



GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2024 EVERETT CONVENTION INFORMATION PACKET

We welcome you to the GNRHS 2024 National Convention! Members and their families are invited to join us in Everett, Washington, beginning on Friday, September 13 and running through Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

REGISTER USING THE ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM OR REGISTER ON-LINE AT: [GNRHS.org](https://www.gnrhs.org)

Complete the form for the GNRHS member, spouse or significant other. If family members older than 18 years of age wish to accompany you, please have them join the GNRHS as a “new member.” They can then register under their new member number. If you have children under the age of 18 accompanying you, please contact Mary McGlothlin at ncognrhs@gmail.com for assistance.

We need to have you register by August 16 so that we can assure that we have everything ready for you! Register with confidence – if the convention must cancel any paid event, we will refund any money you have paid for the option we cancel. **If you must cancel your attendance, please let Mary McGlothlin know by 4 PM on Friday, August 16; Refunds will NOT be given for any convention cancellation received after August 16.**

GETTING TO EVERETT

- » **By Car:** Everett is 30 miles north of Seattle via I-5 or 40 miles via I-405 N. The other major highway by which to approach Everett is US Hwy 2 from the east. Outside lot parking is free at the hotel for registered attendees staying at the hotel.
- » **By Train:** Amtrak's *Empire Builder* and *Cascades* serve Everett Station in both directions daily. The *Empire Builder* #7 from Chicago arrives at approximately 10 am at Everett Station; the *Empire Builder* #8 from Seattle arrives at approximately 6 pm. Amtrak *Cascades* provides service between Portland and Vancouver, BC daily. Sound Transit offers two Seattle-Everett Station morning trains and two Everett-Seattle afternoon trains. Please check current schedules.
- » **Sound Transit Bus Service:** Sound Transit bus routes 510 and 512 link Seattle and Everett Station in conjunction with frequent Link Light Rail I-Line trains between downtown Seattle and Northgate transit center. Route 510 offers afternoon only through bus service downtown Seattle-Everett Station, morning-only Everett-Seattle. Check their website for schedules.
- » **By Air:** Sea-Tac International Airport is served by most major airlines. You will need a rental car (or a friend) to get to Everett. Bus, taxi and Uber services are available, but may be costly. Train service from Sea-Tac is available but is not direct to Everett; you would take Sound Transit light rail to their International District station, then walk to King St Station for Amtrak or Sound Transit trains to Everett, with total travel time at least 2.5 hours depending on connections. Paine-Everett Field is approximately 15 minutes from the convention hotel and is an option from California, Las Vegas and Arizona, via Alaska Airlines only.

WEATHER

Everett has a general range of temperature from highs in the 60's to lows in the 40's in September. Air tends to be crisp. Rain can be expected but it will not be a washout; Everett averages 6 days of rain in the month of September. Layered clothing and a rain jacket are good choices. The hotel, meeting room, and buses may be air conditioned. You may want to think about bringing a sweater or light jacket if air conditioning tends to get too cool for you.

CONVENTION HOTEL

The Delta Hotel by Marriott is located at Pine St and Pacific Avenue in Everett - immediately west of Interstate 5. Take Exit 193 if you are coming from the South and Exit 194 if you are coming from the North. The nightly room rate for this convention is \$152 + tax. Both King and Double Queen Rooms are available. This rate is good from Friday, September 13 through Wednesday, September 18, 2024. **YOU MUST RESERVE YOUR ROOM BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14.** Rooms not reserved by that date will be dropped from the GNRHS convention room block and will not be available at the group rate if you reserve after August 14.

You can book on-line by going to [GNRHS.org/convention](https://www.gnrhs.org/convention)

Book directly with the hotel at (425-339-2000) and mention the “Great Northern Railway Historical Society” to get your group rate.

If you encounter any difficulties in making hotel reservations, please contact Mary McGlothlin, National Convention Officer, at ncognrhs@gmail.com



HOSTING HOTEL FOR THE 2024 GNRHS CONVENTION; DELTA HOTEL BY MARRIOTT IN EVERETT, WA.



FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

- The hotel has a restaurant and bar on site; it does **NOT** serve a free breakfast. There are many restaurants, coffee shops and places to enjoy craft beers and spirits within walking distance of the hotel. We will provide you with information about these at the registration table.
- **Continental Breakfast in advance of Sunday Tour**
For the convenience of attendees who are going on the Sunday tour to Snoqualmie, we have arranged the opportunity to purchase a continental breakfast in advance of boarding the bus. This continental breakfast will offer fresh baked muffins, fruit filled danishes, sliced seasonal fruit, Starbuck’s coffee and Tazo hot tea. The price of the breakfast is \$15 per person. You can order and pay for your breakfast on the registration form.
- **Convention Banquet**
We will have a plated dinner with choice of:
 - » Garlic and herb grilled chicken breast, served with creamy Dijon, roasted asparagus, and garlic mashed potatoes.
 - » Seared salmon served with lemon dill sauce, asparagus and three-cheese herbed risotto; or
 - » Grilled Tri-Tip served with port wine sauce, roasted red potatoes and roasted vegetables.All meals will include a salad, rolls/butter and dessert with regular or decaf Starbuck’s coffee, iced tea or lemonade.





INCLUDED WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEE

- Opportunity to visit the PNRA and get better acquainted with your West-end Archives.
- Opportunity to participate in the First Ever **JOINT NP-GN Railfair and Swap Meet**; get your table now!
- STEAM TRAIN RIDE at Snoqualmie as a part of the Tour to the Northwest Railroad Museum.
- Opportunities to visit area railroad layouts.
- Opportunity to visit Skykomish Museum and participate in activities designed for GN convention attendees.
- Participate in the Sunday evening OPEN SLIDE NIGHT.
- Presentations – many topics and speakers have been organized. Sessions are open to all registered attendees.
- Participation in the Convention Raffle!



OPEN HOUSE: PACIFIC NORTHWEST RAILROAD ARCHIVE (PNRA)

Friday, September 13 and Thursday, September 19

10 AM to 3 PM – both days

LOCATION: 425 SW 153rd St; Burien Washington

WEBSITE: PNRArchive.org



The PNRA will be open for informal “drop-in” visits on the dates/times noted above. The Pacific Northwest Railroad Archive provides a permanent institution for the preservation of railroad records from the Greater Pacific Northwest area and makes them accessible over the internet.



The PNRA serves as the “West-End” Great Northern Archives (the “East-End” being located at the Jackson Street Roundhouse in St. Paul MN).

The archives comprise hundreds of thousands of files, drawings, books, photos and physical artifacts. These items are old, often delicate, and irreplaceable, so these archives are dedicated to making as much material as possible available in digital form to GNRHS members as well as researchers and the public. The PNRA provides bi-weekly Zoom meetings where they often have special guests and always share what they’ve been doing to preserve railroad history.

Come and meet some of the “West-End” volunteers who make this resource possible and view the work of the PNRA.





SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

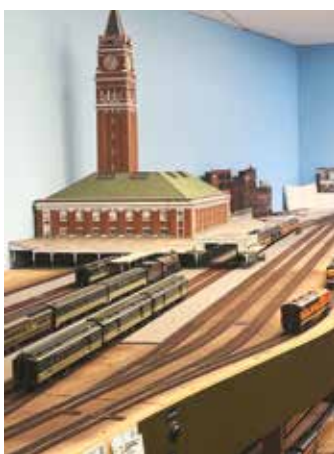
9 AM to 2 PM

RAILFAIR

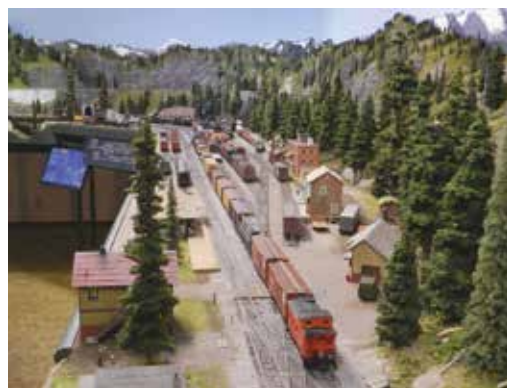
Get your table(s) early for this year's **FIRST EVER JOINT EVENT** with the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association. This event will start with set-up at 7 a.m.; doors will open to members and the public at 9 a.m. If you have any questions about participating in RailFair, please contact Bob Kelly at mvmmvm@comcast.net

Display your models, photos, and collectibles during RailFair. We encourage attendees to have discussions with each other for sharing, trouble-shooting, and learning. Your projects do not need to be finished and we will NOT be having a contest.

MODEL RAILROAD LAYOUT TOURS **2 PM TO 8 PM (TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**



Seven to eight impressive local model railroad layouts will be open to tour for our registered attendees. These will be "on your own" by private vehicle. We strongly encourage ride-sharing due to limited parking at the homes. A navigation system such as Google Maps, Apple Maps, or Waze is essential. Addresses and further information will be provided at the convention. If you are interested in this tour, please indicate in the space provided on the registration form to aid our planning.



ON YOUR OWN, SELF-GUIDED TOURS **Skykomish Museum, Depot, and Sky Artworks**

Travel on your own by private vehicle to Skykomish, Washington about 49 miles east of Everett on Highway #2



By advanced reservation, at Sky Artworks you can assemble and paint your own "Rocky the Goat," laser cut, multi-layer, four-inch, wood ornament, with a professional artist to assist you. This art project costs \$25.00. Register for this event on the Convention Registration Form. Create your masterpiece any time between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.



Also in Skykomish, free activities include visiting the Skykomish Museum, enjoy riding the *Great Northern and Cascade Railway*, look over the restored 1898 GN depot, view GN caboose X228. You can also take a walking tour of the historic buildings in Skykomish, many over 100 years old.

Nearby, 10 miles to the east, is easy access to the Iron Goat Trail - Scenic trail head, where GN caboose X494 is on display and a nice walk or hike on the old GN main line is available. The West Portal of the Cascade Tunnel may be viewed from the Iron Goat Trail but only after hiking about 2.5 miles. Parking and Port-a-toilets are available at the trailhead site. Further information on hiking the Iron Goat Trail is available at wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/iron-goat-trail

Food in Skykomish is available at the Sky Deli, Sky River Coffee Shop, Cascadia Inn restaurant and the Great Whistling Post Tavern.



NORTHWEST RAILROAD MUSEUM IN SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON

Sunday, September 15

8 am to 4:00 PM

Lunch will be provided

Price: \$90 (includes motor coach transportation, steam train ride, all exhibits and lunch)

The Northwest Railway Museum was founded in 1957. It is currently the largest and most comprehensive railroad museum in Washington State. It has 5.5 miles of historic track and campuses. The museum exhibits, preserves, restores, and operates trains on which our members can experience the excitement of a working railway.

This tour will start with motor coach loading at the Delta Hotel at 8 a.m. and departing for a one-hour journey to the museum. When we arrive at the museum's Railway History Campus, we will board the first train of the day going east for the trip to North Bend Station. Our train will be pulled by NP #924 (Rogers 1899 0-6-0) which will be burning wood. Returning to the west, we will stop at Snoqualmie Station and proceed west to Snoqualmie Falls. On the return trip, a short stop at Snoqualmie will allow for viewing the various equipment around the station. The trip will end as we return to the Railway History Campus.

We will then step inside the 25,000 square foot Train Shed Exhibit Hall to see the collection of locomotives, passenger cars, freight cars and maintenance equipment. We will see GN Caboose X101. Outside on the service track will be GN 1246 (recently purchased by the museum and returned from storage in Oregon) and GN Pullman #485. We will be able to take guided tours of the Conservation and Restoration Workshop.

