

**We will follow all Covid-19 restrictions in effect at the time and place of the convention and/or required by our tour operators.** We suggest bringing a mask and vaccination card in case anything changes at the last minute.

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## **Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad 2022 Convention and Membership Meeting (June 8-11)**

GENERAL INFORMATION (see Agenda for dates and times)

### **Pre-Convention Activities June 7-8 (optional, no charge, addresses will be sent to you when you sign up)**

- Tour of the Pacific Northwest Railroad Archive in Burien, WA (near Sea-Tac airport), whose mission is to provide a permanent institution for the preservation of railroad records from the greater Pacific Northwest area and make them Internet-accessible. See [www.pnrarchive.org/\\_layouts/15/start.aspx#](http://www.pnrarchive.org/_layouts/15/start.aspx#) for more information.
- Operating session on Burr Stewart's HO-scale BN-based layout in Seattle, WA.  
See [www.burrstewart.com/index.php?n=Main.Trains](http://www.burrstewart.com/index.php?n=Main.Trains) for photos and other information.
- Operating session on Jim Younkin's N-scale BN-based layout in Olympia, WA.  
See [www.soundrail.org/layouts2.php?m=younkins](http://www.soundrail.org/layouts2.php?m=younkins) for photos and other information.

### **Port of Vancouver Bus Tour (Photo ID Required)**

The port is a major destination for BNSF intermodal and grain trains. The tour will consist of a narrated bus tour around the facility as well as a presentation from staff about the operations and an opportunity for questions. There will be a \$30 charge to cover the cost of renting a bus. See [www.portvanusa.com](http://www.portvanusa.com) for more information about the port.

### **Kalama Export Grain Elevator Tour (tentative, pending approval)**

This is one of two large grain elevators in Kalama, about a mile apart. The staff will take us on a walking tour of the facility where unit grain trains unload grain for export to Asian ports. See [www.bluewatershipping.com/locationdetails.php?ld=47](http://www.bluewatershipping.com/locationdetails.php?ld=47) for more information about the elevator.

### **Keith Ardinger BN Photo Show**

A show by the noted railroad photographer and photo collector. Keith (and his brother Ken) have contributed BN locomotive roster photos to *The BN Expediter* for many, many years, and has been photographing all sorts of rail subjects too.

### **Railfanning**

Vancouver is a major port with lots of industrial and port trackage. BNSF's double-track Seattle Subdivision heads north and is busy with BNSF and UP trackage rights trains. BNSF's Fallbridge Subdivision heads east to Pasco along the north side of the scenic Columbia River Gorge (Union Pacific is on the south side).

### **Member Photo/Video Shows**

Bring digital photos and/or videos you'd like to share for member shows. We'll provide a computer, projection equipment and a screen. Bring your photos on a CD/DVD or USB drive.

### **Banquet**

The Saturday night banquet is the culmination of our convention. A buffet dinner at The Hammond in nearby Camas will be followed by a talk and Q&A by Dave Sprau, followed by our annual auction. Our speaker began his career in 1960 with the NP and GN, then with the BN, holding fireman, telegrapher, dispatcher, chief dispatcher jobs, and also was very active in the train dispatchers union.

### **Hotel Rooms**

The convention is being held at the Springhill Suites, 1421 SE Tech Center Dr, Vancouver, WA, 98683. For reservations at our group rate (made by 5/20/22), call 360-260-1000 or go online at

[www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1646264667644&key=GRP&app=resvlink](http://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1646264667644&key=GRP&app=resvlink)

Rooms are \$139 per night. Mention you are with **The Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad** 2022 convention when making your reservation to get the group rate.

### **More Information**

Check the **FOBNR** web site: [www.fobnr.org](http://www.fobnr.org) for up-to-date information, or contact Dave Poplawski at [pop@mtu.edu](mailto:pop@mtu.edu).