

BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2026 Convention PHILADELPHIA, PA

The annual convention of the Bus History Association will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The convention dates are **Wednesday, June 3rd to Saturday, June 6th, 2026**. A post-convention SEPTA Kawasaki car charter is also planned.

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

- **Tuesday night, June 2** – BHA members will arrive in Philadelphia 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 3** – This will be the local Philadelphia day, and several SEPTA locations will be visited, along with Penn Transit (Penn State University) and the Philadelphia Navy Yard. A visit to see trolley coaches at Frankford Bus Depot along with a ride on a PCC II streetcar on 15-Girard will be included. Lunch will be downtown at the Gallery Mall which will allow a visit to the SEPTA store as well.
- **Wednesday night, June 3** – The annual meeting of the BHA will be held at the host hotel. A slide and/or digital presentation showcasing southeastern Pennsylvania will be shown at the conclusion of the meeting.
- **Thursday, June 4** – Transit and intercity bus properties will be visited northwest of Philadelphia which will include Krapf Coaches, Reading, Pottstown, Allentown and Norristown.
- **Friday, June 5** – This will be a long day. Transit and intercity properties west of Philadelphia will be visited including Lancaster, York and Lebanon. Dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord is planned for the return trip to Philadelphia and is included in the convention registration rate.
- **Saturday, June 6** – Transit and intercity properties in southern New Jersey will be visited including Camden where NJ Transit operates its electric New Flyers. A visit to the Lakewood Bus Terminal will also be made to view the very impressive historical fleet of the Friends of New Jersey Transportation Heritage Center (FNJTHC). In the afternoon, a trip to Wilmington, Delaware is planned to visit DART.
- **Sunday, June 7** – A post-convention fan trip on a SEPTA Kawasaki light rail car, in conjunction with the Friends of Philadelphia Trolleys non-profit organization. The trip will finish in the early afternoon to allow members to schedule airline flights for late afternoon or Sunday evening. Please note that the cost of the fan trip is not included in the BHA convention rate. Details on this fan trip will be e-mailed out at a future date.
- If you have a high visibility vest, please bring it along. Some properties may require them for garage visits.

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

In **Philadelphia**, our host hotel will be the Embassy Suites by Hilton Philadelphia Airport (9000 Bartram Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19153). The BHA has negotiated a room rate of \$199 per night (plus applicable state and local taxes currently at 16.25%, subject to change) for rooms with a King bed or a rate of \$219 per night for rooms with two Queen beds. The daily parking rate (normally \$30) will be waived for BHA members. Free breakfast is included with the room rate and “The Grill at the Reserve” on site provides dinner options. ***The rate is valid from Wednesday, June 3 to Saturday, June 6.*** The rate is valid for King rooms only (the hotel does not have any Queen rooms available on this night) on Tuesday, June 2. Please note that all King rooms have a pullout sofa bed.

The hotel is located a short walk from Eastwick Station on the SEPTA Airport Regional Line. The Regional line offers direct service to downtown Philadelphia. The hotel also has a free airport shuttle. For further information on the hotel shuttle, please call the front desk directly at 215-365-4500.

Please check the hotel registration sheet for more details. The cutoff date for the BHA block of rooms is **Friday, April 3, 2026**. The BHA agreed to an earlier date to release the block of rooms to avoid any attrition penalties. With the World Cup in town the weekend after the BHA convention, the hotel expects visitors from all over the world to start arriving in early June. For this reason, the BHA room rate is not available for Sunday, June 7th. If BHA members wish to explore the many historic sites that Philadelphia has to offer during the 250th anniversary of the United States, it is recommended that you do it before the convention. If you wish to stay additional dates before/after the convention, you will have to contact the hotel directly (or book via the internet) to get the room rates.

The BHA would like to stress 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 to **45 people**. After that point, BHA members **will be put on a waiting list** and will be notified in the event of any cancellations.

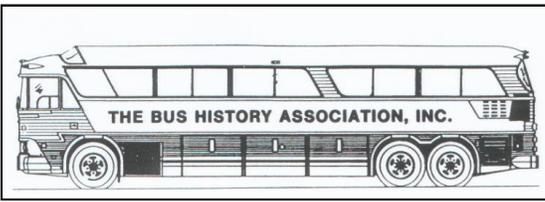
The registration package is included with this cover page, which includes a waiver form. Your cooperation in signing the document is appreciated. The BHA will reserve the right to limit access to convention activities if the waiver is not signed.

An information package and detailed itinerary will be issued with your registration package upon arrival at the convention. The itinerary will be e-mailed to all registrants prior to the convention to allow members to plan their time in Philadelphia better.

The BHA looks forward to seeing you in June 2026 in Philadelphia. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to see old friends and see 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.

Embassy Suites Philadelphia Airport – Nights of:

Tuesday, June 2 _____ Wednesday, June 3 _____ Thursday, June 4 _____

Friday, June 5 _____ Saturday, June 6 _____ Sunday, June 7 _____

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 3 _____ Thurs., June 4 _____ Fri., June 5 _____ Sat., June 6 _____

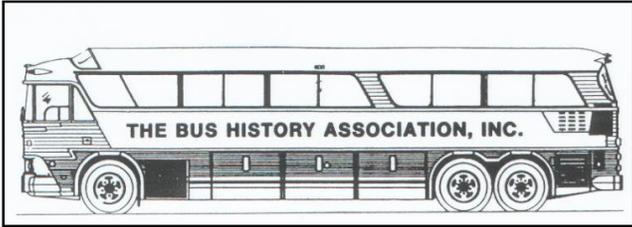
I would be interested in a SEPTA Kawasaki fan trip on Sunday, June 7 _____

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. \$.

2026	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	425	315	105	80	105	80	150	120	105	80
BHA Non-Members	470	350	115	95	115	95	160	145	115	95

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

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



BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2026 Convention Philadelphia, PA

Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use

Event: 2026 Annual Convention

Dates: Wednesday, June 3 to Saturday, June 6, 2026

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 Association cannot accept responsibility for transportation inconvenience that may result from labour disruptions during the convention.

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 2026 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)