

# BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2010 CONVENTION Pittsburgh PA

March 2, 2010

To all BHA Members:

We are pleased to announce that the Bus History Association's 2010 Convention will be held in **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania** from **Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. A full and interesting program is being arranged starting with an informal get together on Thursday June 10 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 Pittsburgh and areas north, including Port Authority Transit (PAT), New Castle Transit, Beaver County Transit, Coach USA – Lenzner and others.
- **Saturday** will see us tour transit properties in Pittsburgh and areas south and west, including the PAT light rail facility, Mid Mon Valley Transit and the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum.

Evening activities will include the regular Annual General Meeting on the Friday night followed by a slide show of local historical material. 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** and **Saturday** tours will leave the hotel at **8:00 AM sharp** each day.
- The convention registration **does not** include admission to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum.

The host hotel, **Crowne Plaza Hotel - Pittsburgh South** is ideally suited for the convention and BHA members. PJ's Grill and Bar is located on site and numerous other eating establishments are only a short walk away from the hotel. South Hills Village Mall is located across the street and the PAT light rail station is only a five minute walk from the hotel.

Unofficial activities are planned for Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. If you arrive in town early, please join fellow BHA members for a light rail ride to downtown followed by bus rides on the east, south and possibly west busways. Early in the evening, the BHA is hoping to tour the Duquesne Incline railway at the top of Mount Washington. Details for the unofficial day will be e-mailed to members prior to the convention.

We look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh in June 2010 and hope you take advantage of this opportunity to see old friends and new sights.

Paul Leger  
Chairman, Bus History Association, Inc.

## **Crowne Plaza Hotel – Pittsburgh South**

164 Fort Couch Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15241

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

#### **From Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT)**

##### ***Via bus and light rail:***

- Take the PAT 28X Airport Flyer to downtown Pittsburgh (Liberty and Wood).
- Wood Street Station Beechview is located about a half block south on Wood Street.
- Board either the 42S or the 47S light rail line at this station.
- South Hills Village LRT station is located at the end of the line. Upon arrival at the station, walk north along Fort Couch Road and the hotel will be on your right (approximate 5 minute walk).

#### **From Greyhound Bus Depot (55 11<sup>th</sup> Street)**

##### ***Via Light Rail***

- The Greyhound terminal is located across the street from Penn Station. Please follow the directions listed for Penn Station.

#### **From AMTRAK Penn Station (1100 Liberty Ave.)**

##### ***Via Light Rail***

- Note that PAT light rail trains no longer service Penn Station.
- From Penn Station, walk about 0.25 miles west on Liberty Avenue to Wood Street.
- Wood Street Station Beechview is located about a half block south on Wood Street.
- Board either the 42S or the 47S light rail line at this station.
- South Hills Village LRT station is located at the end of the line. Upon arrival at the station, walk north along Fort Couch Road and the hotel will be on your right (approximate 5 minute walk).

---

### **How to get there – via car:**

#### **From Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) and points west**

- Follow Airport Blvd. to State Road 60 to exit the Airport.
- Follow signs to I-376 South (Airport Parkway).
- Take I-376 to I-79 South.
- Follow I-79 to the exit for State Road 50 (Miller's Run Road).
- Travel east on SR-50 and turn left at Washington Pike.
- Take Washington Pike to Bower Hill Road.
- Turn right on Bower Hill Road, right on Painters Run Road and right on McMillan Road.
- Fort Couch Road will be the first road on the left.
- Turn left and proceed 1.6 miles on Fort Couch Road.
- The Crowne Plaza Hotel will be on the left.

