

# BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2008 CONVENTION NEW HAMPSHIRE

March 6, 2008

To all BHA Members:

We are pleased to announce that the Bus History Association's 2008 Convention will be held in **Manchester, New Hampshire** from **Friday, June 20 to Sunday, June 22, 2008**. A full and interesting program is being arranged starting with an informal get together on Thursday June 19 to allow everyone to renew acquaintances, discuss the bus industry or exchange, trade or sell bus items.

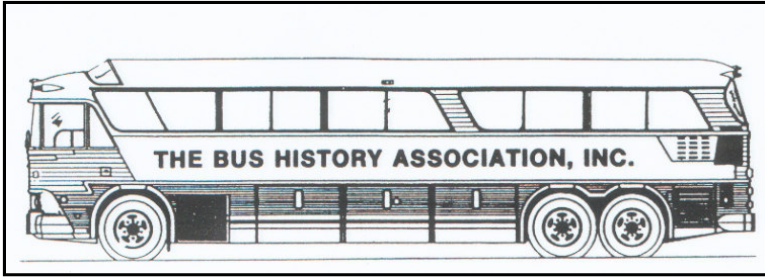
- **Thursday** will offer a pre-convention activity with a visit to the Mount Washington Cog Railway. On the return trip to the hotel, we hope to stop at Advance Transit in Wilder, Vermont and possibly some intercity companies in White River Junction.
- **Friday** will see us tour transit and intercity properties in eastern and coastal New Hampshire including Concord, Durham and Dover.
- **Saturday** will see us tour transit and intercity properties in northern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire including Lowell, Lawrence, Nashua and Manchester.
- **Sunday** will see us visit the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, Maine as well as a quick stop in Biddeford-Saco, Maine. Seashore has an extensive historical motor bus (over 40 units), trolley bus and streetcar collection.

Evening activities will include the regular Annual General Meeting on the Friday night with slide shows of local historical material on both the Friday and Saturday nights.

The Convention Registration Form and Hotel Registration Form have been included with this letter. An information package and detailed itinerary will be issued with your Registration package upon arrival at the Convention. Please note the following regarding the convention activities:

- The **Thursday** pre-convention activity will depart the hotel at 8:00 AM sharp. A car pool will be used to travel to Mount Washington and the BHA is looking for members with cars to volunteer. Fuel costs will be shared and admission fee (2008 adult rate is \$ 59.00) to the Cog Railway **is not included** in the BHA registration fee. Further information will be e-mailed to members once known.
- The **Friday** and **Saturday** tours will leave the hotel at **8:00 AM sharp** each day.
- The **Sunday** tour will start at **8:30 AM sharp**. For those members flying out of Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, the BHA will be able to offer a ride to the airport aboard our charter coach with approximate arrival at 4:30 PM.
- The convention registration includes admission to the Seashore Trolley Museum on the Sunday but does not include admission to the Cog Railway on Thursday.

The host hotel, **Holiday Inn Manchester Airport** is ideally suited for the convention. The Airport Diner, an authentic 50's style diner offers home style meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. There are numerous other restaurants located a short drive away including Outback Steakhouse, Applebee's and TGIF. The hotel offers wireless internet access in all of the rooms. For spouses, the Mall of New Hampshire is only one mile away while downtown Manchester is only three miles.



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The hotel is also conveniently accessible by transit, taxi and/or car from Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT). Over the past few years, MHT has become a viable alternative to Logan Airport in Boston and is now serviced by Air Canada, Delta Airlines, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines and others. The Holiday Inn offers a 24 hour shuttle service to/from the Airport.

For members driving, the hotel is located right off of Interstate highway 293. Please refer to the directions listed below to determine potential routings to the hotel.

We look forward to seeing you in New Hampshire in June 2008 and hope you take advantage of this opportunity to see old friends and new sights.

Paul Leger  
Chairman, Bus History Association, Inc.

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## **Holiday Inn – Manchester Airport** 2280 Brown Avenue, Manchester, NH, 03103

### **How to get there – via Public Transit:**

#### **From Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT)**

- From Airport Terminal, board Manchester Transit route 3 – Brown Ave./Airport northbound (operates every 60 minutes from 5:48 AM to 5:48 PM).
- Short walk to hotel after alighting from the bus, just south of Winston Street.

#### **From Canal St. Transp. Centre in Manchester**

- Vermont Transit (Greyhound) and Concord Coach Lines have daily service to the Canal Street Transportation Centre.
- Board Manchester Transit route 3 – Brown Ave./Airport southbound (operates every 60 minutes from 5:25 AM to 5:25 PM).

