

BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2024 Convention DENVER, CO

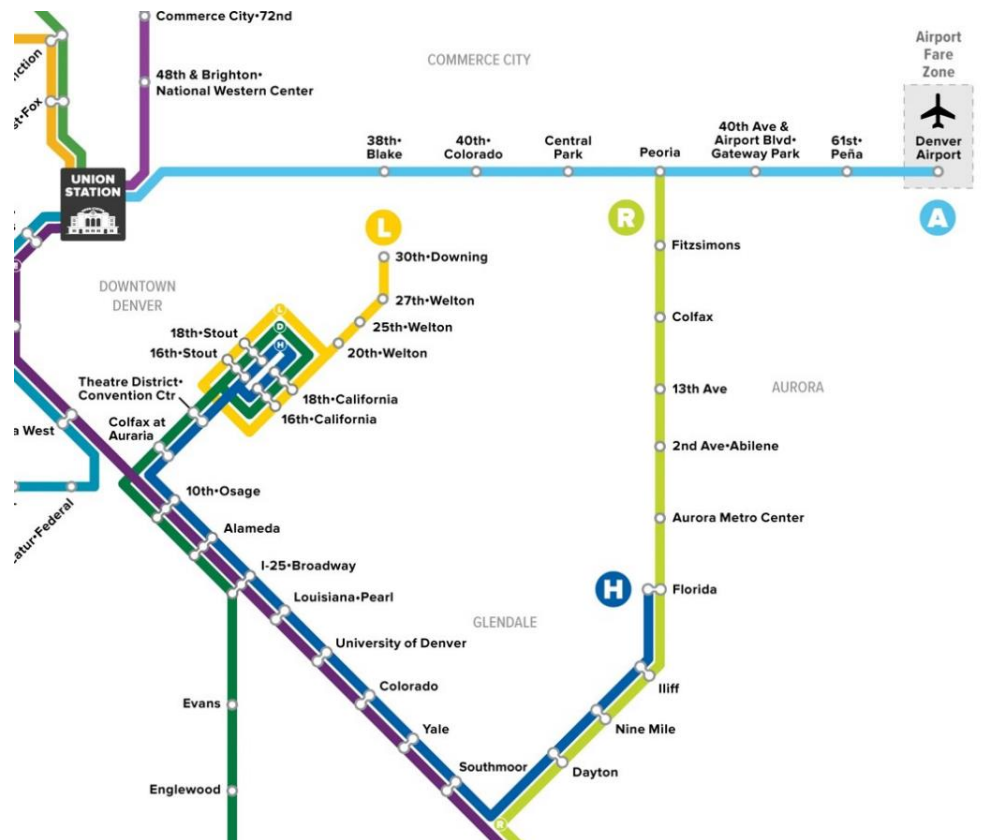
The annual convention of the Bus History Association will be held in Denver, Colorado. The convention dates are **Wednesday, June 12th to Saturday, June 15th, 2024.**

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

- **Tuesday night, June 11** – BHA members will arrive in Denver and printed itineraries will be handed out. Electronic versions (PDF) will be emailed out to BHA members a few days prior to the convention.
- **Wednesday, June 12** – Transit and intercity bus properties will be visited in Boulder, Greeley, Fort Collins, Loveland and Longmont. The BHA is hopeful of riding a restored Birney Streetcar on the Mountain Avenue Line (Fort Collins Municipal Railway Society).
- **Thursday, June 13** – We will travel west and visit transit and intercity properties in the Colorado Rockies. Included will be Breckenridge, Frisco, Copper Mountain, Vail and Avon. At Copper Mountain, we will be able to view (and hopefully ride) the only three door Orion VI production buses ever made.
- **Friday, June 14** – We will travel south and visit transit and intercity properties in Colorado Springs and Pueblo. The BHA annual meeting will be held in the evening at the host hotel.
- **Saturday, June 15** – We will stay local and visit transit and intercity properties in Denver and suburbs. A ride on the 16th Street Mall Shuttle will be included. There will be a late afternoon airport drop off scheduled.

BHA Tours will depart the host hotel at 8:00 AM on all days.

In **Denver**, our host hotel will be the **Hampton Inn and Suites Denver Aurora South** (2525 South Anaheim Street, Aurora, CO). The BHA has negotiated a room rate of \$149 per night (plus applicable state and local taxes) for rooms with either a King bed or two Queen beds. The hotel rate includes a free hot breakfast and the hotel has free onsite parking. The rate is valid from June 11 to Sunday, June 16. There are several restaurants within a



reasonable walking distance of the hotel (Applebee's, Black Bear Diner, Texas Roadhouse, etc.).

The hotel is located a short walk from the I-70 Light Rail Station in Aurora (R Line). The R Line connects with the A Line to/from Denver International Airport at Peoria Station. Downtown Denver can be accessed by a ride on the H Line.

Please check the hotel registration sheet for more details. The cutoff date for the BHA block of rooms is **Tuesday, May 28, 2024**. The BHA would like to remind members to **register early** by filling out and mailing in the attached Annual Convention Registration Form. One charter coach (56 passenger) will be booked for the four days. The BHA will be cutting off registration at 45 people. After that point, BHA members **will be put on a waiting list** and will be notified in the event of any cancellations.

The registration package is included with this cover page, which includes a waiver form. Your cooperation in signing the document is appreciated. The BHA will reserve the right to limit access to convention activities if the waiver is not signed. While most companies have relaxed COVID-19 protocols now, the BHA will abide by any policies put in place by the companies that we are visiting during the convention.

The Annual Convention Registration Form, Waiver and Hotel Reservation Information have been included with this letter. Please note that charter bus fees have increased over 50% since the Omaha/Iowa convention in 2022. The BHA Board has tried to keep registration prices as low as possible but at the same time does not want to expose the Association to the possibility of a large financial loss. An information package and detailed itinerary will be issued with your registration package upon arrival at the convention.

