

**Burlington  
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**Annual Meet  
Omaha, NE  
September 7-9, 2023**

## **Information and Registration**

**PLEASE NOTE: All registrations must be RECEIVED no later than  
Wednesday, August 23!**

**Bus seats and dinner are not guaranteed after this date!**



### **Meet Location/Hotel:**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Omaha Downtown**

1616 Dodge Street,  
Omaha, NE 68102

[View the meet hotel website](#)

Or calling 402-346-7600

BRHS Room Rate \$109.00

**Room Block is Available through Wednesday, August 9 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT!**



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## Welcome to Omaha!



The territory that would eventually become the city of Omaha, Nebraska, was acquired as a part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. William Clark and Meriwether Lewis passed through the area in 1804 and noted that the territory would be a good area for the establishment of a trading and fortification outpost. Native Americans were the first inhabitants of the region. The word "Omaha" means "against the current." It is speculated that the Omaha Indians were referred to as such due to their earlier, northward movements against the current of the Mississippi River.

After the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act in 1854, the land on the west bank of the Missouri River across from Council Bluffs, Iowa, was opened to settlement and quickly gained the attention of developers. Omaha was officially incorporated by the territory on February 2, 1857. Possibly the most significant event in the early development of Omaha was the passage of the Pacific Railroad Act of 1862. This act provided for the construction of a transcontinental railroad from an unspecified point on the Missouri River to a western terminus at Sacramento or San Francisco, California. In 1863, President Lincoln declared that Omaha would be the eastern terminus of the new transcontinental railroad.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad entered Omaha as the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad in 1870, with headquarters in Omaha. In addition to transporting Nebraska's farm produce to other areas of the country, The Burlington Railroad also handled mail through the area from 1884 to 1972. In 1892, Omaha was at the center of Populist political movement in the country as the People's Party held their national convention here. The party, while short lived, gained literary significance during this time with such works as L. Frank Baum's *The Wizard of Oz*. Ever wonder why "Omaha" was written on the balloon that the wizard escapes in at the end of *The Wizard of Oz*? While being a timeless work of children's literature, the book is also a thinly veiled allegory of Populist thought.

The Omaha Stockyards opened in the 1880's and because of the stockyards, by the late 1880's Omaha was served by many major railroads. By 1955, Omaha had surpassed Chicago as the largest stockyards and packing center in the world. It processed thousands of animals per week. The packing plants received animals from 22 states, with most of the stock transported by railroad.

Today, nearly half a million people reside in the Omaha area. Omaha continues to enjoy its rich, frontier heritage, while experiencing continued economic and cultural advances.



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## Meet Overview

### Thursday

Our weekend will start Thursday afternoon with a Meet and Greet reception at the Doubletree Hotel. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available at that time. Any additional dinner plans will be on your own this evening. In the evening, select layouts will be available for touring.

### Friday

Friday will feature the usual Swap Meet, Annual Business Meeting, Model/Photo Display and Clinics at the Meet hotel. Dinner will be on your own with additional layouts available for touring.

### Saturday

During the day on Saturday, we will board coach busses for a ride to Wahoo, NE to visit the old CB&Q depot at the Saunders County Museum. It has been restored to the way it looked when it was in use. This includes the upstairs living area. We will then head over to Waverly to visit the Camp Creek Railroaders ([www.campcreekrailroaders.org](http://www.campcreekrailroaders.org)) with some interesting CB&Q items. Lunch will also be provided at Camp Creek. This event is open to all attendees. The cost of the tour is included in the "Full Fare". For Friday "Day Fares" the trip is an add-on cost. It is available for those not attending the Friday activities – HOWEVER "Full Fare" then "Day Fare" will receive priority if capacity becomes an issue

In the evening will be our traditional Happy Hour, Banquet, Raffle and Keynote Speaker

### Sunday

The Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday morning.  
Thanks for coming – have a safe trip home!