We will depart the Museum at 3 p.m. for our return to the Delta Hotel.



SKYKOMISH MUSEUM - OPEN HOUSE

The Historical Society museum in Skykomish will be open on Friday, September 13 and Thursday, September 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. People attending the convention can stop in at Skykomish as they arrive or depart Everett. In addition to the museum, Sky Artworks will be open, as well as food and refreshments are available in town.



OPEN SLIDE NIGHT

Sunday, September 15

7 PM to 10 PM

Bring your digital Thumb Drive!

We will be using video projection only. Photos can be in Power Point or in a folder with your name as the folder name. The computer will be a Windows laptop with MS Office Software.

Please plan for 15 to 20 minutes maximum of photos and bring them on a thumb drive with .JPG files.

Open digital presentation will be “first come, first serve.”

We will have space for approximately 9 presentations. Sign up for your slot at the registration desk when you check in.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, September 17

9 AM to 11:45 AM

Attend and participate in the Society’s annual membership meeting. Meet and talk with Board Members and Officers. Find out what is happening in the organization and give your feedback and ideas on issues. Find out how you can help the GNRHS carry out its mission. Be there to recognize and honor our 50-year members for 2024:

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| » William McGinley | » Edward Sutorik |
| » Glenn Eiden | » Ken Middleton |
| » Stefan Ehnborn | » John Westley |
| » David May | » Joffre Fisher Jr. |
| » Gary Laakso | » Donald Stice |
| » Donald Lloyd | » Allen Grambow |

Be there when your pre-convention raffle number is drawn !





EXPLORING EVERETT, SEATTLE, AND SURROUNDING AREAS

There are many things to see in the area surrounding Everett. Visit the website visiteverett.com for additional information. We invite you to choose what YOU are interested in and go on your own timeframe. You can't go wrong with your choices. Here are some of the opportunities:

Boeing Everett Factory Tour and Boeing Future of Flight

Boeing Future of Flight and Factory Tour is located 9 miles from our convention hotel. You can tour the Boeing Factory, the world's largest airline factory. An 80 minute guided experience awaits you. The tour is open Thursday through Monday (closed Tuesday and Wednesday). Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended as the tours sell out quickly. Ticket purchases are normally available up to two months in advance. Ticket prices are \$33/\$38 per person (lower price for seniors). Visit the website boeingfutureofflight.com/tour for further information and for ticket purchases.



Woodinville Wine Country

Do you enjoy wine tasting? Then this is the place for you to go. Woodinville is located a short 19 miles from the convention hotel and is home to over 130 wineries including Chateau Ste. Michelle. The place to start is at the Woodinville Visitor Center where friendly and knowledgeable staff will be eager to help you find just what you're looking for (and to show you the secrets only the locals know). The visitor center is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit woodinvillewinecountry.com for more information.



Shopping

Everett hosts a number of local retailers and artisans – many within walking distance of the convention hotel. In addition, the Everett Mall (8 miles) and the Alderwood Mall (11 miles) are both within easy driving distance. These are traditional indoor type malls, so you know what to expect!



Seattle Sight

And who can forget that Seattle is only 30 miles away!

- See Pike Place Market – overlooking the Elliott Bay waterfront on Puget Sound, it is the oldest continuously operating farmers market in the country. It is an historic 9-acre market about 3 blocks long and serves as a place of business for over 200 artisan craftspeople and small farmers. You can't miss the Pike Place Fish Market where “flying fish” are an everyday occurrence. Paid parking is available at the Market.



