

2014 NPRHA Convention Yakima/Toppenish, Washington

July 16 – 19, 2014

Registration Form

Registration Fee - \$95 per person

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

Convention Headquarters:

Yakima Valley Hotel & Convention Center

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Please join us for the opening reception Tuesday Night July 15, 2014 at the convention center.

Member Name	Spouse badge Name
Name to be used on badge if different	Child Badge Name
Address	Child Badge Name
City, State, Zip, Country	Child Badge Name
Phone	Email

Number	Registration Items	Amounts
_____	Registration @ \$95 per NPRHA Member (includes Tues. eve reception	_____
_____	Non-NPRHA members pay @\$25 for a one-year membership, NP vets subtract \$5	_____
_____	Friday Bus Tour to Northern Pacific Railway Museum in Toppenish, NP caboose ride, catered lunch, Yakima Valley Trolley tour and trolley ride @ \$50	_____
_____	Friday spouse tours: lunch with NP Museum/Toppenish murals/Yakama Cultural Center @35	_____
_____	Saturday banquet@ \$35 each (priced separately from registration	_____
	Select entrees: ___Prime Rib ___Chicken ___Salmon ___Vegetarian	
_____	Late registration fee of \$10 per member for registrations after June 1, 2014	_____
_____	Swap meet tables needed. First one included in registration. Others @ \$20 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 2014 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. Email questions to dwshearer@centurylink.net

Yakima/Toppenish, Washington

Visit us on the dry side of Washington State for a look at the impact of the Northern Pacific on the once arid Yakima Valley. Current railroad operations in the Yakima Valley are mostly empty unit trains making an eastbound crossing of the old Cascade Branch (traversing the “iron triangle”-westbound through the Columbia Gorge, north to Auburn, and eastbound over the old Stampede Pass of the NP); nonetheless, a lot of NP history still exists and the importance of the railroad to Yakima Valley development is evident. You may want extra time to visit the Yakima Valley Wineries, Yakama Nation Cultural Center, Toppenish murals, Central Washington Agricultural Museum or McCallister Museum of Aviation. If one wants to add several additional days, a visit to Mt. Rainier or Mt. St. Helens is within easy driving distance.

Transportation-Horizon Airlines flies into Yakima though flights are rather limited. An alternative is to fly into Pasco and rent a car. Flights can be cheaper as there are many direct flights into Pasco. Amtrak no longer goes through Yakima but does stop in Pasco if one wants to come by train.

Lodging: Most activities will be at the *Yakima Valley Hotel and Convention Center* (not the same as the Yakima Convention Center). Specially priced blocks of rooms have been set-aside for NPRHA members until June 1, 2014. Mention that you are attending the convention when registering. Free parking on site and free airport shuttle is available.

Convention Highlights

Tuesday Evening: The pre-convention reception will take place at the Yakima Valley Hotel where rooms have been set aside for convention attendees.

Wednesday and Thursday: A variety of presentations are planned to cover topics involving the Cascade Branch and route that it traverses. Topics will also include the Northern Improvement Company (NP coal mines in Roslyn) , the Parker gantlet-tracked bridge along with others. At least four veterans who have not attended previous NPRHA conventions plan to attend and share experiences.

Friday: A bus tour to the Northern Pacific Railway Museum in Toppenish is planned. A 1930 vintage NP freight train will be on site and opportunities offered for photos and a short ride in a restored 1908 NP wooden caboose. The museum will only be open to convention attendees on that day. A catered lunch will be provided. A trip to the Yakima Valley Trolley's will follow with short rides and tours of the powerhouse and trolley barn with its belt driven machine shop. In transit one will be able to see views of the mainline as well as the old Sunnyside Branch.

Saturday: The swap meet, modeling events and general meeting as well as the no host social and convention banquet will all be held at the hotel.

Spouse events: Thursday-guided winery tour depending on interest. Friday- Spouse tours will also be offered with the same catered lunch in Toppenish, but with a focus on the Yakama Nation Cultural Center and Toppenish Murals with less focus on the railroad. For those not wanting these tours there are abundant things to do in the area as described above.

Evenings will be mostly free with opportunities for open projector, company store and a few layout tours.

This is a tentative schedule and depending on demand there may be some changes and variations in tours.

Email questions to dwshearer@centurylink.net or call 509-854-1971