

BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2025 Convention MONTRÉAL, QC

The annual convention of the Bus History Association will be held in Montréal, Quebec. The convention dates are **Wednesday, June 4th to Saturday, June 7th, 2025.**

The Itinerary for the convention has not been finalized, but tentative details (subject to change) are shown below:

- **Tuesday, June 3** – A pre-convention day using carpools is being planned to visit Mont-Tremblant. Transport en commun de Mont-Tremblant operates the only CNG LFS buses in Quebec and it is hoped that BHA members will be able to ride and photograph them. If enough members register for this day, the BHA will investigate chartering a cutaway type vehicle. Please note that any costs for this day have not been included in the registration rate. Additional details for this day will be e-mailed to all BHA convention participants a few weeks prior to the convention.
- **Tuesday night, June 3** – BHA members will arrive in Montréal and printed itineraries will be handed out. Electronic versions (PDF) will be emailed out to BHA members a few days prior to the convention.
- **Wednesday, June 4** – Transit and intercity bus properties will be visited on the north shore of Montréal. Included will be Laval, Saint-Eustache, Sainte-Thérèse, Terrebonne and Repentigny. The BHA is hopeful for a tour of the NovaBus plant in Saint-Eustache although it has not been confirmed at this time.
- **Thursday, June 5** – Transit and intercity bus properties will be visited east of Montréal including Brossard, Chambly, Granby and Sherbrooke.
- **Friday, June 6** – Transit and intercity bus properties will be visited on the south shore of Montréal. Included will be Châteauguay, Longueuil, Beloeil, Sainte-Julie and Saint-Hyacinthe. The BHA annual meeting will be held in the evening at the host hotel.
- **Saturday, June 7** – A historic transit vehicle from the FHTCQ (Fondation de l'héritage du transport en commun du Québec) will be chartered for a local Montréal day visiting Metro stations, an STM garage and intercity companies. There will be a late afternoon airport drop off scheduled.
- **Sunday, June 8** – A post-convention fan trip on a Réseau de transport de Longueuil (RTL) NovaBus is being considered. Note that costs for this fan trip are not included in the registration fee.
- If you have a high visibility vest, please bring it along. Some properties may require them for garage visits.

BHA Tours will depart the host hotel at 8:00 AM on all days.

In **Montréal**, our host hotel will be the **Courtyard Marriott Montréal Midtown** (6787 Decarie Blvd.). The BHA has negotiated a room rate of \$199 per night (plus applicable provincial and local taxes, currently

at 18.5%, subject to change) for rooms with either a King bed or two Queen beds. Parking is available on site for \$19 per day, plus applicable taxes. The rate is valid from Tuesday, June 3 to Saturday, June 7. The Bistro restaurant is available on site along with several restaurants within a reasonable walking distance of the hotel.

The hotel is located a short walk from the Namur Metro Station on the Orange Line (line 2). Please note that Namur is a non-accessible Metro Station (no elevators to street level). The nearest accessible station would be Snowdon with bus routes 17 or 166 available to travel to the hotel. BHA members arriving at Montréal Trudeau International Airport (YUL) can take STM (Société de transport de Montréal) route 747 between the Airport and Lionel-Groulx metro station to transfer to Metro Line 2. Please note that a daypass or a more expensive fare is required for 747. There are no standard tickets available. Further fare information can be found at: <https://www.stm.info/en>

Please check the hotel registration sheet for more details. The cutoff date for the BHA block of rooms is **Monday, April 21, 2025**. The BHA would like to stress to members to **register early** by filling out and mailing in the attached Annual Convention Registration Form. One charter coach (56 passenger) will be booked for the four days. The BHA will be cutting off registration at 45 people. After that point, BHA members **will be put on a waiting list** and will be notified in the event of any cancellations.

The registration package is included with this cover page, which includes a waiver form. Your cooperation in signing the document is appreciated. The BHA will reserve the right to limit access to convention activities if the waiver is not signed.

