

BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2018 Convention Cincinnati and Dayton, OH

February 23, 2018

To all BHA Members:

We are pleased to announce that the Bus History Association's 2018 Convention will be held in **Dayton and Cincinnati OH** from **Wednesday, June 6th to Saturday, June 9th, 2018**. A full and interesting program is being arranged to allow everyone to renew acquaintances and discuss the transportation industry.

The Itinerary for the convention has not been finalized, but tentative details (subject to change) are shown below:

- Please note that the convention will **start in Dayton** (Wednesday morning) and **finish in Covington KY** (late Saturday afternoon).
- **Wednesday, June 6** will be a tour of the Dayton Trolley bus network. A garage visit will be included. We hope to use the restored BBC trolley bus # 110 for this tour, depending on mechanical availability. If not, a Skoda trolley bus will be substituted.
- **Wednesday evening** will be the annual meeting of the BHA, followed by a slide show.
- **Thursday, June 7** will be a very long day and will see the BHA travel to Springfield, Columbus and Cincinnati. Prior to returning to Dayton in the early evening, our charter coach will make a drop off at the Covington KY hotel. BHA members will have the option of checking into the Covington hotel for Thursday night or returning on the bus to Dayton.
- **Friday, June 8** will be a half day (in the afternoon). BHA members who elected to return to Dayton for Thursday evening will be on their own to travel to Covington KY in the morning. There may be a limited number of carpool spots available but it cannot be guaranteed. The afternoon tour, departing the hotel at 1:00 PM, will visit TANK (Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky) facilities.
- **Saturday, June 9** will see the BHA remain in the Cincinnati area. Visits to Cincinnati Metro and the Cincinnati Bell Connector Streetcar are planned. We will also see the impressive historic vehicle collection of the Cincinnati Transit Historical Association (CTHA).

The host hotels are the **Crowne Plaza – Dayton** (33 East 5th Street) and the **Holiday Inn Cincinnati Riverfront** (600 West 3rd Street, Covington, KY). The Dayton hotel is only a couple of blocks away from the downtown Wright Stop Plaza Transit Center. It is also only two blocks from the historic Oregon District, which has many eating establishments.

The Covington hotel is only a short 15 minute ride on the TANK Southbank Shuttle from downtown Cincinnati. It also has numerous eating establishments within a short walking distance.

Public Transit is available for BHA members travelling to the Dayton International Airport (DAY). Greater Dayton Transit route 43 (Dayton International Airport-Vandalia-Northwoods Blvd.-Peters Pike) provides service between the Airport and the Wright Stop Plaza Transit Center. The hotel is located two blocks south of the transit terminal. For BHA members travelling to the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG), route 2X-Airporter

for the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky provides service between the airport and Government Square in downtown Cincinnati. Route 2X also stops within a few blocks of the hotel in Covington.

For BHA members who fly into Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Greyhound offers daily service between Cincinnati and Dayton. The Cincinnati Greyhound Terminal is located downtown at 1005 Gilbert Avenue, approximately 0.8 miles from Government Square (a direct ride eastbound on Metro route 11). The Greyhound Terminal in the greater Dayton area is at 2075 Shiloh Springs Road, Trotwood, OH. This is also the location of the Greater Dayton Transit Northwest Hub and frequent service is offered to downtown via routes 2, 8, 9 or 14.

For BHA members travelling by car to Dayton:

- From the east (via Columbus), follow I-70 westbound to exit 33 (I-75 southbound). Follow I-75 south to exit 53 (Third Street/Salem Avenue). Turn left on West 5th Street and follow it to the hotel at 33 East 5th Street.
- From the north (via Toledo), follow I-75 south to exit 53 (Third Street/Salem Avenue). Turn left on West 5th Street and follow it to the hotel at 33 East 5th Street.
- From the west follow I-70 eastbound to exit 33A (I-75 southbound). Follow I-75 south to exit 53 (Third Street/Salem Avenue). Turn left on West 5th Street and follow it to the hotel at 33 East 5th Street.

Continuing the practice started with the 2015 convention, a waiver form is included with this registration package. Your cooperation in signing the document is appreciated. In the event that attendees do not sign the waiver, the BHA will reserve the right to limit access to convention activities.

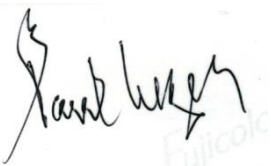
The BHA would like to stress to members to **register early** by filling out and mailing in the attached Annual Convention Registration Form. Only one charter coach (56 passenger) will be booked so the registration will be cut off when capacity is reached, After that point, BHA members will be put on a waiting list and will be notified in the event of any cancellations.