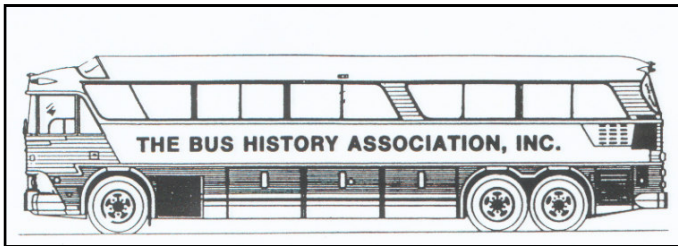
### **How to get there – via car:**

#### **From Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT)**

- From Airport Terminal, follow Airport Road to the west.
- At Brown Avenue, turn right (north) and travel about 1.1 miles to the hotel.

#### **From the south (Boston, MA)**

- Follow Interstate 93 north to Interstate 293 west.
- Exit at Brown Avenue, turn right (south) and travel one quarter mile south to the hotel.



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## NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State / Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip / Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

To better help us plan and to ensure that members do not get 'lost in the shuffle' please indicate which nights you intend to stay at the hotel and the days you plan to join in on the BHA activities.

### Hotel – Night of:

Thursday June 19 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday June 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday June 21 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday June 22 \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Nights? \_\_\_\_\_ Looking To Share Hotel Room? \_\_\_\_\_

Or - I will have other accommodation elsewhere \_\_\_\_\_

### BHA Events:

Thursday, June 19 \_\_\_\_\_ (*Cog Railway – Optional*) Friday, June 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, June 21 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, June 22 \_\_\_\_\_

### Please enclose the appropriate convention registration fee:

**BHA Members** (*Currently Paid Up*) → **\$ 65 (US or CDN)** \_\_\_\_\_ (*All Three Days*)

→ Daily Rate **\$ 25 (US or CDN)** per day Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that admission to Seashore Trolley Museum is included in the registration but admission to Cog Railway is not.*

**NON Members** **\$ 80 (US or CDN)** \_\_\_\_\_ (*All Three Days*)

→ Daily Rate **\$ 30 (US or CDN)** per day Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Non members may pay the lower fee by becoming a BHA Member at the rate of **\$25.00 US or \$35.00 CDN** \*\*\*

Would you be agreeable to sharing a portion of the charter bus expenses should this become necessary? \_\_\_\_\_

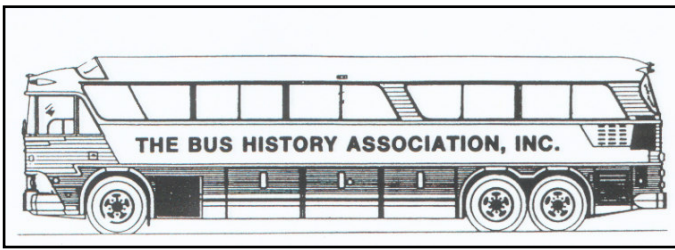
Please make your registration cheque or money order payable to **"The Bus History Association Inc."** and remit with this form to:

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Windsor ON N9B 2G1  
CANADA  
(519) 977-0664  
[bdrouillard3@cogeco.ca](mailto:bdrouillard3@cogeco.ca)

Please advise as soon as possible your intention to attend the 2008 Convention to enable the Association to complete all the arrangements.

Thanks and we will see you in New Hampshire!

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2008 CONVENTION NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Hotel Reservation Form

A block of rooms for convention attendees has been reserved at:

### **Holiday Inn – Manchester**

2280 Brown Avenue

Manchester, NH, 03103

Tel: (603) 641-6466 Reservations: (866) 807-5913 Fax: (603) 641-5655

[www.manchesterhi.com](http://www.manchesterhi.com)

The special BHA convention rate is \$ 119.00 per night, plus applicable taxes, for a room with either single or double occupancy. Check in time is 3:00 pm and check out time is 12:00 noon. Free high-speed internet access is available in all rooms. The reserved room block consists of rooms with two double beds.

Please use one of the following three options to reserve your room:

- (1) Call the hotel at (866) 807-5913, Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm EST/EDT and ask for **Mrs. Rachel Kuhn**. If you call outside of these hours, please ask to speak to a Guest Services Representative to assist you with your reservation. It is essential that you quote the **group name** (Bus History Association) at the time of making your reservation.
- (2) Fax the following information to the hotel at fax number (603) 641-5655:

Group Name **Bus History Association**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Province/State, Postal/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Contact # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date June 19 \_\_\_\_\_ June 20 \_\_\_\_\_ June 21 \_\_\_\_\_ June 22 \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date June 21 \_\_\_\_\_ June 22 \_\_\_\_\_ June 23 \_\_\_\_\_ June 24 \_\_\_\_\_

# in Room \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Issuer (VISA, MasterCard, Amex, Discovery) \_\_\_\_\_

Exact Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

- (3) Email the information at (2) above to [holidayinn@Manchesterhi.com](mailto:holidayinn@Manchesterhi.com)

**The room block is available until 5:00 pm EDT on Monday, May 19, 2008. At the time, any unreserved rooms in the block will be released for re-sale by the hotel.**