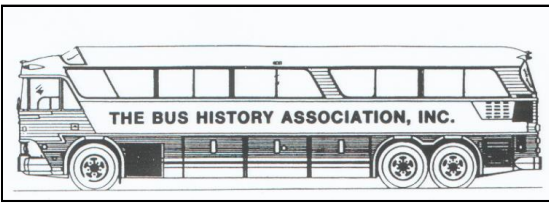
The BHA Board has tried to keep registration prices as low as possible but at the same time does not want to expose the Association to the possibility of a large financial loss. An information package and detailed itinerary will be issued with your registration package upon arrival at the convention. The itinerary will be e-mailed to all registrants prior to the convention to allow members to plan their time in Montréal better. As per the members suggestion from the annual BHA meeting in Denver in June 2024, a gratuity for the driver for all four days has been built into the registration fee.

The Greater Montréal Area has seen significant changes in the local transit scene since 2013, the last time the BHA held its annual convention in Montréal. The first phase of the REM (Réseau express métropolitain) opened in July 2023 between Central Station (Gare Centrale) and Brossard on the south shore. Members are encouraged to try to ride this automated light rail line while in town but should be aware that track work and testing of stages 2 and 3 will result in weekend closures (and weeknights after 9 PM) until August.

The BHA looks forward to seeing you in June 2025 in Montréal. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to see old friends and new sights.

David Vincent, Mario Seneviratne, Bernie Drouillard and Kevin Nicol

THE BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION



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ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State / Province _____ Zip / Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

To better help us plan, please indicate which nights you intend to stay at the hotel and the days you plan to join in on the BHA activities.

Courtyard Marriott – Montréal Midtown – Nights of:

Tuesday, June 3 _____ Wednesday, June 4 _____ Thursday, June 5 _____

Friday, June 6 _____ Saturday, June 7 _____ Sunday, June 8 _____

No. of people in Room _____ Rooming With _____

Or - I will have other accommodation elsewhere (please list location) _____

BHA Convention Events: Please check below for all days that you will be attending.

Tues., June 3 _____ (Pre-Convention day, Mont-Tremblant) I have a car _____ for _____ people.
I will need a ride in the carpool _____ (Note: fuel costs are to be shared by all in the carpool.)

Wed., June 4 _____ Thurs., June 5 _____ Fri., June 6 _____ Sat., June 7 _____

Please enclose the **appropriate convention registration fee**, summarized below by day and by member/non-member. Registration fees are listed in Canadian and U.S. \$.

2025	Registration Fee (All Four Days)		Registration Fee (Individual Days)							
			Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	Cdn \$	U.S. \$	Cdn \$	U.S. \$	Cdn \$	U.S. \$	Cdn \$	U.S. \$	Cdn \$	U.S. \$
BHA Members	260	175	70	45	70	45	70	45	70	45
BHA Non-Members	305	210	80	55	80	55	80	55	80	55

Please turn over to page 2 to complete the registration. Don't forget to also sign the waiver ...

ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM (Page 2)

***** Non-members may pay the lower fee by becoming a BHA Member at the rate of *\$35.00 US or \$45.00 CDN* *****

Please make your registration cheque or money order payable to “The Bus History Association Inc.” and remit with this form, along with the signed waiver, to:

Mr. Bernie Drouillard

Secretary/Treasurer, Bus History Association

965 McEwan, Windsor, Ontario, CANADA, N9B 2G1

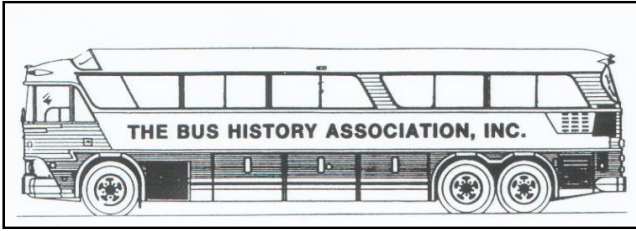
(519) 977-0664

berniedrouillard@gmail.com

Please list below any special requirements that you may have, or any comments regarding the convention:

Signed _____ Date _____

*The BHA would like to stress to members to **register early** by filling out and mailing in the attached Annual Convention Registration Form. Only one charter coach (56 passenger) will be booked so the registration will be cut off when a capacity of 45 is reached. After that point, BHA members will be put on a waiting list and will be notified in the event of any cancellations. Thank you and we will see you in Montréal.*



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Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use

Event: 2025 Annual Convention

Dates: Wednesday, June 4 to Saturday, June 7, 2025

The participant in this Event, and in the case of a participant who is a minor, the parents or guardian of such participant, and the successors or assigns of any participant, agrees that he or she shall not have any claim for liability or damages against the Bus History Association, its Officers, or the organizers of this Event, as a result of any incident that occurs during the Event and that results in loss of or damage to personal property, personal injury or death of the participant, however caused.