The Annual Convention Registration Form, Waiver and Hotel Reservation Information 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 Wednesday and Thursday tours will leave the hotel in Dayton at **8:00 AM sharp.**
- The Friday afternoon tour will leave the hotel in Covington at **1:00 PM sharp.**
- The Saturday tour will leave the hotel in Covington at **8:00 AM sharp.**

Dayton is one of only six North American cities to operate trolley coaches and has recently confirmed their commitment to the quiet, zero emission vehicles by ordering some new Gillig trolley coaches. Many members had the chance to ride the trolleys in Vancouver in June 2017 and no doubt will look forward to riding the Dayton system this year.

We look forward to seeing you in June 2018 and hope you take advantage of this opportunity to see old friends and new sights.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Leger". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Paul Leger
Chairman, Bus History Association, Inc.

Hotel Reservation Information – Dayton OH

Please do not send this form to the hotel.

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

Crowne Plaza – Dayton

Ms. Dasia Hood, Sales Account Manager

33 East 5th Street, Dayton, OH, 45402

Tel: 937-224-0800

Fax: 937-224-1231

dhood@cpdayton.com

The special **BHA convention rate is \$ 109.00 per night, plus applicable taxes of 13.25%**, for a standard guest room. This will include up to four individuals in a room with two queen or double beds, and up to two individuals in a queen or king bed room. Room type availability is on a first come, first served basis. Please remember to state your room preference when booking. If needed, a roll away bed (limited supply) can be booked for an additional \$ 10 per night. This room rate includes free parking and free high-speed internet access. Valet parking is available for an additional \$ 15 per night. Check in time is 4:00 pm and check out time is 12:00 noon.

The room block has been set up for arrivals on Monday, June 4 and departures on Friday, June 8. Because the number of rooms available in the block may be limited, **we recommend that you make your reservations as soon as possible**. The convention rate will also be offered for reserved nights before and after the room block dates noted above, subject to availability.

Please reserve your room by calling the hotel directly at (937) 224-0800 or toll free at (800) 689-5586. **It is essential that you quote the group name Bus History Association** at the time of making your reservation to get the BHA convention rate.

To book online, please visit the BHA website at www.bus-history.org where the PDF convention document contains a hyperlink to the Crowne Plaza website. [Bus History Association - June 2018](#)

Alternatively, the website www.crowneplaza.com can be used by picking the Dayton location and entering the group code "BHA".

Please note that all reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. At check in, a major credit card, including where payment is made by cash and a photo ID will be required. Reservations can be cancelled up until 6:00 PM on the scheduled day of arrival. Any reservations cancelled after 6:00 PM on the scheduled day of arrival will result in a charge equal to one night's room rate.

The room block is available until 11:59 PM on Friday, May 4, 2018. At that time, any unreserved rooms in the block will be released for resale by the hotel.

To avoid missing out on the convention, the BHA strongly recommends that you book your room as early as possible.

Hotel Reservation Information – Covington KY

Please do not send this form to the hotel.

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

Holiday Inn Cincinnati Riverfront

Mr. Mick Douthat, Sales Account Manager
Holiday Inn Cincinnati Riverfront
600 West 3rd Street, Covington, KY, 41011
Tel: 859-291-4300
mick.douthat@hicincinnati.com

Fax: 859-491-2331

The special **BHA convention rate is \$ 119.00 per night, plus applicable taxes of 12.36%**, for a room. This includes up to four individuals in a room with two queen or double beds, and up to two individuals in a king bed room. Room type availability is on a first come, first served basis. Please remember to state your room preference when booking.

This room rate includes free parking, free high-speed internet access and two complimentary Southbank Shuttle tokens upon arrival. It also includes a free, cooked to order breakfast daily in the Burgers and Crafts Restaurant, located on site.

The room block has been set up for arrivals on Thursday, June 7 and departures on Monday, June 10. Because the number of rooms available in the block may be limited, **we recommend that you make your reservations as soon as possible**. The convention rate will also be offered for reserved nights before and after the room block dates noted above, subject to availability.

Please reserve your room by calling the hotel directly at (859) 291-4300. **It is essential that you quote the group name "BUS"** at the time of making your reservation.

