

# BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2009 CONVENTION

## Edmonton-Calgary AB

February 22, 2009

To all BHA Members:

We are pleased to announce that the Bus History Association's 2009 Convention will be held in **Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta** from **Friday, June 12 to Monday, June 15, 2009**. A full and interesting program is being arranged starting with an informal get together on Thursday June 11 to allow everyone to renew acquaintances, discuss the bus industry or exchange, trade or sell bus items.

- **Friday** will see us tour transit and intercity properties in the Edmonton area. It is hoped to include a 3-4 hour charter of a BBC trolley coach as part of the itinerary as well as a light rail facility tour.
- **Saturday** will see us tour some of the suburban area transit properties (Strathcona County, St. Albert). Fort Edmonton Park and the high level bridge streetcar will also be visited.
- **Sunday** will be an off day to allow the group to travel **on their own** to Calgary for the second part of the convention. Please refer to the directions page of the registration package for options available to travel between the cities.
- **Monday** will see us tour transit and intercity properties in the Calgary area. A light rail facility tour will hopefully be included. A visit to Red Deer for the afternoon rush hour is also planned.

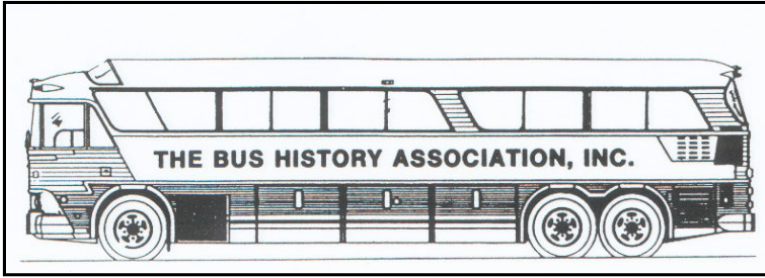
Evening activities will include the regular Annual General Meeting on the Friday night with slide shows of local historical material on both the Friday and Saturday nights.

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 **Friday, Saturday and Monday** tours will leave the hotel at **8:00 AM sharp** each day.
- The **Monday** tour will involve a long day. For those members flying out of Calgary Airport after the convention, please note that the anticipated arrival time back to the hotel is after 7:00 PM. A dropoff at the airport will be provided on the way back from Red Deer.
- The convention registration fee includes a round trip on the high level bridge streetcar operated by the Edmonton Radial Railway Society but **does not** include admission to Fort Edmonton Park.

The host hotels, **Days Inn Downtown Edmonton** and **the Travelodge Calgary South** are ideally suited for the convention and BHA members.

In **Edmonton**, the Days Inn is located within a block of the Corona light rail station and only two blocks away from the Bay station. Albert's family restaurant is located on site and numerous other eating establishments are only a short walk away from the hotel. Some of the trolley routes still operated by Edmonton Transit run east-west along Jasper Avenue, just a short walk away from the main doors of the hotel. The hotel is also located only about a half mile away from the Edmonton Greyhound terminal.



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The Edmonton International Airport (YEG) is located approximately 30 kilometers south of downtown Edmonton. There is no transit service to the airport, however various shuttle options exist for BHA members flying into YEG. Please refer to the directions page of the registration package for more information on the options available to travel from the airport to the hotel.

In **Calgary**, the Travelodge Calgary South is located a short half mile walk from the Chinook light rail station. Chinook Mall is also close by along with a number of restaurants within a reasonable walk. A free continental breakfast is also included with the BHA convention rate.

The Calgary International Airport (YYC) is located in the north part of the city, approximately 20 kilometers from the host hotel. Please refer to the directions page of the registration package for more information on the options available to travel from the airport to the hotel.

The year 2009 is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the trolley bus in Edmonton, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the introduction of the GMC new look bus and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Calgary Transit. All of these milestones will be prominently included in our activities for the Edmonton-Calgary convention.

While in the area, be sure to take an extra few days to explore the spectacular Canadian Rockies. The quaint town of Banff is only about an hour and a half from Calgary and offers spectacular scenery, numerous specialty shops and even hybrid Nova buses. Jasper, located at the northern end of the Icefields Parkway is approximately a four hour drive from Edmonton and three hours from Banff. The Columbia Icefields are located an hour south of Jasper and is home to the Athabaska Glacier, where huge six wheeled Snocoaches of Brewster Inc. travel across the ice to take tourists to the foot of the glacier.

