

Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad 2024 Convention and Membership Meeting (June 19-22)

GENERAL INFORMATION (see agenda page for dates and times)

Pre-Convention Activity (optional, no charge, address will be sent to you when you sign up)

Operating session on Micheal Farley's HO-scale layout in Bismarck. The pike has limited space and can only accommodate ten people at a time, so it will be first-come-first-served and you should sign up as early as possible. We will notify you immediately if you are one of the first ten, and if not, you will be put on a waiting list and informed as soon as possible if someone drops out. For more information about his layout, go to www.operatingsessions.com/Layouts/Farley.

TOURS:

The tours below require Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), i.e., hard hats, safety glasses, visibility vests/shirts (see below for type), and steel-toed shoes. Please bring your own safety glasses and steel-toed shoes. The **FOBNR** has a limited number of hard hats and visibility vests to loan to those that don't have them, but we are hoping you might have extra that you can bring to share with those that don't. Please indicate your needs and/or extras when you register. We will match up needs with extras and contact you as soon as possible prior to the convention to confirm.

Ross Frac-Sand Loadout Tour

We will be given a guided tour of Baken Transload (bigkniferesources.com/ross%2C-north-dakota) in Ross. **Full PPE** is required.

Berthold Grain Elevator Tour

We will be given a guided tour of the Berthold Farmers Elevator (www.bertholdfarmers.com) in Berthold. Only a visibility vest/shirt is required.

BNSF Facilities Tour

We will be given a guided tour of the BNSF facilities in and around Minot. BNSF requires that we have arrive together on a bus, which will cost \$30 per person. **Full PPE** is required.

Railroad Museum of Minot

We will visit the museum (railroadmuseumofminot.org) which also houses the Souris Model Railroad Association's N Scale layout.

Railfanning

There will be plenty of time for railfanning the area both east and west of Minot. Minot is on BNSF's Northern Transcon so there should be plenty of activity. Typically we meet up at the hotel and arrange carpooling so we can minimize the number of cars involved. You are welcome to join the group, or you can head off on your own to places you are interested in.

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. It will be held at The Badlands restaurant, and we will simply order off the menu. As of early April we are still working on arranging a speaker to follow the meal - watch our web site for an update when arrangements have been finalized. Following the speaker we will hold our annual auction of various BN/BNSF/MRL related items.

Hotel Rooms

The convention is being held at the Grand Hotel, 1505 N Broadway, PO Box 777, Minot, ND 58703. For reservations at our group rate (made by May 19), call 701-852-3161 and choose option 1 (one). Rooms are \$89 per night. Mention you are with **The Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad** convention when making your reservation to get the group rate.

More Information

Check the **FOBNR** website: www.fobnr.org for up-to-date information, or contact Ben Hucker at store@fobnr.org if you have any questions.

Visibility vest/shirt: ANSI Class 2 minimum: www.hivissupply.com/ansi-class-2-safety-apparel.html for example. If you want to purchase one, feel free to order one from the vendor of your choice.