#### **From the north**

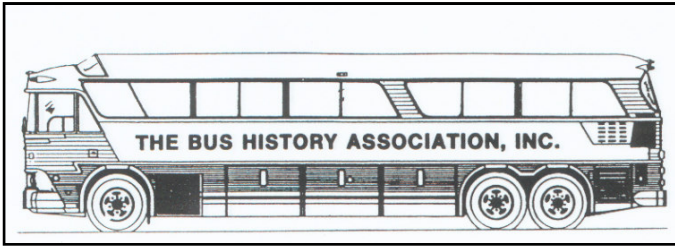
- Coming from the north, follow I-79 to I-279 South.
- Upon arrival in the downtown area, follow signs to I-579 South (Crosstown Blvd).
- Crosstown Blvd. turns into the Liberty Bridge and Liberty Tunnel to go under Mount Washington.
- Upon exiting the tunnel, it is now State Road 19 (West Liberty Avenue).
- West Liberty Avenue turns into Washington Road.
- Follow Washington Road south to Fort Couch Road and turn left.

#### **From the south**

- Follow I-79 north to the exit for State Road 50 (Miller's Run Road).
- Exit and proceed east and follow the directions listed from the Airport.

#### **From the east**

- Follow I-70 west to the exit for State Road 51 (Clairton Blvd).
- Proceed north on SR-51, continue north on Clairton Blvd.
- Turn left on Curry Hollow Road, which turns into Broughton Road and Bethel Church Road.
- Turn right on Fort Couch Road and the hotel is on the right.



# BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2010 CONVENTION Pittsburgh, PA 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:**

Wednesday June 9 \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday June 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday June 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday June 12 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**BHA Events:**

Thursday, June 11 (unofficial) \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, June 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, June 12 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

→ Daily Rate \$ 35 (CDN) or \$ 35 (US) per day Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that admission to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum on Saturday is not included in the registration rate.

**NON Members** \$ 75 (CDN) or \$ 75 (US) \_\_\_\_\_ (Both Days)

→ Daily Rate \$ 40 (CDN) or \$ 40 (US) per day Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

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

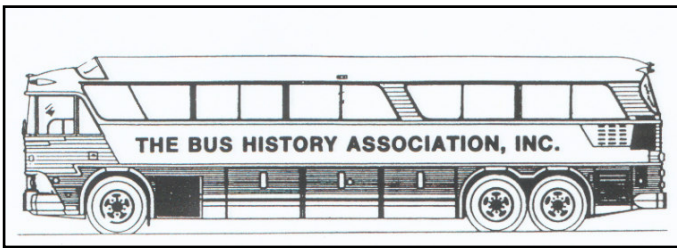
Please make your registration cheque or money order payable to “The Bus History Association Inc.” and remit with this form to:

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 2010 Convention to enable the Association to complete all the arrangements.

Thanks and we will see you in Pittsburgh!

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



# BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2010 CONVENTION Pittsburgh, PA

## Hotel Reservation Form

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

### Crowne Plaza Hotel -- Pittsburgh South

164 Fort Couch Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15241  
Tel: (412) 833-5300 Fax: (412) 833-7520

The special BHA convention rate is US \$ 104.00 per night, plus applicable taxes of 14%, for a room with either single or double occupancy. There is charge of US \$ 10.00 per person for a third or fourth person in the room. 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 or one king bed. Please note that this is a non-smoking hotel.

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

- (1) Call the hotel directly at (412) 833-5300 and ask for Group Reservations. It is essential that you quote the **group name** (Bus History Association) at the time of making your reservation. All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card. (Please do **not** call Crowne Plaza central reservations to reserve your room).
- (2) Fax the following information to the hotel at fax number (412) 833-7520, to the attention of Ariel Spencer:

Group Name: **Bus History Association**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Arrival Date June 8 \_\_\_\_\_ June 9 \_\_\_\_\_ June 10 \_\_\_\_\_ June 11 \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date June 12 \_\_\_\_\_ June 13 \_\_\_\_\_ June 14 \_\_\_\_\_ June 15 \_\_\_\_\_

# in Room \_\_\_\_\_ Requested Room Type: 2 Doubles \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**The room block is available until 5:00 pm EDT on Monday, May 10, 2010. At that time, any unreserved rooms in the block will be released for re-sale by the hotel.**