We look forward to seeing you in Alberta in June 2009 and hope you take advantage of this opportunity to see old friends and new sights.

Paul Leger  
Chairman, Bus History Association, Inc.

**Days Inn – Downtown Edmonton**  
10041-106<sup>th</sup> Street, Edmonton, AB, T5J 1G3

**How to get there – via Shuttle Van:**

**From Edmonton International Airport (YEG)**

- Sky Shuttle has a fleet of 10 passenger vans that provide shuttle service between the airport and downtown.
- Take the University Shuttle which departs every 45-60 minutes and stops at the Days Inn on request.
- The one-way fare is \$ 15 and more information is available on their website or by phone (780-465-8515).
- Their website is [www.edmontonskyshuttle.ca](http://www.edmontonskyshuttle.ca)

**How to get there – Other Modes:**

**From VIA Train Station (12360-121 Street)**

- Take Edmonton Transit route 12 (at intersection of 122 St & 118 Ave.) which will take you to the Northgate Transit Centre.
- Transferring to route 16 will take you to 107 St & Jasper which is one block away from the hotel.

**From Greyhound Bus Depot (10324 -103 Street)**

- Walk three blocks south on 103<sup>rd</sup> Street and three blocks west on Jasper Avenue to the hotel.

**How to get there – via car:**

**From Edmonton International Airport (YEG)**

- From the Airport Service Road, follow 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue out to Highway # 2.
- Continue north on Highway # 2 and north on 103<sup>rd</sup> Street NW.
- Continue west on 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW, north on 109<sup>th</sup> Street NW.
- Take the Walterdale Bridge over the Saskatchewan River and continue north on 105<sup>th</sup> Street NW.
- Turn left on 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW and right on 106<sup>th</sup> Street NW. The hotel will be on the right side.

**From the east or west**

- Follow Highway 16 to St. Albert Trail. Continue south on St. Albert Trail, east on 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, south on Kingsway Avenue NW and south on 109<sup>th</sup> Street NW.
- Continue east on Jasper Avenue NW and south on 106<sup>th</sup> Street NW. The hotel will be on the left.

**From the south**

- On Highway # 2, south of Edmonton, follow the directions from the airport shown to the left.

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**Travelodge – Calgary South**

7012 Macleod Trail NE, Calgary, AB, T2H 0L3

**How to get there – via Transit:**

**From Calgary International Airport (YYC)**

- Take Calgary Transit route 57 (arrivals level, bus bay 20) to the Whitehorn light rail station on the 202 line.
- Take the **City Centre** train downtown to the first stop on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (3<sup>rd</sup> Street East Station).
- Cross to the other side of the street (City Hall Station) and board a **Somerset** train and southbound to Heritage Station.
- Transfer to route 81 and take it northbound to the hotel.
- Option 2 – From Chinook Station, walk west along 61 Avenue SW and south on MacLeod Trail SW to the Travelodge hotel.

**How to get there – Other Modes:**

**From Greyhound Bus Depot (850 - 16 Street)**

- Turn left as you leave the terminal and walk towards the back of the terminal and a block towards downtown following 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
- There is a bus stop for Calgary Transit route 10 **Southcentre** on the off ramp from the 14<sup>th</sup> Street bridge.
- Stay on this bus until it turns left at MacLeod Trail and 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue.
- The hotel is two blocks south of this point.

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7012 Macleod Trail NE, Calgary, AB, T2H 0L3

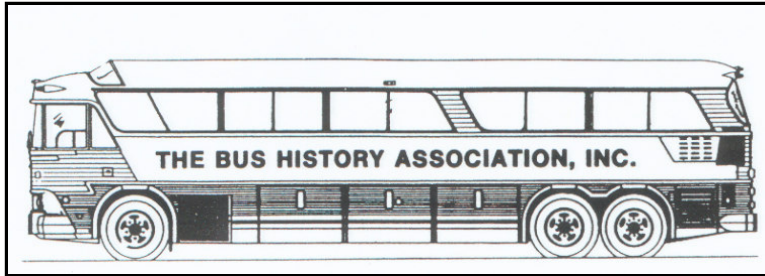
**How to get there – via Car:**

**From the west (Banff and Canmore, AB)**

- Follow the Trans-Canada Highway # 1 to Sarcee Trail SW.
- Continue east on Glenmore Trail SW.
- Continue south on Macleod Trail NE to the hotel.