By his or her signature below, the participant, or a parent or guardian of a participant, acknowledges that he or she has read and understands the terms of this Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use.

The organizers of this Event reserve the right to revoke their permission for the participant take part in this Event for conduct unbecoming a BHA member or for non-compliance with the rules and operational procedures established by the organizers for this Event.

The Association, the organizers and the participating transit properties may substitute vehicles for those that are advertised to be used for the Event. While every effort will be made to complete the Event at the advertised scheduled time, the Association and the organizers assume no responsibility in the event this does not occur. The Association cannot accept responsibility for transportation inconvenience that may result from labour disruptions during the convention.

The Bus History Association requires that members under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all events. In the case of participant who is a minor, the parent or guardian further acknowledges that: (1) he or she has provided permission to the participant to take part in the event and (2) that he or she has read and understands the terms of this Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use.

By submitting this Waiver Form to the BHA, I agree to release and hold harmless BHA and its officers from and against damages, liability, claims and expenses arising from the contraction or spread of disease, including but not limited to COVID-19 and its variants, due to my travel to or participation in any aspect of the BHA 2025 Convention.

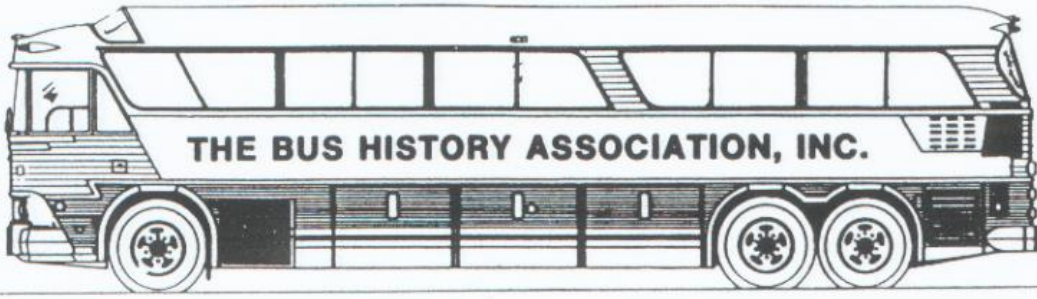
I have read and understand the contents of this Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use.

Signed by:

Event Participant **(please print name)**
Or Parent or Guardian of Minor Participant

Event Participant **(please sign name)**
Or Parent or Guardian of Minor Participant

Date (of signing)



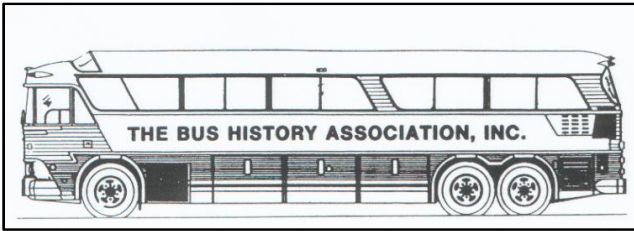
BHA AND CONVENTION SHIRT PROGRAM

At the 2023 Halifax and 2024 Denver conventions, the BHA Executive discussed the possibility of making shirts available to members to commemorate our conventions, and the Association as a whole. With some, but not all shirts available for purchase in Denver, the executive promised that if it were going to be possible to produce a shirt for Montreal, that we would give members the opportunity to “catch up” and purchase their choice of previous shirts. That time is now. Members who elect to add the cost of their shirts to their convention registration can pick up their shirts during the Montreal convention. If you would like to order shirts but will not be able to attend the Montreal convention, please add the nominal shipping fee and we will arrange getting them to you around the time of the convention. For shipping in Canada please add **\$20 CAD** and for shipping in the United States please add **\$20 USD**.