To book online, please visit the BHA website at www.bus-history.org where the PDF convention document contains a hyperlink to the Crowne Plaza website. [Bus History Hotel Link](#)

Alternatively, the website www.ihg.com can be used by picking the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Riverfront location and entering the group code "BUS".

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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.

Dayton Hotel – Nights of:

Mon. June 4 _____ Tue. June 5 _____ Wed. June 6 _____ Thu. June 7 _____

No. of people in Room _____ Rooming With _____

Or - I will have other accommodation elsewhere _____

Covington Hotel – Nights of:

Thu. June 7 _____ Fri. June 8 _____ Sat. June 9 _____ Sun. June 10 _____

No. of people in Room _____ Rooming With _____

Or - I will have other accommodation elsewhere _____

BHA Convention Events:

Please check below for all days that you will be attending.

Wed. June 6 _____ Thurs., June 7 _____ Fri., June 8 _____ Sat., June 9 _____

Please enclose the **appropriate convention registration fee**, summarized below by day and by member/non-member. Registration fees are listed in Canadian and U.S. \$.

Please circle all squares that apply	Registration Fee (All Four Days)		Registration Fee (Individual Days)							
			Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	Cdn \$	U.S. \$	Cdn \$	U.S. \$	Cdn \$	U.S. \$	Cdn \$	U.S. \$	Cdn \$	U.S. \$
BHA Members	140	110	45	35	45	35	25	20	45	35
BHA Non-Members	175	135	55	45	55	45	35	30	55	45

***** Non-members may pay the lower fee by becoming a BHA Member at the rate of \$35.00 US or \$45.00 CDN *****

Please turn over to page 2 to complete the registration. Don't forget to also sign the waiver ...

ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM (Page 2)

In the event that the registration fees do not cover the cost of the charter vehicles and other expenses of the convention, would you be agreeable to a small surcharge? _____

*Would you be able to provide carpool space between Dayton and Cincinnati on Friday morning, June 8?
YES _____ NO _____ If yes, how many people could you accommodate? _____*

If you would be in need of carpool space on Friday morning, please check here _____

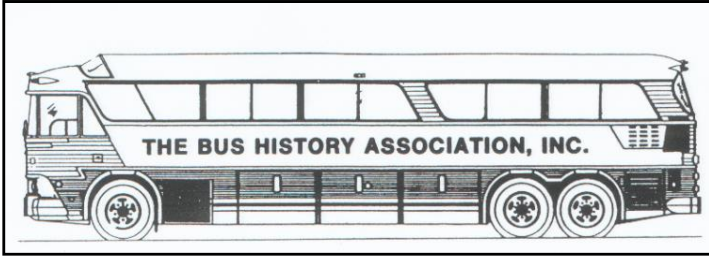
Please make your registration cheque or money order payable to “The Bus History Association Inc.” and remit with this form to:

Mr. Bernie Drouillard
Secretary/Treasurer
Bus History Association
965 McEwan
Windsor, Ontario, CANADA, N9B 2G1
(519) 977-0664 bdrouillard3@cogeco.ca

Signed _____ Date _____

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Thank you and we will see you in Dayton and Cincinnati.



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Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use

Event: 2018 Annual Convention

Dates: Wednesday, June 6 to Saturday, June 9, 2018

The participant in this Event, and in the case of a participant who is a minor, the parents or guardian of such participant, and the successors or assigns of any participant, agrees that he or she shall not have any claim for liability or damages against the Bus History Association, its Officers, or the organizers of this Event, as a result of any incident that occurs during the Event and that results in loss of or damage to personal property, personal injury or death of the participant, however caused.

By his or her signature below, the participant, or a parent or guardian of a participant, acknowledges that he or she has read and understands the terms of this Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use.

The organizers of this Event reserve the right to revoke their permission for the participant take part in this Event for conduct unbecoming a BHA member or for non-compliance with the rules and operational procedures established by the organizers for this Event.

The Association, the organizers and the participating transit properties may substitute vehicles for those that are advertised to be used for the Event. While every effort will be made to complete the Event at the advertised scheduled time, the Society and the organizers assume no responsibility in the event this does not occur.

The Bus History Association requires that members under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all events. In the case of participant who is a minor, the parent or guardian further acknowledges that: (1) he or she has provided permission to the participant to take part in the event and (2) that he or she has read and understands the terms of this Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use.

I have read and understand the contents of this Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use.

Signed by:

Event Participant **(please print name)**
Or Parent or Guardian of Minor Participant

Event Participant **(please sign name)**
Or Parent or Guardian of Minor Participant

Date (of signing)