i>Child Badge Name</i>
<i>Address</i>	<i>Child Badge Name</i>
<i>City                      State              Zip              Country</i>	<i>Child Badge Name</i>
<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>

<b>Number</b>	<b>Registration Items</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
___	Registration @ \$95.00 per NPRHA Member (includes Tues. eve reception)	_____
___	Non-NPRHA members pay @ \$25.00 for a one-year membership, NP vets subtract \$5	_____
___	Saturday Banquet @ \$35.00 each ( <b>priced separately from registration</b> )	_____
	Select Entrees:    ___ Prime Rib    ___ Chicken    ___ Salmon    ___ Vegetarian	
___	Friday Montana Rail Link Yard Tour + Lunch @ \$55 each	_____
___	Friday Bus Tour to Beartooth Pass south of Red Lodge, MT+ Lunch @ \$25 each	_____
___	Late registration fee of \$10.00 per member for registrations after June 1, 2013	_____
___	Swap meet tables needed. First one included in registration. Others @ \$20.00 each	_____
	Total	_____

Please complete this form, make your check or money order payable in U.S. Funds, to **NPRHA** and mail completed form to:

**NPRHA 2013 Convention,**  
**10423 165th Place NE, Redmond, WA 98052**

You may also register online using a credit card by accessing our secure Company Store web site:

[www.NPRHA.org](http://www.NPRHA.org). **Email questions to:** [brehmphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:brehmphoto@yahoo.com)

## Billings, Montana

Please join us in Billings, Montana this summer for an inside look at Montana's trailhead to the West. The convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in historic downtown Billings – Montana's largest city. We'll start off the week with a special reception at the former NP Billings Union Depot that once served the Northern Pacific, Chicago Burlington & Quincy and the Great Northern. The depot was restored with the help of federal and local grants and now serves as a local event center. The rest of the events will be held at the Crowne Plaza.

Rooms have been blocked at the Crowne Plaza listed above. The hotel will operate a shuttle to the airport for those arriving by air. Hotel parking is available at the city garage off N 27th Street and also off First Ave North with a convenient sky bridge connecting both buildings. Those arriving in over-sized vehicles will need to contact the convention chair for alternative parking.

Billings enjoys direct air travel to Salt Lake City, Denver, Minneapolis/St. Paul and Seattle. Due to a federally mandated construction project, making airline reservations today is strongly recommended. The Billings Airport will be closed for six (6) consecutive weekends in July and August 2013 due to runway construction. Closures begin at 9:00 a.m. on Fridays and the airport reopens at 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. If alternatives are needed to meet your needs one can fly to Cody, Wyoming or Bozeman and rent a car. Cody is a 2-hour drive of 104 miles. Bozeman's Gallatin Field is two hours 30 minutes, from Billings.

## Convention Highlights

**Tuesday Evening:** We will have a pre-convention reception at the NP Billings Depot for early arrivals. A no host bar will be open with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and music for your enjoyment.

**During the Convention:** The Company Store will be set up on the third floor in the convention venue along with the welcome table. Modeling activities are scheduled for the third floor. Aaron Gjermundson is serving as modeling chairperson.

**Wednesday and Thursday:** Participants are invited to attend a variety of hour-long presentations. These will include topics like: How NP Shaped Billings, The new Elkhorn Grant, Recently acquired NP photo collections, NP Land Grants, The Billings Depot, A Miles City NP Depot Update, and a veterans' panel, modeling and much more. Evenings will be open to slides, the company store and social activities along with model layout tours.

**Friday:** Tour of Montana Rail Link's Laurel Yard (Cost is \$55). We will assemble at Crowne Plaza and board buses for the largest classification yard in the region. We also have a request to BNSF for a tour of their Rail Manufacturing Plant which is still tentative at press time. The day will end back at the Crowne Plaza. Cost of the tour is \$55 per person and includes lunch. (*\*Steel-toed safety boots are required for the Rail Plant Tour. If you own a pair please bring them. NPRHA is currently working on a plan to supply slip on style accessories.*)

A Spouse's Bus Tour is being organized to travel to Beartooth Pass south of Red Lodge, Montana. Information will be at the registration desk when you check in. Spouse's Bus Tour fee is \$25, which includes lunch.

**Saturday:** Swap Meet at the Crowne Plaza. Modeling events will take place on the third floor. The general meeting, no host social, banquet (\$35,00 per person additional), and raffle will follow.

Precise details of the Convention may change, as the date gets closer. Those not taking the Friday tour will have lots of things available to do in Billings.

## Convention Chair:

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