BHA Grey T-Shirt	2023 Halifax	2024 Denver	2025 Montreal
			
\$25 CAD / \$20 USD	\$60 CAD / \$45 USD	\$60 CAD / \$45 USD	\$60 CAD / \$45 USD
S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL-4XL	S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL-4XL	S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL-4XL	S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL-4XL
Your Size:	Your Size:	Your Size:	Your Size:
Your Quantity:	Your Quantity:	Your Quantity:	Your Quantity:

Total added to Convention Registration Fee: \$ _____

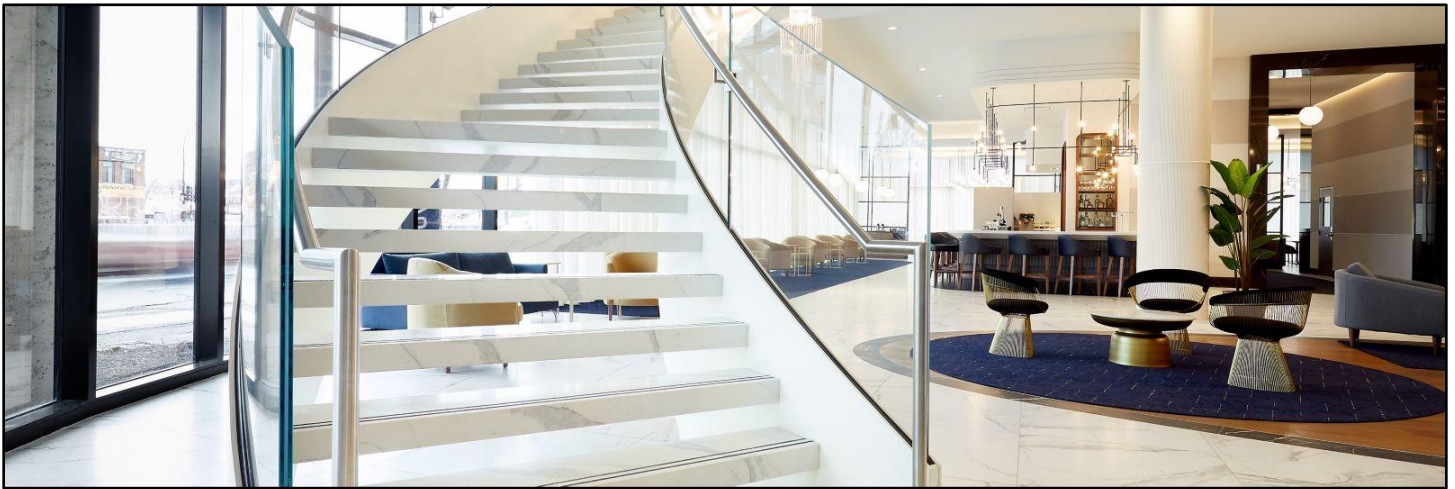




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Note that all BHA members are responsible for booking their own room nights.

The hotel listed below is recommended and is where the charter bus will depart from at 8:00 AM each day. BHA members can book at alternate hotels but must make their own arrangements to be at the host hotel prior to the 8:00 AM departure.



Courtyard Montréal Midtown – 6787 Decarie Blvd., Montréal, QC, H3W 3E3 **Hotel Reservation Information**

- The Courtyard Montréal Midtown (6787 Decarie Blvd.) is the host hotel for the convention. The phone number is (514) 544-7777.
- The BHA has negotiated a room rate of **\$199 per night** (plus applicable provincial and local taxes, currently at 18.5%, subject to change) for rooms with either a King bed or two Queen beds.
- The hotel has onsite parking available for \$19 a day (plus applicable taxes).
- The rate is valid from Tuesday, June 3rd to Saturday, June 7th inclusive.
- For days before/after the BHA convention, please contact the hotel directly to see if the special rate is available.
- Cancellations of reservations for rooms must be received 48 hours prior to arrival. Late cancellations and no shows will result in a charge for one night.
- The Bistro restaurant is available on site. Also, there are several restaurants within reasonable walking distance of the hotel.
- The hotel is located a short walk the Namur Metro Station (Line 2 – Orange). The station is not accessible. For accessibility, the closest station is Snowdon, where bus routes 17 or 166 service the hotel.
- The website link for the room booking is below. The link defaults to 5 nights (Tuesday to Saturday). Use the calendar feature to change these dates if needed.
- **The BHA block rooms will be released as of April 21, 2025. After this date, the BHA rate will not be available.**

Click here for the internet link: [Marriott Montreal Midtown - BHA Convention Room Booking](#)