

## TOURS:

### **Saturday, September 17:**

#### **Sandpoint to Newport on the old GN**

*Bus Loads at 7:30 am*

*This tour is wheelchair accessible.*

*This tour is limited to 102 participants.*

*We will travel from Spokane, WA to the former GN Yard at Sandpoint, ID; we will tour the former GN main line from Sandpoint, ID to Newport, WA, stopping to observe points of interest along the line. At Newport we will tour the museum in the old Milwaukee Depot that is right next to the former GN Depot, which is now owned by Stimson Lumber Company and looks the same as it did in the GN days. We will have a box lunch in the depot park at Newport and then head for USK to view the POVA car shops. Unfortunately, we have learned that the train ride from Lone to Metaline Falls will not be running in 2016, so we will return to Spokane after viewing the car shops. On the return trip to Spokane, we will follow the old Great Northern right-of-way from Newport to Hillyard.*

### **Monday, September 19:**

#### **Tracing the Great Northern in Spokane**

*Bus Loads at 7:45 am*

*Due to logistics, this tour is NOT wheelchair accessible.*

*This tour is limited to 58 participants*

*The Great Northern and its subsidiaries had a great impact on the Spokane area, entering and exiting the city from all directions. Many of the original tracks and facilities are no longer in existence today but traces of the GN can still be found. This tour will take us around the Spokane area following the old routes of the Great Northern, the SP&S, the Spokane Falls & Northern, the Spokane & Inland Empire and the Spokane Coeur d'Alene & Palouse touching also on the other railroads, interurbans and street car lines that served the city. We will be visiting remaining sites and Great Northern Equipment still found in the area. If you have ever wondered where exactly the GN ran in Spokane and where those Spokane GN photos were taken, this is the tour to take! Tour includes a booklet covering GN's railroads in Spokane and includes many historic photos and information on the interesting history of railroads in Spokane.*

#### **Spokane City Tour and Lunch at Kendall Yards**

*Bus Loads at 8:45 am*

*This tour is wheelchair accessible.*

*We must have a minimum number of 27 participants for this tour; maximum number is 53 participants.*

*Enjoy a tour of the rich history, historic homes and attractions of Spokane. Learn about where the city began as we travel along the Spokane River where the grounds of the former Expo '74 site are located. The Falls on the River are the centerfold of the site, now the popular Riverfront Park. Then, ascend up "The Hill" with views of the city and stunning mansions. Stop and tour inside the majestic Saint John's Cathedral. Discover Manito Park while strolling through the formal sunken gardens, Joel Ferris Perennial Gardens and flower filled Conservatory. See the historic area of Browne's Addition where many of the old mansions have been restored to their original splendor. Enjoy lunch at Central Food in Kendall Yards. The name*

reflects the rail history of the site and celebrates Charles Kendall, the first to bridge the North and South banks of the Spokane River. For over 75 years, the land housed rail yards for three companies: Great Northern, Union Pacific and Milwaukee. Today, Kendall Yards represents the largest contiguous redevelopment opportunity for the central area of the City of Spokane. Next, tour Bing Crosby's childhood home which now is the showcase for Bing Crosby memorabilia, the largest public collection in the US.

### **Tuesday, September 20:**

#### **Model Railroad Tour**

Bus Loads at 6:30 pm

Due to logistics, this tour is NOT wheelchair accessible.

This tour is limited to 86 participants.

1. River City Modelers, River City Western HO layout with 19.5 scale miles of mainline CTC track plus three branch lines with 6.7 to 7 scale miles of track each. Layout mainline is controlled by the Dispatcher from a computer viewing train movement on a monitor. Layout is double, and some spots, triple deck. This layout is designed for operations.
2. Inshome (Inland Northwest Society of HO Modular Engineers) HO modeler layout. Double track mainline; Length of mainline is approximately 3 scale miles; prevailing time period is 1970; the layout presently includes two switching yards along the mainlines, two engine terminal facilities, a stub freight yard and passenger terminal, multiple crossovers between the two mainlines, numerous trackside industries to switch and lots of other cool scenery.
3. Evergreen Railroad Modelers: Layout is single level, with three separate rail lines incorporating one large yard and industrial sidings spurs, along with a city scape that has an operating trolley line. The main theme of the layout is set in the late 1940's and 1950's. The layout is set in the Pacific Northwest, primarily eastern Washington and Northern Idaho allowing for heavy mountain scenery with some 18 bridges and trestles and 12 tunnels.

### **Wednesday, September 21:**

#### **Octoberfest on Green Bluff and Arbor Crest Winery (lunch included)**

Bus Loads at 8:45 am

This tour is wheelchair accessible.

We must have a minimum number of 27 participants for this tour; maximum number is 53 participants.

Tour Green Bluff with 500 acres of orchards and small family farms. Visit Walter's Fruit Ranch and walk out into the orchards, then enjoy a glass of their fresh pressed apple cider. Next, stop at Ellie's Edibles to taste their homemade Caramel Creations; take some with you for a treat "made with love". Lunch is in the barn at High Country Orchards with fresh baked bread sandwiches and just baked apple pie ala mode, followed by shopping in their country-themed gift shop. Next, to Arbor Crest Winery perched on a cliff 450 feet above the Spokane River. The grounds include a 16 x 16-foot checkerboard, a small vineyard and the Riblet Mansion. Taste their wines and tour the grounds while learning some interesting stories about Royal Newton Riblet.

**Thursday, September 22 through Saturday, September 24:**

***Three Day Circle Tour of the Former Spokane Falls and Northern from Hillyard to Kettle Falls, Republic Branch, Molson Hill, Oroville, and the Wenatchee-Oroville Branch hosted by John Langlot and Mac McCullough, authors of “The Rusty Dusty: Great Northern’s Wenatchee-Oroville Branch.***

***This is a “special event” post-convention tour available by separate registration. Please see the special registration form for this event.***

***Due to logistics, this tour is NOT wheelchair accessible.***

***This tour is limited to 40 participants.***