**From Edmonton**

- Follow Highway # 2 out of town and proceed south.
- Upon arrival in Calgary, follow Highway # 2 (Deerfield Trail SE).
- Proceed west on Glenmore Trail SE and south on Macleod Trail to the Hotel.



**EDMONTON to CALGARY**

**Travel Options**

Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> is scheduled as an off day for the convention to all registrants to travel to Calgary. By car, the drive between the two cities is approximately 3 hours. If you are planning on going via Jasper, Banff and the Icefields Parkway, you should allow at least 10-12 hours.

**CAR POOLING**

The Bus History Association will try to arrange car pooling for those convention registrants who do not have transportation. If participating in a car pool, fuel costs will be shared equally among all participants.

If you plan to have a vehicle available to be used in the car pool, please indicate this fact on your registration form along with the number of additional people that you would be able to accommodate.

The BHA will try to accommodate members as best as possible, but there are other options to travel between Edmonton and Calgary.

**GREYHOUND CANADA**

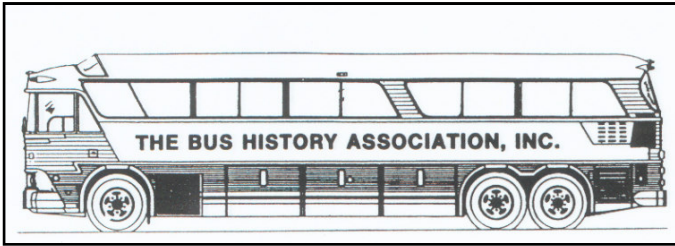
Greyhound Canada provides approximately nine trips on Sundays between the two cities and the one way fare is approximately \$ 52.00. Please refer to the Greyhound website at [www.greyhound.ca](http://www.greyhound.ca) for more information.

**RED ARROW MOTORCOACH**

Red Arrow Motorcoach provides approximately six trips on Sundays between the two cities and the one way fare is approximately \$ 67.00. Red Arrow picks up at the Holiday Inn Express (2 blocks from the Days Inn). Dropoff in Calgary would be at 9<sup>th</sup> Ave and 1<sup>st</sup> St SE. Walk two blocks to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave to catch the southbound **SOMERSET** train from the Centre Street Station. Please refer to the Red Arrow website at [www.redarrow.ca](http://www.redarrow.ca) for more information.

**VIA RAIL CANADA**

There is no VIA train service between Edmonton and Calgary.



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### ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

To better help us plan 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:**

Edmonton: Wednesday June 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday June 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday June 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday June 13 \_\_\_\_\_

Calgary: Sunday June 14 \_\_\_\_\_ Monday June 15 \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday June 16 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**BHA Events:**

Friday, June 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, June 13 \_\_\_\_\_ Monday, June 15 \_\_\_\_\_

**Car Pooling (Edmonton to Calgary) on Sunday, June 14:**

I will need a ride \_\_\_\_\_ I can offer a ride \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ additional people.

I will make my own way \_\_\_\_\_ between Edmonton and Calgary.

**Please enclose the appropriate convention registration fee:**

**BHA Members** (Currently Paid Up) → \$ 65 (CDN) or \$ 55 (US) \_\_\_\_\_ (All Three Days)

→ Daily Rate \$ 25 (CDN) or \$ 20 (US) per day Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that a ride on the ERRS high level bridge streetcar is included but admission to Fort Edmonton Park is not.*

**NON Members** \$ 80 (CDN) or \$ 65 (US) \_\_\_\_\_ (All Three Days)

→ Daily Rate \$ 30 (CDN) or \$ 25 (US) per day Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* 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? \_\_\_\_\_

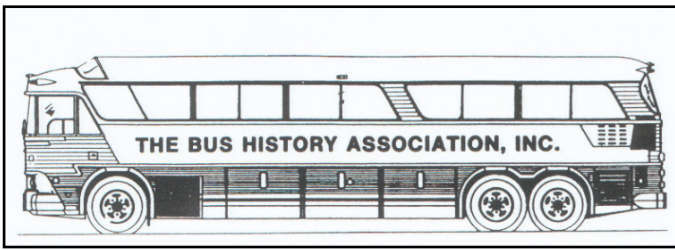
**Please make your registration cheque or money order payable to “The Bus History Association Inc.” and remit with this form to:**

