

6th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 13-15, 1990
Montana State
University
Bozeman, MT

Rufus Cone, chair
Toured Bozeman Pass, Hoppers Tunnel and old line
between Livingston and Muir
Bill Wolverton, Special Apprentice, NP Mechanical
Department and Assistant Dynamometer Car
Operator discussed testing NP Steam Locomotives
with the Dynamometer Car
Banquet held on Livingston depot platform with live
music and trains passing by

7th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 12-14, 1991
Gladstone Hotel
Jamestown, ND

Duane Durr, chair
Train ride—Jamestown to Casselton & back, with Dirk
Lenthe's business car and others
Bill Kuebler moderated Jamestown Vets Panel
at banquet

8th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 17-19, 1992
Lewis & Clark University
Portland, OR

Walt Ainsworth, chair 150 attendees
Train ride—Lewis and Clark Train Ride on Yacolt
Branch
SP&S No. 700 fired up at the Brooklyn Street
roundhouse, moved around the yard
as NP No. 2668
Bill Kuebler moderated first Vets Panel held other
than during banquet.

9th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 16-18, 1993
Kelly Inn
St. Paul, MN

Ken Zieska, chair 145 attendees
“Four-Dome Train West” convention theme
Train ride to White Bear Lake and return,
with *Yellowstone River* business car in consist
Bill Kuebler moderated Como Shop Vets Panel
Banquet MC was Bill Kuebler. Speaker was
NP Vice President of Operations Norm Lorentzen

10th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 15-17, 1994
Cavanaugh's Inn
Spokane

Gene Carlson, chair 170+ attendees
Motorcoach tour of Palouse & Lewiston and Camas
Prairie railroads
Bill Kuebler moderated Jamestown Vets Panel
Banquet MC was Bill Kuebler. Speaker was
Elmer Smoak

11th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 14-16, 1995
Jordan Hotel
Glendive

Lowell Vomhof, chair
Toured yards and facilities, including cab ride "at the
throttle" in yard, SD-60 (or 70) MAC
DeLonce Synstegard moderated Vets Panel.
Banquet MC was Bill Kuebler. Speaker was
Fargo Division locomotive engineer and
Yellowstone Division Road Foreman of Engines
Roy Peterson

12th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 18-21, 1996
Sheraton Hotel
Missoula

Alan Burns, chair 120 attendees
First 4-day convention
Train ride—Montana Daylight over Montana
RailLink—Missoula to St. Regis to Paradise
(lunch) to Evaro to Missoula
Bill Kuebler moderated Vets Panel.
Banquet MC was Bill Kuebler. Speaker was
Missoula engineman and Tacoma & Idaho
Divisions RFE Bud Cain

13th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 17-20, 1997
Bismarck-Mandan, ND

DeLonce Synstegard, chair
Toured NP museum in northwest Mandan
Visited Mike Booth's layout room
Terry Lanz's whirlwind van ride through
Mandan Yard
Bill Kuebler moderated Vets Panel.
Banquet MC was Jim Hill. Speaker was former
NP Passenger Traffic Representative Ed Rowell

14th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 16-19, 1998
Sheraton Hotel
Tacoma, WA

Warren Broaderick, chair
Train rides—Spirit of Washington Dinner Train
and Amtrak—Tacoma to Ellensburg (BBQ)
First vets panel including a Stewardess—
Nurse, Loraine Nygaard/Taylor
Bill Kuebler moderated Vets Panel.
Banquet speaker was former Tacoma Division
Superintendent John Hertog

15th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 14-17, 1999
St. Paul Radisson
St. Paul, MN

Jim Dick, chair 170 attendees
Toured Iron Horse Central Museum in Chisago
Toured model railroad layout in Bandana Square
Bill Kuebler moderated Vets Panel.
Banquet MC was Bill Kuebler. Speaker was
NP Vice President of Operations Norm Lorentzen

16th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 20-23, 2000
Helena, MT

Warren Broaderick 165 attendees
and Phil Beach, chairs
Train ride—Montana Daylight over Montana
RailLink—Helena to Missoula, (BBQ at MRL
Headquarters) and return
Bill Kuebler moderated Vets Panel.
Banquet MC was Bill Kuebler. Speaker was NP
telegrapher Jim Fredrickson and his
“Top Ten Reasons Why I Like NP”

17th Annual NPRHA Convention

**July 12-15, 2001
Duluth, MN**

Jon Bratt, chair
GNRHS / NPRHA Convention Steam Excursion—
No. 328 to Stillwater over Chicago Northwestern
for “Lumberjack Days”
Unique clinic presentation by Fireman Lee Tuskey,
describing a 1950s trip on steam out of Duluth
Bill Kuebler moderated Vets Panel.
Banquet MC was Bill Kuebler.
First year for Author Award, given to
Jim Fredrickson for *Shutterbug* and
John Strauss, Jr. for *NP Color Pictorial Vol. 4*
President’s Award to Joy Wildung

18th Annual NPRHA Convention

**July 11-14, 2002
Holiday Inn Airport
Portland, OR**

Jim Russell, chair
Brooklyn Street Roundhouse tour
Shared some activities with SP&S members
Bill Kuebler moderated first and only all female, all
Stewardess–Nurse Vets Panel with
Barbara (Person) Hancock in uniform.
Banquet MC was Bill Kuebler. Speaker was
Stewardess–Nurse Supervisor Joan (Reitz) Dolan
President’s Award and Service Award given to
Larry Schrenk
Convention car: 5–car set of NP 50’ boxcars by
Branchline; 50 sets run.

