

MILWAUKEE ROAD HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

2026 ANNUAL CONVENTION – JUNE 18 - 19 – 20 – 21, 2026

MADISON MARRIOTT SOUTH HOTEL – MADISON, WISCONSIN

The Milwaukee Road Historical Association invites its members, their families, guests, and former employees to attend the 2026 Annual Meeting and Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. Our activities will feature two tours on a portion of the former Milwaukee right-of-way and some of its original lines. We also have some outstanding presenters, including Tom Hoffmann, Mark Llanuza, Rick Knutson and Rick Burn who will give us perspectives on the history and operations of The Milwaukee Road.

Thursday, June 18 – Registration will begin at 2:00PM at the Madison Marriott South Hotel. **This will also be the site of all meals and programs.** There will be an opportunity to visit the Company Store and spend time with the vendors and view display tables. A buffet dinner will be served at 5:00PM. The evening programs will begin at 6:00PM with welcome by our president, Jeff Goutcher, and an introduction to the evening's presenters and their programs. The programs will be followed by member presentations and open projectors. The women will also have programs featuring a guest speaker and some fun activities.

Friday, June 19 – Breakfast will be served from 6:30AM to 7:30AM. At 7:45AM men and women will board the first bus and will leave for the tours, with a box lunch served along the way. At 8:15AM the second bus will leave. The buses will run at separate times to relieve congestion at depots. Upon return to Madison, The Capitol City Auction will be held in the hotel with some rare items available this year. Our usual buffet dinner will be served from 5:00 to 6:00PM. Following dinner, the MRHA Annual Business Meeting will be held. At its completion the evening programs for men and women will begin at 7:00PM. For the men, presentations will begin with some activities in the Badger state. This will be followed by additional presentations. We will again finish the evening with open presentations by attendees. Our women will have a guest speaker and some special activities.

Saturday, June 20 – Breakfast today will be served from 6:30AM to 7:30AM. At 7:45AM the first bus will leave for the tours and at 8:15AM the second bus will leave. Lunch will be on your own today, in Boscobel. An alternative program will be available that includes local sites and events using car-pooling. When everyone returns from the tours, the cash bar will be open. The Banquet Dinner will begin at 5:30PM with some announcements and final information and will end at 7:00PM to allow some time for socialization. At that time our Keynote Speaker, Rick Burn will give his presentation to complete the evening's activities.

Sunday, June 21 – Breakfast will be served from 7:00AM to 9:00AM and then it will be farewell until next year when we will meet again in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Look for details in the TMR's throughout this year as we organize for 2027.

CONVENTION POLICIES & MISCELLANY

MRHA CONVENTION POLICY - Only current members of MRHA, their families and guests, former Milwaukee Road employees and those making presentations for the convention are permitted to attend.

CHANGES IN CONVENTION ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS – While MRHA is proud to present a diversified and interesting convention for its members as previously noted, forces beyond its control may cause cancellation or changes in activities or programs. Such changes may be made without notice and do not constitute a breach of contract.

REFUND POLICY – MRHA will refund any cancelled convention fees (minus a 10% fee to cover fixed costs) if notified in writing or by email by June 1, 2026. No refunds will be issued after this date except in case of proven emergency (serious illness, death in the family, etc.).

CONVENTION MEALS – If you or your spouse/guest have any special dietary needs that require a special menu throughout the convention, please indicate that on the registration form. Requests made at the convention site may not be able to be accommodated.

CONVENTION FEE SPECIAL REQUESTS – We are no longer able to accommodate special requests for partial participation in convention events. Only two fees (full fare and meals/programs only) listed on the enclosed registration form will be accepted.

SALES TABLES – Any MRHA member or vendor is permitted one complimentary 6-foot display or sales table. Anyone who desires additional tables will be required to pay a fee of \$15.00 for each table. Reservations must be made using this or the online form before June 1, 2026.

PLEASE NOTE

CONVENTION FEES DO NOT INCLUDE THE COST OF YOUR HOTEL ROOM. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS WITH THE HOTEL. OUR ROOM BLOCK WILL BE HELD UNTIL JUNE 1, BUT PLEASE RESERVE BEFORE THEN AS THERE WILL BE OTHER ACTIVITIES IN MADISON THAT WEEKEND AND ROOMS WILL BE HARD TO FIND. MENTION THE MILWAUKEE ROAD CONVENTION TO GET OUR SPECIAL RATE OF \$149. CONVENTION FEES DO INCLUDE SEVEN MEALS AND TWO BUS TRANSPORTS. WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST TO NEGOTIATE A HOTEL RATE THAT KEEPS THE TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE AS LOW AS POSSIBLE.

**HOTEL CONVENTION SITE - Madison Marriott South
706 John Nolan Drive, Madison, WI Phone 608-251-2300**

EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

In the event of an emergency where you are not able to respond and your spouse or guest is unreachable, is also injured or not attending, please provide the information below.

Your Name _____

IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Doctor _____ Phone _____

Medications you need _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____

Please provide the Emergency information below ONLY if your spouse/guest has different contact information than your own.

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Doctor _____ Phone _____

Medications you need _____

CONVENTION FEES

FULL FARE – All activities and Meals: Early - **\$325.00** After June 1st - **\$350.00** At the Door **\$375.00**

MEALS ONLY – No tours or Activities Early - **\$275.00** After June 1st - **\$300.00** At the Door **\$325.00**
– Only Meals and Programs

Name _____ Name on Badge _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (required) _____ Email _____

Credit Card _____ Expires _____ Security Code _____

Special dietary needs? _____ Former Employee? Yes No

Spouse/Guest _____ Name of Badge _____

Phone (required) _____ Email _____

Special dietary needs? _____ Former Employee? Yes No

Number of Full Fares _____ \$325.00 _____

Number of Meals/Programs Only _____ \$275.00 _____

Tables Requested _____ (First one free, additional tables are \$15.00)

Number of Additional Tables _____ \$15.00 _____

Would you like a Convention T-Shirt(s)? (M-XL \$20 / 2XL- 4XL \$25)

Number of Shirt(s) Sizes M _____ L _____ XL _____ \$20.00 _____

Number of Shirt(s) Sizes 2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____ \$25.00 _____

Total Amount Remitted _____

You may register online at www.mrha.com or mail this completed page to:

MRHA 2026 CONVENTION - P. O. Box 307 - Antioch, IL 60002-0307

If you have any questions, please contact: office@mrha.com