Mr. Bernie Drouillard  
Bus History Association  
965 McEwan  
Windsor Ontario, CANADA N9B 2G1  
(519) 977-0664 [bdrouillard3@cogeco.ca](mailto:bdrouillard3@cogeco.ca)

Please advise as soon as possible your intention to attend the 2009 Convention to enable the Association to complete all the arrangements.

Thanks and we will see you in Alberta!

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



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### Hotel Reservation Form – CALGARY (For Edmonton hotel – please see over)

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

#### Travelodge – Calgary South

7012 Macleod Trail SE

Calgary, AB, T2H 0L3

Tel: (403) 253-1111

Toll-free: (888) 314-1444

Fax: (403) 253-2879

[tlscalgary@hotmail.com](mailto:tlscalgary@hotmail.com)

The special BHA convention rate is \$ 82.00 per night, plus applicable taxes of 9%, 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. A free continental breakfast is also included in the convention rate. The reserved room block consists of rooms with two double beds or one king bed.

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

- (1) Call the hotel at (888) 314-1444 (toll-free) or (403) 253-1111. It is essential that you quote the **group name** (Bus History Association) at the time of making your reservation. (Please do **not** call Travelodge central reservations to reserve your room).
- (2) Fax the following information to the hotel at fax number (403) 253-2879:

Group Name: **Bus History Association**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Arrival Date June 13 \_\_\_\_\_ June 14 \_\_\_\_\_ June 15 \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date June 15 \_\_\_\_\_ June 16 \_\_\_\_\_ June 17 \_\_\_\_\_ June 18 \_\_\_\_\_

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

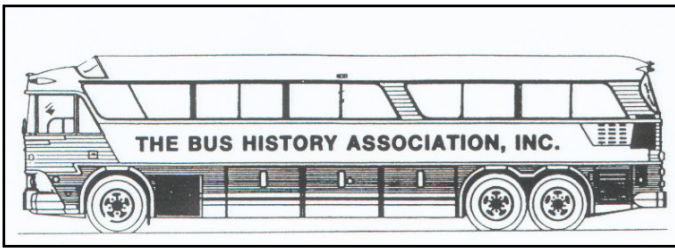
Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**The room block is available until 7:00 pm EDT on Monday, May 11, 2009. At the time, any unreserved rooms in the block will be released for re-sale by the hotel.**



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### Hotel Reservation Form – EDMONTON (For Calgary hotel – please see over)

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

#### Days Inn Downtown Edmonton

10041-106 Street, Jasper Avenue & 106th Street  
Edmonton, AB, T5J 1G3

Tel: (780) 423-1925 Toll-free: (800) 267-2191 Fax: (780) 424-5302

<http://www.daysinn-downtownedmonton.com/>

The special BHA convention rate is \$ 99.00 per night, plus applicable taxes of 10.5%, 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 and free parking is available in the adjacent parking garage (6'3" height restriction). The reserved room block consists of rooms with two double beds or one king bed. Please note that the Days Inn Downtown Edmonton features recently renovated rooms and is now **100% smoking free** (no smoking rooms available).

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

- (1) Call the hotel at (800) 267-2191 (toll-free) or (780) 423-1925. It is essential that you quote the **group name** (Bus History Association) at the time of making your reservation. (Please do **not** call Days Inn central reservations to reserve your room).
- (2) Fax the following information to the hotel at fax number (780) 424-5302:

Group Name: **Bus History Association** Hotel Contact: **Freida Valji**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Arrival Date June 10 \_\_\_\_\_ June 11 \_\_\_\_\_ June 12 \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date June 13 \_\_\_\_\_ June 14 \_\_\_\_\_

# in Room \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- (3) Email the information at (2) above to [reservations@daysinn-downtownedmonton.com](mailto:reservations@daysinn-downtownedmonton.com)

**The room block is available until 7:00 pm EDT on Monday, May 11, 2009. At the time, any unreserved rooms in the block will be released for re-sale by the hotel.**