19th Annual NPRHA Convention

**July 16-20, 2003
Sheraton Hotel
Billings**

Jon Bratt, chair
Train ride—*Montana Daylight* over Montana
RailLink—Billings to Whitehall to Livingston
(BBQ on platform before motor coach ride back to
Billings)
Bill Kuebler moderated Vets Panel.
Banquet MC was Bill Kuebler. Speaker was
Richard Beulke, NP Personnel Department
Author Award to Larry Schrenk for *Northern Pacific
Classic Steam Era*
Tribute to Warren McGee
Plaque to Ruth Eckes
Convention car: 50’ AAR with billboard lettering by
Branchline. Artwork produced by NPRHA.

20th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 14-18, 2004
Red Lion
Pasco

Phil Beach, chair 130 attendees
Toured Pasco yard and visited PF&S Hobby
Shared some activities with SP&S members
Bill Kuebler moderated Vets Panel.
Banquet MC was Bill Kuebler, and speaker was
trainman and union representative
Charles D. Kilbury
President's Award to Phil Beach
Service Awards to Bill Kuebler, Gary Tarbox
and Bob McCoy
Convention car: 5 different numbers of Hart–Rogers
ballast hoppers by Atlas

21st Annual NPRHA Convention

July 13-17, 2005
Holiday Inn
Fargo, ND

Duane Durr, chair 110 attendees
Toured John Deere factory
Bill Kuebler moderated Vets Panel.
Banquet MC was Bill Kuebler, and speaker was
NP Vice President of Operations Norm Lorentzen
Author Award to Bill Kuebler for *The Vista Dome*
North Coast Limited
President's Award to Art Pew and John Robinson
announced. Actual presentation delayed.
Convention car: 2–bay PS–2 covered hopper/cement
car No. 75280 by Kadee. Also NPRHA–developed
motor car shed, fuel shed and scale house kits and
“4–Dome Train West” sign by Blair Line.

22nd Annual NPRHA Convention

July 12-16, 2006
GranTree Inn
Bozeman, MT

Jan Taylor, chair 120 attendees
Train ride—*Copper City Express* over Rarus Railway
Butte to Anaconda and return
Phil Beach moderated panel of MRL engineers
who operate over former NP tracks.
Banquet MC was Bill Taylor. Speaker was
Washington Transportation Group president
Bill Brodsky
Convention car: 1926 50' Single Sheathed Auto boxcar
resin kit by Speedwitch Media. Also Third Class,
2-story combination depot kit, Plan S-26 produced
by the NPRHA Modeling Committee.

23rd Annual NPRHA Convention

July 11-15, 2007
Seven Seas Inn
Mandan, ND

Michael Booth, chair 100 attendees
“Where the West Begins” theme
Banquet MC was Bob Horne, and the speaker was
Frank Vyzralek, North Dakota historian, on
The Story of the Mandan South and North Lines.
Service Award to Bob Horne and Ed Ursem, both
retiring from Board of Directors this year.
Author Award to John Lubetkin for *Jay Cooke’s*
Gamble – The Northern Pacific Railroad, the Sioux,
and the Panic of 1873.
Convention car: NP Mechanical Reefers from Red
Caboose, fully assembled, twelve different numbers

24th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 9-12, 2008
Sheraton Hotel
Tacoma, WA

Jerry Pickell, chair 180 attendees
Jim Fredrickson Country
Train ride—Tacoma Rail—Tacoma to Eatonville
Bill Kuebler moderated Vets Panel.
Banquet MC was Bill Taylor and the speaker was
Ronald E. Magden, Ph.D.—“Tacoma Sails to Rails”

25th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 15-18, 2009
White Bear Country Inn
White Bear Lake, MN

Jim Dick, chair 120 attendees
Tours of Jackson Street Round House, Iron Horse
Central Railroad Museum, river boat ride.
Jack Christensen and Bill Kuebler moderated Vets
Panels.
Banquet MC was Ken Zieska. Speaker was
NP Vet Ken Walkowaik.
Convention models: double bay tool shed, ice shed
track—side phone booth, double privy—all produced
by the NPRHA Modeling Committee.

26th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 14-17, 2010
Mirabeau Park Hotel
Spokane, WA

Mike Applegate, Mike Lustig, co-chairs

27th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 13-16, 2011
Duluth, MN

Jim Dick, chair

28th Annual NPRHA Convention

July 18-21, 2012
War Bonnet Inn
Butte, MT

Bill Taylor, chair