- The Space Needle, Seattle Aquarium, Chihuly Garden and Glass, Woodland Park Zoo, and the Seattle Art Museum for other places to see. City Pass is a great way to see a choice of locations and save on your admission fees with one simple purchase. See what you can choose by visiting visitseattle.citypass.com

- *Visit Seattle* is a great resource for visitors, and we will have a copy for you at the registration desk. Want an early peek? Go to visitseattle.org





2024 PRELIMINARY GNRHS CONVENTION TIMECARD EVERETT, WA AS OF 4/15/2024 | SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Friday, September 13

10 am to 3 pm: OPEN HOUSE West End Archive Office
Burien, Washington

10 am to 4 pm: OPEN HOUSE Skykomish Historical Society
Museum and Depot, Skykomish, Washington

5 pm to 9 pm: *Registration*

Saturday, September 14

8:30 am to 10:30 am: *Registration*

7 am to 9 am: RailFair Set-up

9 am to 2 pm: Joint GN/NP RailFair

2 pm to 8 pm: Model Railroad Layout Tours – Self-guided,
Personal Vehicle

At Your Leisure: Self-Guided, Personal Vehicle Tours:

Skykomish Museum, Depot, and Iron Goat Trail

Drop-in: 11 am to 3pm – Sky ArtWorks Ornament Making
Event at Skykomish Museum (see details in Convention
Brochure)

Sunday, September 15

7:00 am: Buffet Breakfast (*by purchased ticket only for those
on Northwest Railroad Museum Tour*)

8:00 am: Buses load for Northwest Railroad Museum Tour;
Snoqualmie, Washington

9:00 am to 3:00 pm: Northwest Railroad Museum: Steam
Train Ride and Tours (Lunch Provided On-Site)

4:30 pm to 7 pm: Free Time

7 pm to 10 pm: Open Slide Shows; Bring your Thumb Drive!
(Sign-up at Registration Table)

Monday, September 16

8:30 am to 9:30 am: Everett Overview

Speaker: Kent Sullivan

9:45 am to 10:45 am: GN's Pacific Coast Railroad

Speaker: Kurt Armbruster

11 am to 12 pm: Seattle-Everett Street Cars and Interurban

Speaker: Mike Bergman

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm: Bridge #4

Speakers: Mike Intlekofer / Jim Hanson

2:45 pm to 3:45 pm: The Cloverdale BC Story

Speakers: Tom Carr / Adrian Kopystynski

4 pm to 5 pm: Modeling the Baker River Bridge

Speaker: Jim Betz

Dinner on Your Own

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm: History of the GN at Stevens Pass

Speaker: Bob Kelly

Tuesday, September 17

9 am to 10:45 am: Annual Membership Meeting

11 am to 11:45 am: Recognition of 50-year 2024 Members
and Drawing for Pre-Convention Raffle Prizes

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm: Appleyard Explosion of 8/16/1974

Speaker: Mac McCulloch

2:45 pm to 3:45 pm: Marias Pass Mountain Signs

Speaker: Jim Ruffing

4 pm to 5 pm: Archives Report and West-End Collections

Speakers: Bob Kelly / Don McGlothlin

Evening On Your Own

Wednesday, September 18

8:30 am to 9:30 am: Western Star

Speaker: Mark Meyer

9:45 am to 11:15 am: Puget Sound Then and Now

Speaker: Clay Eals

11:30 am to 12:30 pm: Modeling Mid 50's GN Freight Cars

Speaker: Rich Remiarz

Lunch on Your Own

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm: Railroad Art and American Life

Speaker: Craig Thorpe

3:15 pm to 4:15 pm: NEW GN Diesel Book

Speakers: Dale Sanders / Richard Yaremko

Wednesday Evening

6:30 pm: Social Hour with Cash Bar

7:15 pm: Convention Banquet

8:30 pm: Convention Raffle

9:30 pm: Close of Convention

Thursday, September 19

10 am to 3 pm OPEN HOUSE West End Archive Office

Burien, Washington

10 am to 4 pm: OPEN HOUSE Skykomish Historical Society
Museum and Depot, Skykomish, Washington

ROCKY SAYS:

SEE YOU IN ST. PAUL IN 2025