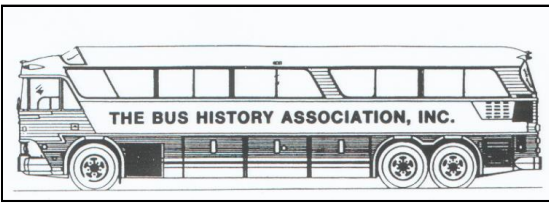
Denver and the Colorado Rockies is a very scenic area. If you have extra time, the BHA recommends visiting Aspen, Colorado which can be reached via Bustang (scheduled intercity bus service operated by the Colorado Department of Transportation) to Glenwood Springs. From Glenwood Springs, the VelociRFTA bus rapid transit service operated by the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority can be used to travel to Aspen. While the BHA will be going as far west as Avon on the Thursday of the convention, there was just not enough time to make it to Aspen. Steamboat Springs, also accessible via Bustang, is another scenic area to consider visiting.

The BHA looks forward to seeing you in June 2024 in Denver and the Colorado Rockies. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to see old friends and new sights.

*David Vincent, Mario Seneviratne,
Bernie Drouillard and Kevin Nicol*

THE BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION





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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.

Hampton Inn – Denver Aurora South – Nights of:

Tuesday, June 11 _____ Wednesday, June 12 _____ Thursday, June 13 _____

Friday, June 14 _____ Saturday, June 15 _____ Sunday, June 16 _____

No. of people in Room _____ Rooming With _____

Or - I will have other accommodation elsewhere (please list location) _____

BHA Convention Events: Please check below for all days that you will be attending.

Wed., June 12 _____ Thurs., June 13 _____ Fri., June 14 _____ Sat., June 15 _____

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. \$.

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. \$
350	260	90	70	90	70	90	70	90	70
400	300	100	80	100	80	100	80	100	80

***** 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)

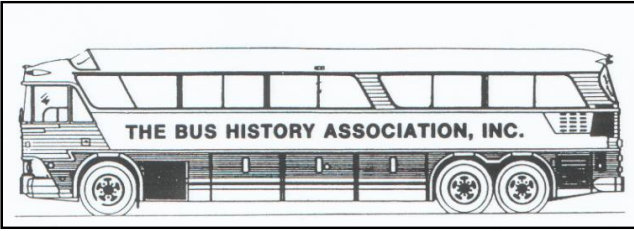
Please make your registration cheque or money order payable to “The Bus History Association Inc.” and remit with this form, along with the signed waiver, to:

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

Please list below any special requirements that you may have, or any comments regarding the convention:

Signed _____ Date _____

*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 a capacity of 45 is reached. After that point, BHA members will be put on a waiting list and will be notified in the event of any cancellations. Thank you and we will see you in Denver.*



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Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use

Event: 2024 Annual Convention

Dates: Wednesday, June 12 to Saturday, June 15, 2024

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 Association 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.

By submitting this Waiver Form to the BHA, I agree to release and hold harmless BHA and its officers from and against damages, liability, claims and expenses arising from the contraction or spread of disease, including but not limited to COVID-19 and its variants, due to my travel to or participation in any aspect of the BHA 2024 Convention.

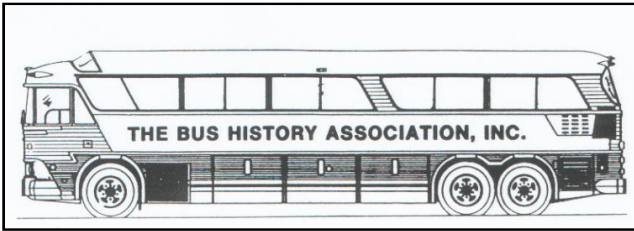
I have read and understand the contents of this Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use.

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)



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Note that all BHA members are responsible for booking their own room nights.

The hotel listed below is recommended and is where the charter bus will depart from at 8:00 AM each day. BHA members can book at alternate hotels but must make their own arrangements to be at the host hotel prior to the 8:00 AM departure.

Hampton Inn and Suites Denver Aurora South - 2525 S. Anaheim St., Aurora, CO

Hotel Reservation Information

- The Hampton Inn and Suites Denver Aurora South (2525 South Anaheim Street, Aurora, CO) is the host hotel for the convention. The phone number is (720) 500-0010.
- The BHA has negotiated a room rate of **\$149 per night** (plus applicable State and local taxes) for rooms with either a King bed or two Queen beds.
- The hotel rate includes a free hot breakfast and the hotel has free onsite parking.
- The rate is valid from Tuesday, June 11th to Saturday, June 15th inclusive.
- For days before/after the BHA convention, please contact the hotel directly to see if the special rate is available.
- Cancellations of reservations for rooms must be received 24 hours prior to arrival. Late cancellations and no shows will result in a charge for one night.
- There are several restaurants within reasonable walking distance of the hotel (Applebee's, Black Bear Diner, Texas Roadhouse, etc.).
- The hotel is located a short walk from the I-70 Light Rail Station in Aurora (R Line). The R Line connects with the A Line to/from Denver International Airport at Peoria Station. Downtown Denver can be accessed by a ride on the H Line. A transfer to the E line is needed to access Union Station when coming from the south.
- The website links for the room booking is below. The link defaults to 5 nights (Tuesday to Saturday). Use the "Edit Stay" button to change these dates if needed.
- **The BHA block rooms will be released as of May 28, 2024. After this date, the BHA rate will not be available.**



<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=DENCRHX&arrivalDate=2024-06-11&departureDate=2024-06-16&groupCode=BHA&room1NumAdults=1>