### For the Ladies

Join us for a tour on Friday to Omaha's wonderful Lauritzen Gardens. We'll travel by shuttle bus from the hotel to the premier botanical garden in Nebraska. At Lauritzen Gardens, a diverse and extensive palette of plant life combines with fine art, architectural components and water features to create an incredible sensory experience. Tram service will be included making it easy to explore the extensive grounds. Lunch will be provided. Then we'll travel back toward Omaha's Old Market area stopping at the Durham Museum. Spend several hours viewing the permanent exhibits while enjoying this Art Deco architectural gem that once was Omaha's Union Station. Wrap up the day by shopping in the unique shops in the Old Market or return to the hotel.

## Schedule of Events

### **Thursday – September 7<sup>th</sup> (at Hotel)**

- 03:00p – 06:00p - Registration Open
- 03:00p - 06:00p – Welcome Reception
- 06:30p – 09:00p – Layout Tours Open

### **Friday – September 8<sup>th</sup> (at Hotel)**

#### **Morning:**

- 06:00a – 12:00a – Registration Open
- 06:00a – 08:00a – Swap meet set up
- **08:00a – 09:30a – Annual Business Meeting (all members are encouraged to attend)**
- **08:00a – 09:30a – Swap Meet room closed during meeting**
- 09:15a – 09:30a – Ladies Bus Loading – Gather at Hotel Lobby
- 09:30a - 04:30p - Ladies Outing Departs
- 09:30a – 01:00p – Swap Meet
- 09:30a – 04:00p – Model/Photo Display

#### **Afternoon:**

#### **Lunch on your own**

#### **Clinics (starting at 01:30p)**

- Gary Hosek - Burlington images from the collection of Richard Schmeling
- Janet Jeffries - Railroad Builder: Thomas Doane
- Ken Martin – Burlington Wood Depots
- Steve Holding – Modeling From the Archives

#### **Evening:**

- **Dinner on your own**
- 06:30p – 09:00p – Layout Tours Open

### **Saturday – September 9<sup>th</sup> (at Hotel)**

#### **Morning**

- 08:00a – 08:30a - Registration Open
- 08:15a – 08:30a – Bus loading for Wahoo and Camp Creek
- 08:30a – 04:00p – Bus trip to Wahoo Depot and Camp Creek Railroaders in Waverly

#### **Evening**

- 06:00p – 07:00p – Social Hour
- 07:00p – 08:30p – Banquet/Raffles/Awards
- 08:30p - Keynote Speaker - Mike Connor - “The Burlington around Omaha and Eastern Nebraska”



# Burlington Route Historical Society Pricing & Registration



Please fill out pages 5 and 6 and return with your registration

OR

Online registration is available via the BRHS website  
([www.Burlingtonroute.org](http://www.Burlingtonroute.org)).

	# ATTEND	COST	TOTAL
<b>Full Fare</b> (includes ALL events)	___	\$175.00	\$_____
<b>Ladies Full Fare</b> (includes ALL events)	___	\$175.00	\$_____
<b>Thursday Activities</b>			
<b>Reception (no cost but <u>number required for planning</u>)</b>	<span style="background-color: yellow;">   </span>	N/C	N/C
<b>Friday Activities (ONLY if not using Full Fare)</b>			
Day Fare (Swap Meet, displays & clinics)	___	\$50.00	\$_____
Ladies Event	___	\$50.00	\$_____
<b>Saturday Activities (ONLY if not using Full Fare)</b>			
Bus Trip Only	___	\$55.00	\$_____
Banquet Only	___	\$90.00	\$_____
<b>Swap Meet Tables – (Minimum Friday Day Fare Required)</b>			
Members	___	\$10.00	\$_____
Non-Members	___	\$20.00	\$_____
<b>Total Amount Due</b>			\$_____

Please Note: Checks for mailed registrations will not be deposited until after the event.

**No Refunds after Friday, September 1, 2023**



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## Registration Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(used for registration confirmation only!)

I/we will be arriving/departing Omaha via Amtrak: Yes \_\_\_ / No \_\_\_

I am willing to volunteer time to help at the meet: Yes \_\_\_ / No \_\_\_

### Mail Registration To:

(post mark no later than August 18, 2023)

**BRHS 2023 Annual Meet**

**P.O. Box 93**

**Zumbrota, MN 55992**

## Guest Registration Information

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

For more than two guests, please include additional pages